



February 03, 2026

Delegations

Andrew DeGruchy & Madison Black – Regional Emergency Management Collective (REMC)

Andrew DeGruchy & Madison Black presented the REMC 2025 Annual Report. This report outlined the REMC purpose, their objectives, projects, community events, and activations for the 2025 year.

New Business

Emergency Management Bylaw

Committee of the Whole directed Administration to bring the Emergency Management Bylaw forward to the February 17, 2026 Regular Council Meeting for first reading. This Bylaw supports the creation of a structure and a framework for the community's emergency management program and acknowledges its regional approach to planning hazards. Further, the Bylaw supports alignment to the Regional Emergency Management Collective and preparedness work that is completed on the Town's behalf by our municipal partners.

Domestic Animal Control Bylaw

Committee of the Whole directed Administration to bring forward the Domestic Animal Control Bylaw as amended to the February 17, 2026 Regular Council Meeting for first reading. This bylaw shall repeal and replace the Animal Control Bylaw enacted in 2024. The proposed bylaw requires all domestic animals to have identification tags with a current contact number to help reduce impoundments and enable quicker returns to owners. It also introduces a new classification system distinguishing animal-on-animal attacks from attacks on people, with proportionate enforcement measures and penalties for each.

Corporate Credit Card Policy

Committee of the Whole directed Administration to bring forward the Corporate Credit Card Policy to the February 17, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the control and use of Corporate Credit Cards for Town of Vermilion business purposes.

Sanitary Service Line Blockage Policy

Committee of the Whole directed Administration to bring forward the Sanitary Service Line Policy to the February 17, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. The Purpose of this policy is to establish clear, consistent, and fair guidelines for the investigation, responsibility, and cost allocation associated with obstructions and repairs to sanitary wastewater service lines. This policy provides direction to Town staff and property

owners regarding their respective roles and responsibilities for maintaining and repairing sanitary service connections.

Fleet Management Policy

Committee of the Whole directed Administration to bring forward the Fleet Management Policy as amended to the February 17, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. The purpose of this policy is to establish the requirements, responsibilities, and expectations for employees authorized to operate Town of Vermilion fleet vehicles and equipment to promote safe operation, regulatory compliance, protection of municipal assets, and reduction of risk liability.

Escribe Meeting Management Software Update

Council for the Town of Vermilion approved the use of Escribe Meeting Management Software during the 2026 budget deliberations, including the live-streaming video service. Unfortunately however, the use of the livestreaming function, in conjunction with the zoom platform, has been causing technical difficulties when running concurrently. That being said, we are pleased to announce that the issue has since been rectified and the meeting streamed on February 3, 2026 without issue. If you missed the meeting, you may visit our website to watch the video at your convenience. Simply go to www.vermilion.ca, click on Agendas & Minutes from the main screen, and scroll down to 'Past Meetings' and click on 'Committee of the Whole'.

Please be advised that historical meeting video recordings have not yet been integrated into our website. Our service providers are actively working on this integration, which is expected to be completed within the coming months. We will provide further updates as additional information becomes available.

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