



February

Highlights from Council

February 17, 2026

Business Arising from Prior Meetings

Emergency Management Bylaw No. 1-2026

Council for the Town of Vermilion gave first 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.

Domestic Animal Control Bylaw No. 10-2025

Council for the Town of Vermilion gave first 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. 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 No. 26-01

Council for the Town of Vermilion approved the Corporate Credit Card Policy No. 26-01 as presented. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the control and use of Corporate Credit Cards for Town of Vermilion business purposes.

Fleet Management Policy No. 26-02

Council for the Town of Vermilion approved the Fleet Management Policy No. 26-02 as amended. 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.

Sanitary Service Line Blockage Policy No. 26-03

Council for the Town of Vermilion approved the Sanitary Service Line Blockage Policy No. 26-03 as amended. 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.

New Business

2026 – 2030 Strategic Plan

Council for the Town of Vermilion approved the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan as amended. The strategic plan establishes Council's priorities for the current term and provides direction for Administration's operational planning and future budget development. While the plan itself does not commit the Town to specific expenditures, the initiatives identified within the plan will inform Council's decision making over their elected term.

STARS Request for Funding

Council for the Town of Vermilion defeated the motion to approve the funding request from STARS in the amount of \$1 per capita (\$4,000) for 2026, with funding to increase incrementally to \$8,000 by 2029, subject to annual review. Accordingly, the Town will not be allocating any funding to this initiative in 2026.

Award of Retail Market and Gap Analysis

Council for the Town of Vermilion awarded the contract for a Retail Market and Gap Analysis to FBM in the amount of \$29,915 plus GST. The Retail Market and Gap Analysis is an important strategic planning tool that supports business retention, expansion, investment attraction, and broader community economic planning. The study will inform targeted site selection, tenant mix strategies, identification of market opportunities, business planning efforts, marketing initiatives, and overall competitive positioning.

Vermilion Minor Hockey U13 Female Provincial Grant Application

Council for the Town of Vermilion approved the grant application that the Parks, Recreation, Culture and Environment Board received from the Vermilion Minor Hockey Association (VMHA) U13 Female team for \$1,000.00 to go towards hosting the Hockey Alberta Provincial Tournament. The Vermilion Minor Hockey U13 Female team submitted a grant application to receive funding to aid them in hosting the U13 female provincial tournament. The tournament takes place March 20 to March 22, 2026 utilizing Vermilion's two ice surfaces. The Parks, Recreation, Culture and Environment Board approves grants on quarterly basis. This grant will utilize the first quarter allotment of \$1,000.00 out of the yearly \$4,000.00 allocated to grant applications that the committee distributes throughout the year to various groups.

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.