

**TOWN OF VERMILION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

IN PERSON:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Paul Conlon "That the Agenda be accepted as amended." **CARRIED.**

Addition of

'5.6. Code of Conduct'

'5.7. Economic Development Week May 6 – 10, 2024' under 5. NEW BUSINESS

3. ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council – April 16, 2024

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow "That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of April 16, 2024 be accepted as presented." **CARRIED.**

3.2. Minutes of Special Meeting of Council – April 22, 2024

Moved by Councillor Robert Pulyk "That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of April 22, 2024 be accepted as presented." **CARRIED.**

3.3. Minutes of Special Meeting of Council – April 30, 2024

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow "That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of April 30, 2024, 2024 be accepted as presented." **CARRIED.**

4. BYLAWS

4.1. Bylaw 2.2024 – Trunk Line Borrowing Bylaw – Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Robert Pulyk "That Council for the Town of Vermilion approve an amendment to the Sanitary Trunk line 2024 Capital budget to change the funding source from debt to tax-funded reserves." **CARRIED.**

4.2. Bylaw 2.2024 – Trunk Line Borrowing Bylaw

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Public Commentary

Deputy Mayor Kevin Martin opened the public commentary session at 6:37 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Martin welcomed Ms. Kym Wasylik Nicoll into the public commentary session. Ms. Wasylik Nicoll addressed Council regarding the lack of a walking pathway that follows along 55th Street and the ravine. Currently trees have overgrown the pathway and Ms. Wasylik Nicoll is requesting Council's consideration of a new sidewalk in that location.

No emails or written correspondence were received.

Deputy Mayor Kevin Martin declared the public commentary session closed at 6:41 p.m.

5.2. Introduction – Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services - Robert Dauphinee

5.3. VRRRA Letter from Chair to Members – For Information

5.4. National Police Week May 12-18, 2024 - Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Kirby Whitlock "That Council for the Town of Vermilion proclaim May 12-18, 2024 as National Police Week." **CARRIED.**
MOTION #24/05/64

5.5. National Police Week May 12-18, 2024 - Proclamation

5.6. Code of Conduct

5.7. Economic Development Week May 6-10, 2024 – Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow "That Council for the Town of Vermilion proclaim May 6-10, 2024 as Economic Development Week." **CARRIED.**
MOTION #24/05/65

5.8. Economic Development Week May 6-10, 2024 – Proclamation

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1. **HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS ATTRACTION & RETENTION**

6.1.1. Minutes of February 12, 2024 – Accepted as Information.

7. **FINANCIAL**

7.1. Accounts Payable for the period of April 17 – May 7, 2024 - Accepted as Information.

8. **COUNCIL ROUND TABLE**

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

- Town Hall Discussion with Environment Minister re: drought
- North East Alberta Information HUB Ltd. Executive Meeting
- Special Meeting of Council – April 22 & 30, 2024
- Vermilion District Health Care Providers Attraction & Retention Committee Meeting – April 29, 2024
- Vermilion Public Library Board
- Vermilion River Regional Waste Management Board Meeting
- Risk Management Course
- Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth & Opportunity (NAAGO) Board Meeting – May 16, 2024
- Vermilion District Housing Foundation (VDHF) Award presentation – April 25, 2024
- Alberta Central East Water Corporation AGM - April 25, 2024
- Vermilion District Housing Foundation (VDHF) – April 29, 2024
- Vermilion Regional River Alliance (VRRRA) Committee Meeting
- Vermilion River Watershed Alliance Committee Meeting
- East Central 911 Call Answer Society Board Meeting
- Inclusions Lloydminster Breakfast – May 2, 2024

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

- Intermunicipal Liaison Committee Meeting – May 9, 2024
- Finance & Governance Committee Meeting – May 14, 2024
- AB Muni webinar re: Bill 20 update
- Economic Development Committee Meeting – May 14, 2024
- Vermilion District Housing Foundation (VDHF) AGM – May 30, 2024
- Grade 6 Vermilion Elementary School Tour of Town Hall – May 14, 2024

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1. County of Vermilion River – Minutes of April 9, 2024

9.2. County of Vermilion River – Agenda of April 23, 2024

Correspondence was accepted as information.

10. CLOSED SESSION

10.1. Pursuant to Part 1, Division 2, Section 21 (1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations

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

Personnel

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow “That Council for the Town of Vermilion go in closed session at 7:48 p.m.” **CARRIED.**

MOTION #24/05/66

Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services Robert Dauphinee and Manager Economic Development Mary Lee Prior left the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Mayor Gregory Thronson left the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Mayor Gregory Thronson returned to the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

Director of Corporate Services Brian Leibel, Director of Community Services Michael van der Torre Executive Assistant Andrea Wilkinson left the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Director of Corporate Services Brian Leibel, Director of Community Services Michael van der Torre and Executive Assistant Andrea Wilkinson returned to the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow “That Council for the Town of Vermilion revert back to the Regular Meeting of Council at 10:23 p.m.” **CARRIED.**

MOTION #24/05/67

Moved by Councillor Joshua Rayment “That Council for the Town of Vermilion appoints the position of interim CAO to Michael van der Torre at a temporary rate of \$133,921.08.”

CARRIED.

MOTION #24/05/68

10. ADJOURNMENT

Being the Agenda matters concluded, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:25 p.m.

READ AND CONFIRMED ON THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY, 2024 A.D.



Chief Administrative Officer



Mayor