

**TOWN OF VERMILION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

IN PERSON:

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment
Councillor Robert Snow
Councillor Kevin Martin
Councillor Robert Pulyk
Councillor Kirby Whitlock
Councillor Paul Conlon
Interim Chief Administrative Officer Michael van der Torre
Manager Economic Development Mary Lee Prior
Infrastructure and Planning Administrative Assistant Madison Barrett

VIRTUAL:

Director of Corporate Services Brian Leibel

REGRETS:

Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services Robert Dauphinee

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Kevin Martin "That the Agenda be accepted as amended."
CARRIED.

Addition of

**'9.2 Pursuant to Part 1, Division 2, Section 16 of the Freedom of Information
and Protection of Privacy Act
Legal Contract' under 9. CLOSED SESSION**

3. ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council – November 19, 2024

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow "That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of November 19, 2024, be accepted as presented." **CARRIED.**

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1. Vermilion RCMP Detachment – Sgt. Buckingham

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment welcomed Sgt. Buckingham to the meeting.

Sgt. Buckingham started by giving an update on the RCMP building's new roof holding up well and complimented the Town staff on their snow removal they have done this year. Body Worn Cameras (BWC) will be starting next month and the RCMP Public Consultation Tool anticipated launch date is early 2025.

Sgt. Buckingham reviewed the three community priorities as follows:

Crime reduction: A total of 30 checks were completed in Q2 bringing the total to 66 out of 100.

Consultations and Connections: 11 public communications were completed in Q2 bringing the total to 23 out of 50. The first town hall was completed on October 17, 2024 in Derwent.

Police Visibility: 144 documented traffic stops took place in Q2 bringing the total to 307 out of 360. Two check stops also took place in Q2 bringing the total to 3 out of 6.

A significant increase in property crime and a continuing decrease in motor vehicle collisions was noted.

Sgt. Buckingham also mentioned that eight of the nine established Police Officer positions are currently working and there is an active staffing action in place to fill the hard vacancy.

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment expressed appreciation to Sgt. Buckingham and thanked him for coming in.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Public Commentary

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment opened the public commentary session at 6:13 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Rayment welcomed Mr. Larry Alward into the public commentary session. Mr. Alward expressed concerns with the lack of snow removal in town.

Deputy Mayor Rayment thanked Mr. Alward for coming in.

Deputy Mayor Rayment welcomed Mr. Erwin Warkentin into the public commentary session. Mr. Warkentin had concerns regarding Bylaw 10-2000, Regulation and Control of Snow Vehicles. Mr. Warkentin also spoke to the letters members of Young Drive received and expressed concerns regarding Town snow removal.

Deputy Mayor Rayment thanked Mr. Warkentin for coming in.

No emails or written correspondence received.

Public Commentary closed at 6:24 p.m.

5.2 Justin Thompson Follow Up

Interim Chief Administrative Officer Michael Van Der Torre presented the fine dates given by Peace Officer Maughn which go back to 2023. Council agreed fines are justified and adamite time has been given to deal with the fines.

5.3. District Housing Requisition

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment and members of Council spoke to the requisition and expressed that the Town of Vermilion is not in agreement with the equalized assessment.

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow "That Council for the Town of Vermilion direct administration to set up a meeting with the Government of Alberta regarding the District Housing Requisition and concerns regarding the equalized assessment." **CARRIED MOTION #24/12/149**

6. FINANCIAL

Accounts Payable for the period of November 15 – 28, 2024 - Accepted as Information.

7. COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

Council for the Town of Vermilion presented their reports.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1. 2024 Goat Grazing Report.

8.2. County of Vermilion River – Agenda of October 22, 2024.

Correspondence was accepted as information.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

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

Moved by Councillor Kevin Martin "That Council for the Town of Vermilion go in closed session at 6:51 p.m." **CARRIED**
MOTION #24/12/150

Moved by Councillor Kevin Martin "That Council for the Town of Vermilion revert back to the Regular Meeting of Council at 8:13 p.m. **CARRIED**
MOTION#24/12/151

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

Moved by Councillor Robert Pulyk "That Council for the Town of Vermilion go in closed session at 8:13 p.m." **CARRIED**
MOTION #24/12/152

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow "That Council for the Town of Vermilion revert back to the Regular Meeting of Council at 8:39 p.m. **CARRIED**
MOTION#24/12/153

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Being the Agenda matters concluded, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:39 p.m.

READ AND CONFIRMED ON THIS 17th DAY OF December 2024 A.D.



Interim Chief Administrative Officer



Deputy Mayor