



June 02, 2026

Delegations

MLA Garth Rowswell

Council was pleased to welcome MLA Garth Rowswell for a productive delegation focused on building stronger relationships with the Province and exploring future opportunities within the Provincial Park, including the potential reopening of the CN Building. The discussion also highlighted Highway 41 maintenance, available grant funding opportunities, and the value of continued advocacy for airport infrastructure funding.

Zack Ziolkowski with Alberta Counsel

Council received an advocacy presentation from Zack Ziolkowski of Alberta Counsel. Related matters were subsequently discussed in camera, in accordance with the Access to Information Act (ATIA), Section 26(1) – Disclosure Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations, and Section 29(1) – Advice from Officials, to allow for a fulsome and candid discussion.

Business Arising From Prior Meetings

Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy No. 25-24 Annual Review

Committee of the Whole received the Snow Removal Control Policy No. 25-24 Annual Review as information. This policy requires that the policy be reviewed annually in the spring following the winter season to evaluate operational effectiveness and identify any required updates for future budgeting and service delivery considerations. Administration found that the current policy framework continues to provide a fair, consistent, and operationally effective approach to snow removal and ice control within the Town of Vermilion. Administration will continue to monitor operational performance and may recommend future revisions should service levels, operational needs, traffic patterns, or budget considerations change.

New Business

Draft Business License Bylaw

Committee of the Whole directed Administration to bring the draft Business License Bylaw to the June 23, 2026 Regular Council Meeting for approval. The draft bylaw modernizes formatting, clarifies exemptions for businesses not requiring a license, confirms annual fee deadlines and finance charges, and updates the appeal process so appeals are directed to the Chief Administrative Officer rather than Council.

Vermilion Lions Club Charity Golf Tournament

Committee of the Whole received the Vermilion Lions Club Charity Tournament report as information. Due to timing constraints, Administration was unable to formally bring the request forward for a Council decision prior to the event. Committee of the Whole expressed support for Administration handling the donation request for this tournament and discussed the possibility of establishing a future budget allocation to allow Administration flexibility in responding to similar community support requests.

Privacy Legislation Update Requirements

Committee of the Whole received information regarding Alberta's new Access to Information Act (ATIA) and Protection of Privacy Act (POPA), which replaced the former Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) legislation on June 11, 2025. The new legislation introduces updated requirements related to access to information, privacy protection, electronic records, proactive disclosure, privacy management programs, mandatory privacy impact assessments, breach notification requirements, and stronger enforcement provisions for municipalities.

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.