

**TOWN OF VERMILION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

IN PERSON:

Mayor Gregory Thronson
Deputy Mayor Kevin Martin
Councillor Paul Conlon
Councillor Robert Snow
Councillor Joshua Rayment
Councillor Kirby Whitlock
Councillor Robert Pulyk
Chief Administrative Officer Kevin Lucas
Director of Community Services Michael van der Torre
Director of Corporate Services Brian Leibel
Manager Economic Development Mary Lee Prior
Executive Assistant Andrea Wilkinson
Infrastructure and Planning Administrative Assistant Madison Barrett

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gregory Thronson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Addition of

'6.7. NSWA Call for Nominations' under 6. NEW BUSINESS

Addition of

'12.2. Pursuant to Part 1, Division 2, Section 16 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Legal Contract' under 12. CLOSED SESSION

3. ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council – April 2, 2024

Moved by Councillor Joshua Rayment "That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of April 2, 2024 be accepted as presented." **CARRIED.**

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1. 6:05pm - Chris Down - Travel Alberta

Mayor Gregory Thronson welcomed Mr. Chris Down and Ms. Marianne Janke to the meeting.

Chris Down with Travel Alberta provided an overview regarding enhancing traveller experience, marketing, grant applications, tourist investment program, cooperative investment, product development, community investment and indigenous tourism, and Northeast Lakelands Tourism Development Zone 2022-2035 projections.

Mayor Gregory Thronson thanked Mr. Chris Down and Ms. Marianne Janke for attending the meeting. The information presented was accepted as information.

5. BYLAWS

5.1. Bylaw 2.2024 – Trunk Line Borrowing Bylaw - Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow "That Council for the Town of Vermilion give second reading to 2.2024 Trunk Line Borrowing Bylaw." **CARRIED.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kevin Martin “That Council for the Town of Vermilion request administration to further research and bring forward more information on the costs of potentially delaying funds and acquiring correspondence from the granting authority to confirm that the Town does not qualify for the grants for this project.” **CARRIED.**
Motion # 24/04/33

5.2. Bylaw 2.2024 - Trunk Line Borrowing Bylaw – Accepted as Information.

5.3. Bylaw 3.2024 - Remote Attendance Bylaw - Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Joshua Rayment “That Council for the Town of Vermilion give third reading to 3.2024 Remote Attendance Bylaw.” **CARRIED.**

5.4. Bylaw 3.2024 - Remote Attendance Bylaw – Accepted as Information.

5.5. Bylaw 5.2024 – Tax Rate Bylaw - Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Joshua Rayment “That Council for the Town of Vermilion give first reading to Tax Rate Bylaw 5.2024.” **CARRIED.**

Moved by Councillor Robert Pulyk “That Council for the Town of Vermilion give second reading to Bylaw 5.2024.” **CARRIED.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kevin Martin “That Council for the Town of Vermilion proceed to third and final reading to Bylaw 5.2024.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Moved by Councillor Robert Pulyk “That Council for the Town of Vermilion give third and final reading to Bylaw 5.2024.” **CARRIED.**

5.6. Bylaw 5.2024 – Tax Rate Bylaw – Accepted as Information.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1. Public Commentary

Mayor Gregory Thronson opened the public commentary session at 7:50 p.m.

There was no one in attendance that wished to speak, and no written submissions were received.

Mayor Gregory Thronson declared the public commentary session closed at 7:51 p.m.

6.2. Capital Budget Amendment - Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Kirby Whitlock “That Council for the Town of Vermilion approves an amendment to the 2024 Capital Budget to change the funding source of the Sewer Treatment Plant Demolition budget to LGFF Grant funded from debt.” **CARRIED.**
Motion # 24/04/34

6.3. One-Ton Tilt Deck Truck Purchase - For Information

Council called recess at 8:11 p.m. and reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

6.4. Disability Services Professional Appreciation Week - Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow “That Council for the Town of Vermilion proclaim May 20-26, 2024 as the Alberta Disability Services Professional Appreciation Week.” **CARRIED.**
Motion # 24/04/35

6.5. Community Disability Services Professional Appreciation Week May 20-26, 2024 - Proclamation

6.6. Price Reduction of Commercial Lots - Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow "That Council for the Town of Vermilion update the price of our commercial land to \$130,000/acre excluding GST with no additional incentives until May 1, 2025 at which time it will be reviewed." **CARRIED.**

Motion # 24/04/36

6.7. North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) Call for Nominations

Moved by Councillor Paul Conlon "That Council for the Town of Vermilion support Councillor Robert Pulyk's nomination to the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) board of directors for consideration at the AGM." **CARRIED.**

Motion # 24/04/37

Moved by Councillor Joshua Rayment "That Council for the Town of Vermilion will provide Councillor Robert Pulyk's remuneration for attendance at the NSWA meetings."

DEFEATED.

Motion # 24/04/38

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

7.1. Chief Administrative Officer Report

- Annual Disaster Management review completed
- Director of Emergency Management training completed
- Information session re: potential changes to Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) requirements in the MGA
- Discussion around Broadband and robust marketing plan roll out

7.2. Director of Community Services Report

- Wind barrier strategy for outdoor rink
- Pool update re: leak

7.3. Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services Report

- Garbage truck update; timeline on return is around 4-6 weeks
- Integrity only doing front loads with rental doing side loads roll outs
- Discussion around cost of rental truck and the financial implications to budget

7.4. Director of Corporate Services Report

- Pay utility bills 3-5 days in advance of deadline
- Town Hall and next facility of priority for security upgrades

7.5. Manager Economic Development

- Working with iART on AB HUB drone project in Vermilion Airport
- Connect for Food Symposium at the Vermilion Regional Centre
- Congratulations to Mary Lee Prior Manager Economic Development for being honored with the Gerry Gabinet Mentorship Award at the Economic Developers Alberta Xperience 2024 Leaders' Summit & Conference

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

8.1.1. Minutes of April 2, 2024 – Accepted as Information.

8.1.2. The Good Life Institute - Minutes of March 27, 2024 – Accepted as Information.

9. FINANCIAL

9.1. Accounts Payable for the period of April 3 – 16, 2024 - Accepted as Information.

10. COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

- 10.1. The Mayor and Councillors held a round table on recent activities since the last meeting, including:

- Economic Developers of Alberta Conference – April 9 to 12, 2024
- Intermunicipal Liaison Committee Meeting – April 8, 2024
- Library Board Meeting
- Alberta 55 Seniors Games Association - April 5, 2024
- Finance and Governance Committee Meeting – April 9, 2024
- Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth & Opportunity Board Meeting – April 10, 2024
- Vermilion & District Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting – April 10, 2024
- Lakeland College President/Mayor Meeting – April 11, 2024
- Yellowhead East Health Advisory Board Meeting – April 11, 2024
- High Tea at the Lodge
- Connect for Food Symposium – April 15, 2024

The Mayor and Councillors highlighted the following upcoming meetings and events, including:

- Rotary Garage Sale – April 18-20, 2024
- Webinar on Electric Vehicles and Charging Stations
- North East Alberta Information HUB Ltd. Executive Meeting
- Alberta Central East Water Corporation Meeting
- East Central 911 Call Answer Society Board Meeting
- VES Public Speaking Superintendent Speeches
- Vermilion River Regional Alliance Committee Meeting – April 18, 2024
- Vermilion District Housing Foundation Board Meeting – April 29, 2024
- Parks, Recreation, Culture and Environment Committee Meeting – April 29, 2024
- Intermunicipal Liaison Committee Meeting – May 2, 2024
- Public Risk Conference – April 18 – 19, 2024

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- 11.1. 2024 Watershed Management Support

- 11.2. Removal of Municipal School Reserve Designation

Moved by Councillor Paul Conlon “That Council for the Town of Vermilion direct administration to send correspondence to the Office of Red Tape Reduction regarding the removal of municipal school reserve designation and to copy the Premier and MLA Garth Rowsell.” **CARRIED.**

Motion # 24/04/39

- 11.3. County of Vermilion River - Agenda of April 9, 2024

- 11.4. County of Vermilion River - Agenda of March 26, 2024

Correspondence was accepted as information.

12. CLOSED SESSION

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kevin Martin “That Council for the Town of Vermilion go in closed session at 9:21 p.m.” **CARRIED.**

MOTION #24/04/40

Director of Community Services Michael van der Torre, Director of Corporate Services Brian Leibel and Planning Administrative Assistant Madison Barrett left the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

- 12.2. Pursuant to Part 1, Division 2, Section 17 (2) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
Personnel

Manager Economic Development Mary Lee Prior left the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Robert Pulyk "That Council for the Town of Vermilion revert back to the Regular Meeting of Council at 10:57 p.m." **CARRIED.**

MOTION #24/04/41

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kevin Martin "That Council for the Town of Vermilion direct administration to proceed with the request brought forward." **CARRIED.**

MOTION #24/04/42

Moved by Councillor Robert Pulyk "That Council for the Town of Vermilion go in closed session at 10:59 p.m." **CARRIED.**

MOTION #24/04/43

Moved by Councillor Robert Pulyk "That Council for the Town of Vermilion revert back to the Regular Meeting of Council at 11:03 p.m." **CARRIED.**

MOTION #24/04/44

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Being the Agenda matters concluded, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:03 p.m.

READ AND CONFIRMED ON THIS 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2024 A.D.



Chief Administrative Officer



Mayor Deputy