

March 03, 2026

Delegations

Vermilion RCMP Detachment Commander Sergeant Ken Shamblaw

Sgt. Shamblaw had previously attended the Regular Council Meeting on January 20, 2026 where he requested that Council consult with their constituents to identify the issues they consider most important and the areas they would like to see prioritized in 2026 policing efforts.

Council for the Town of Vermilion approved the top three policing priorities (in no particular order) as follows: Property Crime, Traffic Enforcement, and Drug-Related Offences.

Business Arising from Prior Meetings

Domestic Animal Control Bylaw No. 10-2025

Council for the Town of Vermilion gave second and third reading to the Domestic Animal Control Bylaw No. 10-2025. This bylaw shall repeal and replace the Animal Control Bylaw enacted in 2024. This Bylaw requires all domestic animals to have identification tags with a current contact number to help reduce impoundments and enable quicker returns to owners.

Emergency Management Bylaw No. 1-2026

Council for the Town of Vermilion gave second and third reading to the Emergency Management Bylaw No. 1-2026. This Bylaw supports the creation of a formalized framework for the Town's emergency management program. This Bylaw supports alignment with the Regional Emergency Management Collective and preparedness work that is completed on the Town's behalf by our municipal partners. Additionally, Council for the Town of Vermilion appointed Andrew DeGruchy as the Director of Emergency Management for the Town of Vermilion.

Rescheduling of the April 21, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

Council for the Town of Vermilion approved the rescheduling of the April 21, 2026 Regular Council Meeting to April 22, 2026 at 4:30PM to accommodate the auditors attendance to present the audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2025. Auditor attendance allows Council the opportunity to ask questions directly and receive clarification on the audit findings in a public forum.

Vermilion Public Library Board Appointment Amending Motion

Council for the Town of Vermilion confirmed the appointment of Justin Thompson and Anna Giesbrecht to the Vermilion Public Library Board both for a term ending February 18, 2028. The motion ensures that the previous library appointments align with the provincial requirement of including the term end date in the motion. Justin Thompson and Anna Giesbrecht appointments still stand from the original start date of

February 18, 2025, and this new motion is to complete the proper verbiage in the motion to meet the provincial standard.

New Business

Community Futures Board Representative Request

Council for the Town of Vermilion deferred the appointment of a Council member to serve on the Community Futures Lloydminster & Region Board until the next Regular Council Meeting scheduled for March 17, 2026. Council requested Administration to inquire as to whether an alternate representative may be appointed to attend meetings in the event the primary member is unavailable. Administration will bring this additional information back to the March 17, 2026 Council meeting for a decision.

Operating and Capital Carry Forward

Council for the Town of Vermilion approved the operating and capital carry forward projects as presented. These projects were funded in the 2025 budget year, so there is no requirement to find additional funding for these projects in 2026. The unspent funds from 2025 will be carried forward into the 2026 budget.

2026 Budget Adjustments

Council for the Town of Vermilion approved the 2026 budget adjustments as amended to include the increase in the School Tax Requisition upon release of the provincial budget. The budget adjustments are funded by reducing the amount transferred into reserves. Council had approved the 2026 operating and capital budgets on November 18, 2025. Since that time, Administration has identified budget revisions that were either not captured or have changed.

2026 Alberta Municipalities Conference Resolution

Council for the Town of Vermilion directed Administration to submit the Contaminated Properties Resolution as presented to the Alberta Municipalities 2026 Convention for consideration. Through this resolution, the Town is expressing its support for the County of Vermilion River's shared initiative through the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA). The proposed resolution addresses brownfield redevelopment and contaminated properties, with the objective of strengthening advocacy efforts and advancing policy solutions in this area.

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Committee Member Appointment

Council for the Town of Vermilion appointed Councillor Sherry Martin to the FCSS Advisory Committee. Other members that attend and are a part of the Advisory Committee are 3 members from the Town of Vermilion, 1 Town employee, 1 County representative, 2 youth representatives, and the FCSS Coordinator.

These Highlights of Council are an informative summary only, as official minutes of the meeting will be approved at the next regular meeting of council.