

**TOWN OF VERMILION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

IN PERSON:

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment
Councillor Robert Snow
Councillor Robert Pulyk
Councillor Kirby Whitlock
Interim Chief Administrative Officer Michael van der Torre
Manager Economic Development Mary Lee Prior
Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services Robert Dauphinee
Director of Corporate Services Brian Leibel
Infrastructure and Planning Administrative Assistant Madison Barrett

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Councillor Kevin Martin
Councillor Paul Conlon

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow "That the Agenda be accepted as presented."
CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council – December 3, 2024

Moved by Councillor Robert Pulyk "That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of December 3, 2024, be accepted as presented." **CARRIED.**

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 District Housing Requisition

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment spoke to the District Housing Requisition and expressed that Council is doing everything in their power to prevent or at least prolong this decision.

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow "That Council for the Town of Vermilion accept the District Housing Requisition equalized assessment split of 50/50 between the Town of Vermilion and the County of Vermilion River." **DEFEATED**
MOTION#24/12/154

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Public Commentary

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment opened the Public Commentary session at 6:11 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Rayment welcomed Darcy Balaneski to the meeting. Darcy expressed concerns regarding the NOTAM at the Vermilion Airport. He explained as a business owner he relies on the airplanes coming into the airport to support his business. He explained, as an Airport Committee member, that he thinks an RSC would be a better choice.

Deputy Mayor Rayment thanked Mr. Balaneski for coming in.

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment welcomed Erwin Warkentin to the meeting. Mr. Warkentin also expressed his concerns with the Vermilion Airport NOTAM and communicated that a

heads up to the Airport community would have been appreciated so that accommodations could be made.

Deputy Mayor Rayment thanked Mr. Warkentin for coming in.

Deputy Mayor Rayment welcomed Justin Thompson to the meeting. Mr. Thompson expressed he was under the impression that an appeal was requested when he spoke at the November 19, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council for the citations he received for his dog roaming. Council directed Mr. Thompson to write a formal letter to Council requesting the appeal as they were not aware that was the purpose of his last Public Commentary.

Deputy Mayor Rayment thanked Mr. Thompson for coming in.

5.2. Purchase Policy Update 2025 – Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow “That Council for the Town of Vermilion approve the updated Purchasing Policy for the Town of Vermilion effective January 2025.” **CARRIED MOTION#24/812/155**

5.3. Elected Officials Renumeration Policy – Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow “That Council for the Town of Vermilion change the Elected Officials Renumeration Policy to include 2.5 “Upon the Deputy Mayor performing the duties of the Elected Mayor for a period longer than 30 days, due to the Elected Mayor being removed from office, sanctioned, or any other combination of circumstances where the Elected Mayor is no longer receiving their respected honorarium, that amount shall be moved to the Deputy Mayor’s honorarium.” **CARRIED MOTION#24/12/156**

Recorded Vote

In Favour – Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment, Councillor Robert Snow, Councillor Kevin Martin, Councillor Paul Conlon, and Councillor Kirby Whitlock
Opposed – Councillor Robert Pulyk

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment called recess at 6:41 p.m. and reconvened at 6:44 p.m.

5.4. 2025 Operating & Capital Budget – Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Robert Pulyk “That Council for the Town of Vermilion approve the 2025-2029 Operating Budget with revenues and expenses detailed in the attached appendix A and 2025-2034 Capital Budget and Forecast with expenditures and funding detailed in Appendix B, which includes an increase in property tax revenue of 3.9%, an increase in Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Utility rates as detailed in Appendix C.” **CARRIED MOTION#24/12/157**

5.5. Vermilion and District Multicultural and Historical Society – Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow “That Council for the Town of Vermilion approves the grant application to the Vermilion and District Multicultural and Historical Society in the amount of \$1000 to go towards to upgrade to more energy efficient lighting options.” **CARRIED MOTION#24/12/158**

5.6. Sale Price of Industrial Lots – Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Kirby Whitlock “That Council for the Town of Vermilion update the sale price of industrial lots for both Yellowhead Business Park and East Point Business Park from \$50,000 to \$99,000 per acre (including offsite levies) effective immediately January 1, 2025. Sale prices will be reviewed by Council in April of 2025.” **CARRIED MOTION#24/12/159**

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1. Economic Development – Minutes of December 10, 2024

6.2. The Good Life Institute – Minutes of December 9, 2024

- 6.3. The Good Life Institute – Savory Summary Report
- 6.4. Vermilion & District Chamber of Commerce – Minutes of November 13, 2024
- 6.5. Vermilion & District Chamber of Commerce – Minutes of December 10, 2024

Accepted as Information.

7. **MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

Management for the Town of Vermilion presented their reports.

8. **FINANCIAL**

- 8.1. Accounts Payable for the period of November 29th – December 12th, 2024.

Accepted as Information.

9. **COUNCIL ROUND TABLE**

Council for the Town of Vermilion presented their reports.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 10.1. County of Vermilion River – Agenda of December 10, 2024

- 10.2. Shawn Jacula Follow Up

- 10.3. Concerns Regarding Closure of Airport

Correspondence was accepted as information.

11. **CLOSED SESSION**

- 11.1. Pursuant to Part 1, Division 2, Section 16 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Legal Contract

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow “That Council for the Town of Vermilion go in closed session at 8:04 p.m.” **CARRIED**

MOTION #24/12/160

Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services Robert Dauphinee and Director of Corporate Services Brian Leibel left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Manager of Economic Development Mary Lee Prior left the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

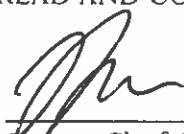
Moved by Councillor Robert Snow “That Council for the Town of Vermilion revert back to the Regular Meeting of Council at 9:00 p.m. **CARRIED**

MOTION#24/12/161

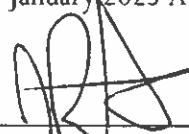
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Being the Agenda matters concluded, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

READ AND CONFIRMED ON THIS 7th DAY OF January 2025 A.D.



Interim Chief Administrative Officer



Deputy Mayor