



**AGENDA**  
**TOWN OF DRUMHELLER**  
Regular Council Meeting

TIME & DATE: 4:30 PM – TUESDAY April 19, 2022  
LOCATION: ZOOM Platform and Live Stream on Drumheller  
Valley YouTube Channel

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. OPENING REMARK

April 28<sup>th</sup> - Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace – Notice of Half Mastings

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4.1 Agenda for April 19, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

**Proposed Motion:** That Council adopt the agenda for the April 19, 2022 Regular Council meeting as presented.

5. MEETING MINUTES

5.1 Minutes for the April 4, 2022, Regular Council Meeting as presented.

[Minutes – April 4, 2022](#)

**Proposed Motion:** That Council approve the minutes for the April 4, 2022 Regular Council Meeting as presented.

6. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

6.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

6.1.1 Request for Decision – Rosedale Road Closure Land Bylaw 06.22 – First Reading

[RFD + Bylaw 06.22](#)

**Proposed Motion:** That Council give first reading to the Rosedale Road Closure Land Bylaw 06.22 as presented and set a Public Hearing for May 16, 2022.

6.1 DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

6.1.1 [2022 First Quarter Report](#)

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS TO COMMENCE AT 5:30 PM

7.1 Riverside Dr Road Closure Land Bylaw 05.22

1. Mayor Opens the Public Hearing

2. Mayors Introduction of Matter

3. Presentation of Information – Drumheller Resiliency and Flood Mitigation Project Manager, Deighen Blakely – [Presentation](#) Page 13 - 26

4. Rules of Conduct for Public Participation

All the material submitted for the Public Hearing will be included in the package being sent to Alberta Transportation.

5. Public - Registered to Present Remotely - 5 minutes

6. Public – Pre - Registered to Present In Person – 5 minutes

Pre- Registered to Speak	Registered Day of The Hearing
Sharon Clark Lynn Hemming Derek Dekeyser Darrell Berlando	

a) In Support

b) In Opposition

7. Public - [Written Submission Read Aloud](#) - 5 minute

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8. Final Comments

9. Mayor to Call for Public Hearing to Close

9. ADJOURNMENT

9.1 **Proposed Motion:** That Council adjourn the meeting.



**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF DRUMHELLER**  
Regular Council Meeting

TIME & DATE: 4:30 PM – Monday April 4, 2022

LOCATION: ZOOM Platform and Live Stream on Drumheller Valley  
YouTube Channel

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**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Heather Colberg  
Councillor Patrick Kolafa  
Councillor Tony Lacher  
Councillor Crystal Sereda  
Councillor Tom Zariski  
Councillor Stephanie Price

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO): Darryl Drohomerski  
Communications Officer: Erica Crocker  
Director of Corporate Services: Mauricio Reyes  
Director of Emergency and Protective Services: Greg Peters  
Flood Mitigation Project Manger: Deighen Blakely  
Community Development & Social Planning: April Harrison

Legislative Assistant: Denise Lines  
Reality Bytes IT: Ashley Charles Bancroft-Unwins

**REGRETS**

Councillor Hansen-Zacharuk

Fire Chief: Bruce Wade

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:30pm

2. **OPENING REMARK**

Jail and Bail at the Legion – They raised approximately \$20,000; thank you to everyone who participated.

Chamber of Commerce – Fan Vote for the 2022 Business Excellence Awards- Voting closes Apr  
Travel Drumheller – Annual General Meeting at the BCF– 6pm, Please register to attend.

20/20 challenge – Starting April 2 is the 20 min a day 20 days clean up challenge.

3. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

n/a

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

4.1 Agenda for April 4, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

**M2022.74** Moved by Councillor Zariski, Councillor Sereda;  
that Council adopt the agenda for the April 4, 2022 Regular Council meeting as  
presented.

Carried unanimously



5. MEETING MINUTES

5.1 Minutes for the March 21, 2022, Regular Council Meeting as presented.

**M2022.75** Moved by Councillor Kolafa, Councillor Lacher;  
that Council approve the minutes for the March 21, 2022 Regular Council Meeting  
as presented.

Carried unanimously

6. DELEGATION

6.1 Community Development and Social Planning  
Presented by April Harrison, Manager of Community Development and Social Planning.

Question

Are there funds to hire in a consultant to provide information on a strategy to go forward?

7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

7.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

7.1.1 Request for Decision – CN Rails to Trails Lease Agreement

More information on the new CN Rails to Trails project will be released soon. It will include  
an FAQ section

**M2022.76** Moved by Councillor Zariski, Councillor Price;  
that Council approve the twenty-five (25) lease with CN Rail for the Rails to Trails  
active transportation project at a cost of \$1.00 per year.

Carried unanimously

7.2 DRUMHELLER RESILIENCY AND FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT

7.2.1 Request for Decision – ATCO Electric Utility Relocation – Downtown Dike

**M2022.77** Moved by Councillor Lacher, Councillor Zariski;  
that the proposed ATCO Electric Utility relocation project with a budget of  
\$353, 471.43 plus GST be approved as presented.

Carried unanimously

7.3 DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

### 7.3.1 Request for Decision – Purchase of Commercial Fire Tanker Truck

**M2022.78** Moved by Councillor Kolafa, Councillor Zariski;  
that Council approve the award for the supply and delivery of one (1) Commercial Fire Tanker Truck to Fort Garry Fire Trucks for the amount of \$ 383,940.00, excluding GST, and that the additional funds shall be funded through MSI capital funding.

Carried unanimously

### 7.4 MANAGER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### 7.4.1 Request for Decision – Tender Award for the Construction of the Downtown Multi-Use Plaza

**M2022.79** Moved by Councillor Sereda, Councillor Lacher;  
moves that the Downtown Multi-Use Plaza Tender for construction be awarded to Landform Inc for the amount of \$1, 017, 507.69, excluding G.S.T.

Carried unanimously

## 8. CLOSED MEETING

### 8.1 Personnel evaluation – FOIP 19 – Confidential evaluations

**M2022.80** Moved by Councillor Sereda, Councillor Price;  
that Council close the meeting to the public to discuss the items in Section 8.1 of the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 agenda as per FOIP 19. Time 5:34pm

Carried unanimously

**M2022.81** Moved by Councillor Lacher, Councillor Zariski;  
that Council close the meeting to the public to discuss the items in Section 8.1 of the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 agenda as per FOIP 19. Time 6:53pm

Carried unanimously

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

**M2022.82** Moved by Councillor Kolafa, Councillor Sereda;  
that Council adjourn the meeting. Time 6:53pm

Carried unanimously

## REQUEST FOR DECISION

<b>TITLE:</b>	Rosedale Rd Closure Land Bylaw 06.22 - 375 Avenue South, Rosedale
<b>DATE:</b>	April 14, 2022
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Darryl Drohomerski, C.E.T., CAO
<b>ATTACHMENT:</b>	Bylaw 06.22, Schedule A

### SUMMARY:

Triggered by a land sale request, a road closure bylaw is required to close a portion of an undeveloped road adjacent to 375 Avenue South. More specifically, the undeveloped portion of the road allowance lying south of the S.E. 1/4 Section 29 and north of the N.E. 1/4 Section 20, in Township 28, Range 19, W. of the 4th Meridian as shown on the attached Schedule 'A'.

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council passes first reading of Road Closure Bylaw 06.22 and sets a public hearing date for May 16, 2022.

### DISCUSSION:

The right of way has been unused with an exception of a piece that was previously sold to a property owner of 375 Avenue South in order to allow the compliance of a house that was constructed across the right of way. The current owners would like to essentially 'square off' the parcel by requesting a closure of the portion of the unused right of way. Parcels B and C are also being closed at the same time to allow for future consolidation with other property owners.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The property owner of 375 Avenue South is paying the costs of the closure as well as purchasing the land at fair market value.

### STRATEGIC POLICY ALIGNMENT:

Land sales as a revenue source aligns with fiscal responsibility.

### COMMUNICATION STRATEGY:

A Public Hearing on this Bylaw will be advertised in the Drumheller Mail over the next several weeks. Direct mailing or hand delivery of the Bylaw and closure drawings will be sent to properties in the immediate area as well as anyone else that has expressed concern to Council.


**MOTION:** Councillor Kolafa; Price - M2022.95 - Mon Apr 19, 2022

That Council give first reading to Rosedale Road Closure Land Bylaw 06.22 and sets a public hearing date for May 16, 2022.

**SECONDED:**

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Prepared By:  
Darryl Drohomerski, C.E.T.  
Chief Administrative Officer



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Approved By:  
Darryl Drohomerski, C.E.T.  
Chief Administrative Officer

**TOWN OF DRUMHELLER  
BYLAW NUMBER 06.22**

**THIS IS A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF DRUMHELLER** in the province of Alberta, for the purpose of closing a portion of an undeveloped original road allowance to public travel and acquiring title to these lands in the name of the TOWN OF DRUMHELLER for retention or sale as Council may determine; in accordance with the Section 22 of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, as amended;

**WHEREAS**, an undeveloped portion of the road allowance lying south of the SE ¼ Section 29 and north of the SE ¼ Section 20, in Township 28, Range 19, W of the 4<sup>th</sup>. Meridian has never been developed, never used for travel and will not be required for public road or other public purposes in the foreseeable future; and

**WHEREAS**, an application has been made to the Town of Drumheller to have a portion of this undeveloped Street closed; and

**WHEREAS**, a notice was published in the Drumheller Mail once a week for two consecutive weeks; on [date] and again on [date], the last of such publications being at least five days before the day fixed for the passing of this Bylaw; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Town of Drumheller held a public hearing on the XX day of XX, 2022, at their regular or special meeting of Council, in which all interested parties were provided an opportunity to be heard, and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Town of Drumheller was not petitioned for an opportunity to be heard by any person prejudicially affected by this Bylaw, and

**NOW THEREFORE**; be it resolved that the COUNCIL of the TOWN OF DRUMHELLER, in the Province of Alberta, does hereby enact to close that portion of the original road allowance lying south of the SE ¼ Section 29 and north of the NE ¼ Section 20, in Township 28, Range 19, W of the 4<sup>th</sup>. Meridian as depicted on the attached Schedule A and more particularly described as:

PLAN .....  
AREAS 'A', 'B' and 'C'

EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS

For public use, obtain three titles to same in the name of the TOWN OF DRUMHELLER, a Municipal Body Corporate, of 224 Centre Street, DRUMHELLER, Alberta. T0J 0Y4 for retention or sale as Council may decide.

**SHORT NAME**

This Bylaw may be known as Rosedale Road Closure Land Bylaw 06.22

**TRANSITIONAL**

This Bylaw takes effect on the day of final passing thereof.

READ AND PASSED THE FIRST TIME BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DRUMHELLER  
this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 2022.

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MAYOR: HER WORSHIP; HEATHER COLBERG

Seal

\_\_\_\_\_  
DARRYL E. DROHOMERSKI, C.E.T.  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**APPROVED BY: ALBERTA INFRASTRUCTURE and TRANSPORTATION**

Seal

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**MINISTER OF ALBERTA INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION  
RM. 425, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING,  
10800 97TH. AVENUE, EDMONTON, ALBERTA. T5K 2B6**

READ AND PASSED THE SECOND TIME BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF  
DRUMHELLER  
this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 2022.

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MAYOR: HER WORSHIP; HEATHER COLBERG

Seal

\_\_\_\_\_  
DARRYL E. DROHOMERSKI, C.E.T.  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

READ AND PASSED THE THIRD TIME BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF  
DRUMHELLER

this \_\_ day of \_\_\_, 2022.

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MAYOR: HER WORSHIP; HEATHER COLBERG

Seal

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DARRYL E. DROHOMERSKI, C.E.T.  
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draft - 2022apr15 - 1st reading

## ROSEDALE DISTRICT

## — DRUMHELLER, ALBERTA —

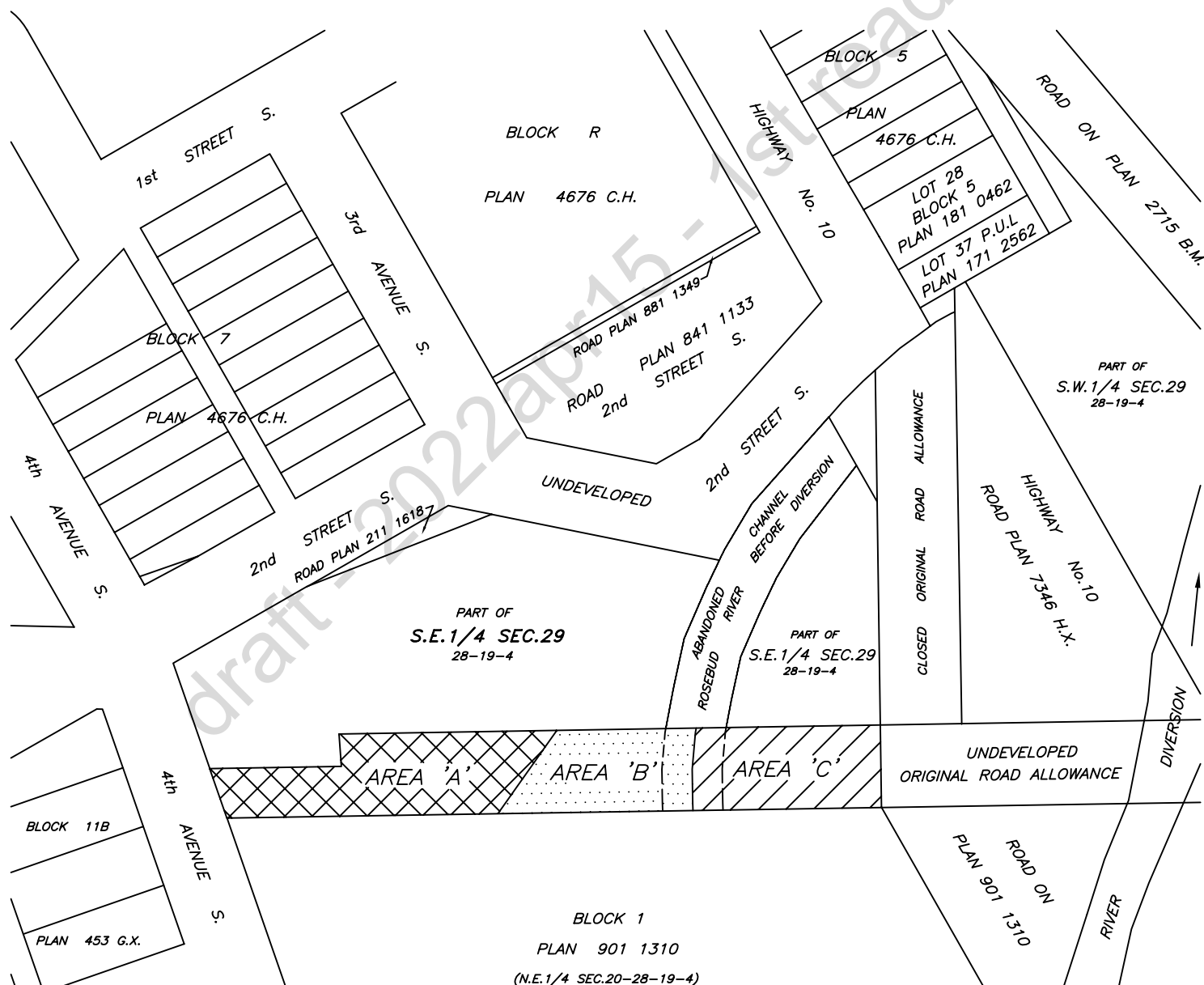
PLAN SHOWING PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE  
AFFECTING PART OF THE  
ORIGINAL ROAD ALLOWANCE BETWEEN THE  
N.E.1/4 SEC.20 AND S.E.1/4 SEC.29,  
TOWNSHIP 28, RANGE 19, W.4M.

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LEGEND:

Distances are in metres and decimals thereof.

Area affected by this plan are shown thus...   



## **Quarterly Report for Emergency & Protective Services – 2022 Strategic Priorities**

**Name: Greg Peters Director of Protective and Emergency Services**

**Period: January – March 2022**

### **Spring Emergency Management Readiness – Completed/In Progress**

The Town Emergency management committee met on Feb 10 to review the Town emergency management plan. The plan was reviewed by our field officer on March 10 as well. The ECC was cleaned and prepared in January. In cooperation with the flood mitigation crew we are working on a new addendum to include the flood mitigation work into the existing plans and have engaged a contractor well versed in the field to assist. This is a multi year undertaking to carry it through. We had a tabletop emergency exercise on March 25 in the ECC simulating a flood and additional jeopardies for staff to work through using the Incident Command System. Dave Brett and I have an ongoing inventory and suitability check for mitigation supplies and our deployment of these. Staff have taken part in emergency readiness webinars with the province in past weeks as well.

### **Remedial Properties Policy - Completed**

This was reviewed by council and passed in January. This will be communicated to citizens to all are aware of the emphasis placed on clean and tidy properties throughout the valley.

### **New Traffic Bylaw**

Municipal enforcement staff are continuing work on this draft and shall bring it to council in May.

### **Mutual Aid Agreements – Emergency and Fire Services**

The director has been in discussion with a contractor to complete this review and production of new agreements with our partners.

### **Fire Chief Position**

The director and HR manager are working on a job description and if the funds in the budget are passed in the operating budget, we shall endeavour to advertise this position and seek appropriate candidates to become our full time fire chief.

**Prepared by:**

**Greg Peters**

**Director of Protective and Emergency Services**

**Approved by:**

**Darryl Drohomerski**

**Chief Administrative Officer**



# Public Hearing

Riverside Drive Road Closure Bylaw 05.22

April 19, 2022



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## Riverside Dr Road Closure Bylaw Presentation Overview

- Project Need:
  - Drumheller's History of Flooding
  - Changes to Provincial Regulations
  - Drumheller's Resiliency and Flood Mitigation Program
- Downtown Dike
- Road Closure Need – Alternates Assessment
- Transportation Impact Assessment Study



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# Drumheller's Flood History

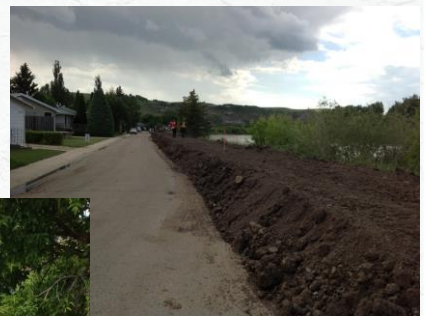
2005 flood = 1,450 m<sup>3</sup>/s



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# Drumheller's Flood History

2013 flood = 1,270 m<sup>3</sup>/s



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## Provincial Flood Regulation Changes

- Design Flow for Drumheller increased from 1,640m<sup>3</sup>/s to 1,850m<sup>3</sup>/s
- Flood depths for 1,850m<sup>3</sup>/s are on average 85 cm (3 feet) deeper than levels experienced during the 2005 flood
- Provincial Flood Hazard Mapping updates underway
- Disaster Recovery Program changes
  - No funding for river flood events < 1:100 year (or 1,850m<sup>3</sup>/s for Drumheller)
  - Funding only available on a one-time basis



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## Drumheller's Resiliency and Flood Mitigation Program

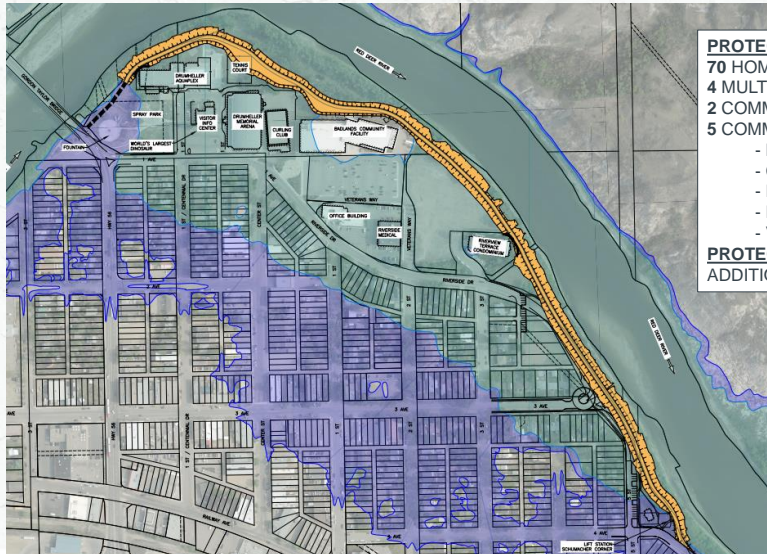
- Grant funding obtained from Provincial and Federal Governments, Town committed 10% of funds
- \$55M total to deliver on 11 berms & targeted floodway buyouts
- Over 1000 properties worth \$250 million will be directly protected by the berms when complete
- Urgent need to build as much permanent infrastructure now as possible, using available funding to mitigate future flood impacts
- Reduce amount of temporary berms – not time to build for new design flood flow rate of 1,850 m<sup>3</sup>/s



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## Protection for Downtown



### **PROTECTION AT 1850 CMS**

**70 HOMES PROTECTED**

**4 MULTI UNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS PROTECTED**

**2 COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS PROTECTED**

**5 COMMUNITY BUILDINGS PROTECTED**

- BADLANDS COMMUNITY FACILITY
- CURLING CLUB
- DRUMHELLER MEMORIAL ARENA
- DRUMHELLER AQUAPLEX
- VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

### **PROTECTION AT 3000 CMS**

**ADDITIONAL 162 PROPERTIES PROTECTED**



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## Downtown Dike

- 1200 m long
- Raise from existing berm 0.5 m to 2.5 m
- 36,500 m<sup>3</sup> of additional fill material required
- Space is constrained in a few areas, including Riverside Drive
- Design team considered several alternate dike alignments for constrained areas



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## Riverside Drive Alternates Assessment

A detailed alternates assessment was undertaken for the Downtown Dike alignment along Riverside Drive that included the following:

- Alternate 1 - Closure of Riverside Dr. (2 blocks) and cul-de-sac on 3rd Ave
- Alternate 2 - Closure of Riverside Dr. (1 block - from 3<sup>rd</sup> St. to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.) maintain 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. to 5<sup>th</sup> St. open
- Alternate 3 - Reconfiguration of intersection of Riverside Dr. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., keeping both open
- Alternate 4 – Maintain Riverside Dr. and 5<sup>th</sup> St. E as one lane, one-way
- Alternate 5 – No changes to Riverside Dr., large retaining wall in Downtown Dike to maintain roadway



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## Downtown Dike Alignment Alternates Summary

Alternate	Retaining Wall Req'd	Phase 2 Preliminary Construction Cost Estimate	Total Construction Cost	Challenges
Closure of Riverside Dr. & 5 <sup>th</sup> St. E (from 3 <sup>rd</sup> St. to 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave) <b>Recommended Alignment</b>	No	\$1.9 Million	\$3.3 Million	Traffic impacts
Closure of Riverside Dr (from 3 <sup>rd</sup> St. to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave.) maintain 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave.	Yes	\$2.3 Million	\$3.7 Million	Large retaining wall, traffic impacts, risk of higher cost
Reconfiguration of intersection of Riverside Dr. and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave.	Yes	\$3.1 Million	\$4.5 Million	Large retaining wall, high cost, extensive roadwork
Maintain Riverside Dr. and 5 <sup>th</sup> St. E as one lane, one-way	Yes	\$2.2 Million	\$3.6 Million	Retaining wall, traffic impacts, risk of higher cost
No change to Riverside Dr., do not extend into Red Deer River	Yes	\$3.2 Million	\$4.6 Million	Large retaining wall, highest cost



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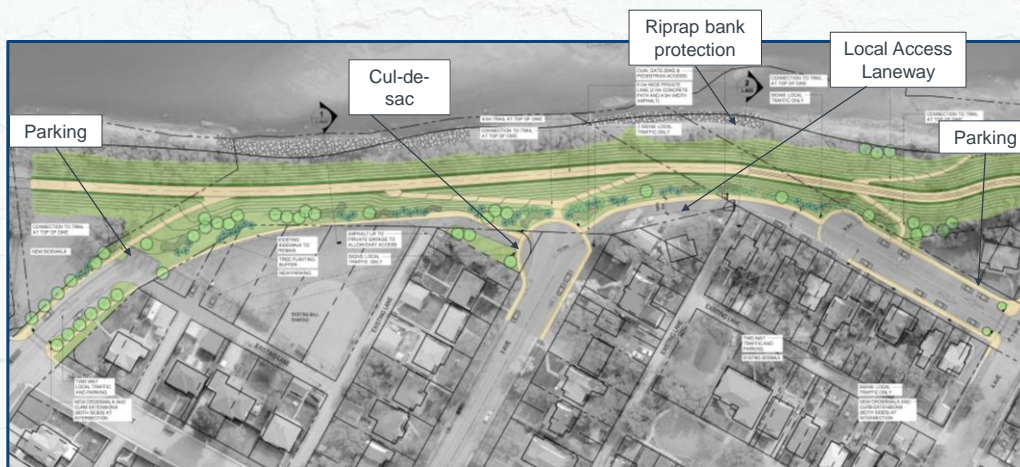
## Downtown Dike

- Original Downtown Dike Budget as per grant funding applications:
  - \$3.72 million (\$3.2M for construction, \$400K for professional services)
- Current project cost estimate (design & construction):
  - \$5.1 million
- Cost escalations due to :
  - Increase in design flow rate
  - Increased communications needs (4 community info sessions vs 1)
  - Additional options assessment
  - Utility relocation cost
  - Land access cost
  - Additional landowner consultation



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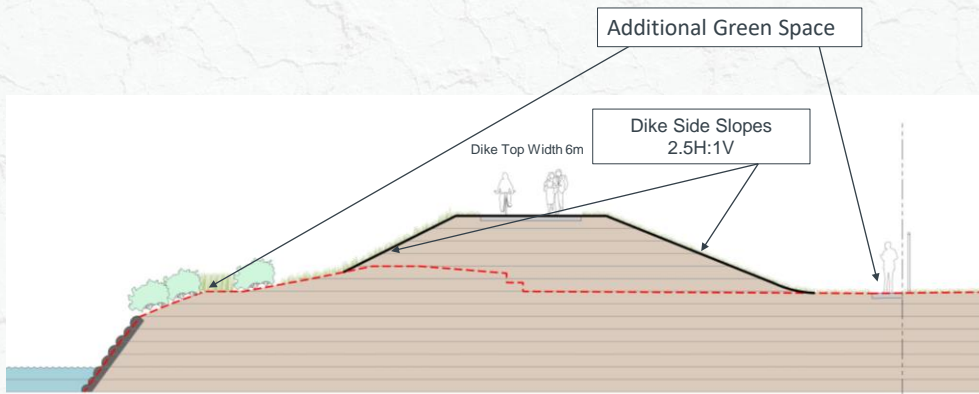
## Downtown Dike – Riverside Dr. (Recommended Design)



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## Downtown Dike – Riverside Dr. (Recommended Design)



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## Riverside Dr. Closure – Looking East from 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave



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## Downtown Dike – Recommended Design

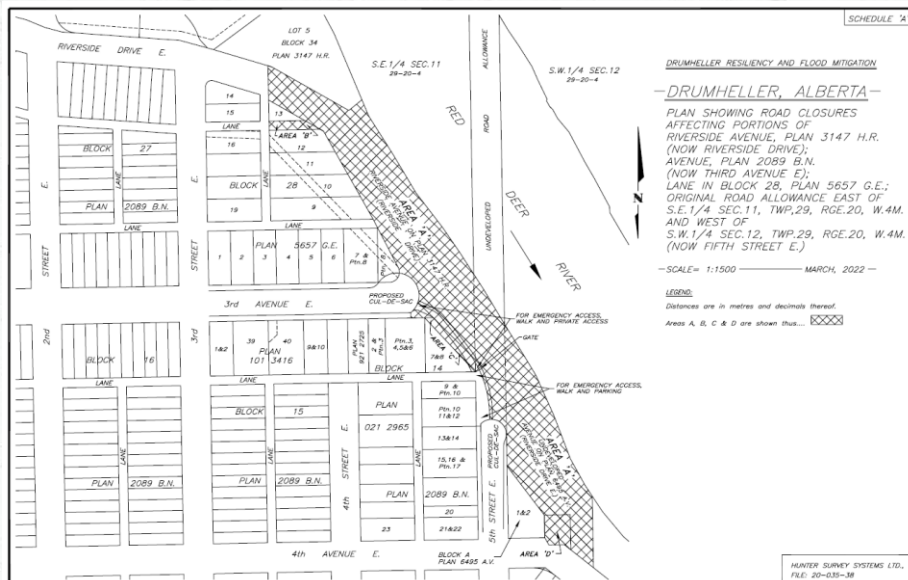
The selected alignment for Phase 2 of the Downtown Dike, requiring a closure of Riverside Drive is the best alternate

- Allows room for the river to flow mitigates higher upstream water levels due to flow constriction
- Minimizing clay placement into the river, which would be difficult to permit and may require expensive fish habitat compensation to be built elsewhere
- Lower long-term maintenance costs with no wall
- Safer dike cross section for emergency fill placement
- Best use of overall flood program budget



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## Downtown Dike – Riverside Dr. Road Closure



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# **Downtown Dike & Riverside Drive Closure**

## **Transportation Impact Assessment**



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## **Why did we undertake a Transportation Impact Assessment?**

Feedback from the community & stakeholders regarding the closure of Riverside Dr. highlighted concerns related to:

- Alternate traffic routes and increased traffic in residential areas
- Emergency response routes and times



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## What did the Transportation Impact Assessment Look at?

- Alternate travel routes through downtown traffic impacts due to road closure
- In response to community concerns, assessment of emergency response routes and times was added to the study



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## Transportation Impact Assessment - Findings

- After diverting traffic for the Riverside Drive closure on alternate downtown routes, there were three intersections with some delays due to the greater volumes
  - Railway Avenue and 5 Street
  - Railway Avenue and Centre Street
  - Centre Street and 3rd Avenue (less significant delays)



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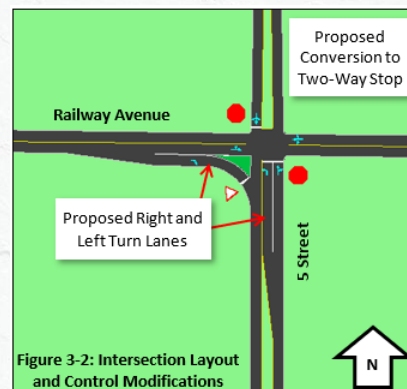
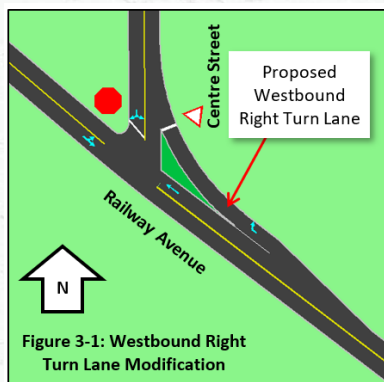
## Transportation Impact Assessment – Suggested Mitigations

- With mitigations in place, the service level for these 3 intersections was found to return to pre-closure levels, with the inclusion of:
  - Convert the 4-way stop at Centre Street and 3rd Avenue to a 2-way stop
  - Add a right turn lane on Railway Avenue at Centre Street
  - Add right and left turn lanes at Railway Avenue and 5 Street
- Town has already started work on first two traffic improvements noted above to improve traffic flow



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## Transportation Impact Assessment – Suggested Mitigations



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## Transportation Impact Assessment – Suggested Mitigations

- The Town plans to complete a Downtown TIA and additional traffic counts as part of the Downtown Area Revitalization Plan
- This work can be used to assess the performance of the suggested mitigations once implemented and suggest any additional mitigations that may be required, as well as:
  - Wayfinding signage updates
  - On-line mapping route updates



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## Transportation Impact Assessment – Emergency Response Times

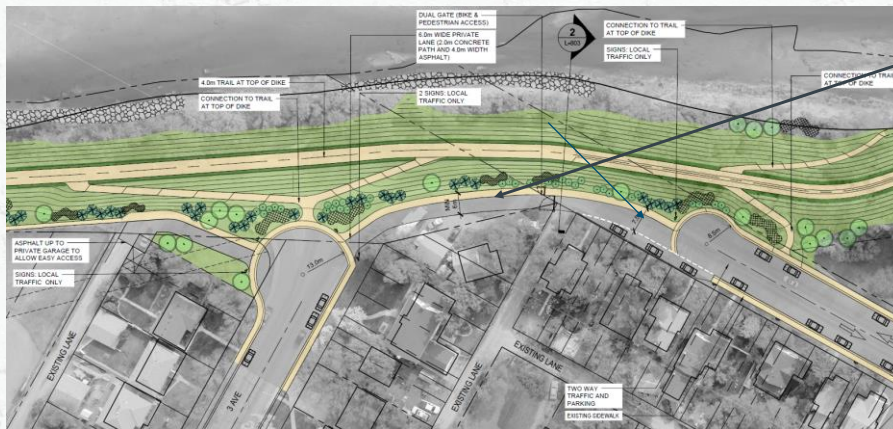
- Emergency Response times were assessed with the road closure and mitigations in place
- Assessment found emergency response travel times will not be negatively impacted using the preferred routes with traffic mitigations in place
- The Riverside Drive closure includes an emergency vehicle laneway from 3rd Avenue to 5th Street
- Findings have been reviewed by Town of Drumheller Emergency Services and RCMP, and neither noted concern with proposed road closure impacting response times with the improvements noted



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## Local Laneway for Emergency Vehicles



Laneway for  
Emergency  
Vehicles



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## Proposed Road Closure Bylaw - Next Steps

- Road Closure Bylaw First Reading (Mar 21, 2022)
- Notification of impacted stakeholders (Mar 21 – Apr 13, 2022)
- Public Hearing (Apr 19, 2022)
- Submission of Public Hearing Information and Proposed Road Closure Bylaw to Minister of Transportation
- Pending Transportation approval, second and third reading at Council



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## Summary

- Drumheller is at significant risk of flooding
- We need to use available funding now to implement permanent flood mitigation infrastructure
- The proposed Downtown Dike alignment balances the need to protect Drumheller from flooding with environmental impacts and overall program costs
- The proposed road closure was found to impact traffic flow; however these impacts can be mitigated with traffic flow improvements
- Transportation Impact Assessment study found emergency response travel times will not be negatively impacted using the preferred routes with mitigations in place



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**From:** [Annette Nielsen](#)  
**To:** [Town of Drumheller CAO](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed road closure of Riverside Drive - Landowner affected  
**Date:** Friday, April 1, 2022 9:52:13 AM

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My property - [REDACTED] 4 Street East

Thank you for notifying me of the proposed road closure and flood mitigation dike construction.

Upon reviewing the presentation on your website, I feel that the proposed dike plans are very beneficial as my property is on the flood fringe.

As well, I firmly believe that the closure of the portion of Riverside Drive and the traffic circle redirecting traffic to the downtown core is extremely beneficial to the shops and restaurants in the downtown area.

I certainly support the plans and am excited to see the new CAO has put forward some fresh and positive ideas to rectify old issues in the downtown core.

Warm regards,

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**Annette Nielsen**

Licensed Residential and Commercial Realtor

Licensed Property Manager

VIP Realty and Management Ltd.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sunpark Drive SE

Calgary, AB T2X 3V1

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Paul Ainscough  
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Drumheller, Alberta  
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APR 25 / 2022

March 31, 2022

CAO Darryl Drohomerski  
Town of Drumheller  
224 Centre St.  
Drumheller, Alberta  
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Dear Mr. Drohomerski:

**RE: Public Hearing to Consider Proposed Bylaw 05.22 to close a portion of Riverside Dr. E**

I am against the closure of Riverside Dr. E. Changing the flow of traffic along this major arterial route will only cause traffic to continue along Highway 9 and travel around our community without going into the downtown area. We might as well consider ourselves similar to Morrin with traffic bypassing along a primary highway. As a former Mayor, it is sad to see that you, along with Mayor and Council have lost the vision we once had for our community. Every downtown business will be adversely affected because of the new traffic route you are proposing.

The Town of Drumheller recently bought the consortium and is already making plans for an alternate traffic route to turn onto North Railway Avenue and get back on to Highway 9. You cannot even wait for a public hearing to be held before making plans for an alternate route. The Public Hearing is being held because it is a requirement under the Municipal Government Act and it is not being held for the people of Drumheller. You are so confident in your actions that you are moving forward with these plans regardless of public input. This type of arrogant confidence and patronizing behavior has been demonstrated by you, Mayor and Council and the consultants since this flood mitigation project commenced. It is about time you let the people of Drumheller be heard. Three years from now you are going to step up and admit "What did I do?" The engineers working on the flood mitigation design are not from Drumheller nor have they considered what is best for our community. They have just devised a plan to get the traffic moving from point A to point B without any foresight of what is best for the businesses and people of Drumheller. Who better knows our community than the people who travel our roads every day?

Why did you not do a mailout to each household on this matter? You hire a communications officer for the price tag of \$330,000 and you yourself making close to \$200,000 annually and yet no one knows what is going on? The people of Drumheller are asking questions based on what they are visually witnessing. We try to get information and we are continuously told to go to the Town's website where all our questions will be answered. The answers are not there! Some of us don't have computers! We try to get information and we are continuously told that this is under FOIPP. FOIPP is a bureaucratic process that was created to protect the bureaucrats. You have not even released the costs for the potential dike project along Riverside Dr. E. nor have you released the costs for the new alternate traffic



route at the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> ST. E. and North Railway Avenue that will be borne by the taxpayers of Drumheller. Why did you spend a \$1M on the downtown plaza and then change the route into the downtown core?

I ask that this matter be put to a plebiscite and let the people of Drumheller have a voice.



Paul Ainscough

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Noreen McKenzie [REDACTED]

**Letter re Closure of portion of Riverside Drive**

Sat, Apr 2, 1:05 PM

Noreen McKenzie <[REDACTED]>  
To: Noreen McKenzie [REDACTED]

The issue before town council regarding the closure of a portion of Riverside Drive East should have been brought forward to the town residents by way of a plebiscite. This project should be put on hold until all town residents have the chance to vote thru the plebiscite mechanism. My husband John and I have been residents of Drumheller for 80+ years, this decision to close a portion of Riverside Drive East will greatly affect not only property values but also in a crisis situation the ability of emergency vehicles to reach residents in a timely fashion.

Noreen and John McKenzie

*N. McKenzie*  
*J. McKenzie*

**From:** [Melanie Adam](#)  
**To:** [Town of Drumheller CAO](#)  
**Subject:** 5th Street East Closure  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 7:06:28 PM

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I just read the proposed bylaw to close 5<sup>th</sup> St E and redirect all traffic down 3<sup>rd</sup> St E.

I was extremely perturbed when the town closed the road that was always planned to be open on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave SW. There was always an inlet and all who purchased homes in that area KNEW that eventually, there would be a road there. Regardless, the town decided to favor those who lived in the area and closed it. This allowed these few residents to be favorited over the rest of the town as was obvious by the many who signed petitions for the road to re-open. This also forced more traffic down the street I resided on, located on 2 St SE.

I now have a new residence on 3<sup>rd</sup> St E. Unlike those who purchased their homes on 1<sup>st</sup> St SW, I was NOT aware of any plans to close 5<sup>th</sup> St E and redirect all traffic down 3<sup>rd</sup> St E, in fact, today is the first I have ever heard of it. Part of the reason I bought this house in this specific location was due to the small amount of traffic and that there were no future plans or so I was under the impression of this changing.

I am coming to the town yet again as I have before on other issues. I have been ignored on the issue of 10<sup>th</sup> Ave SW. I was also ignored when I brought up the issue of the dog park as what the town has made is the size of a large yard and not a "park" per-se. I am hoping this time I will be heard.

I kindly ask that the town takes into consideration either adding an additional cul-de-sac on 3<sup>rd</sup> St E and re-directing traffic down the next street, on 2<sup>nd</sup> St E where there are less residences that would be affected or re-directing traffic through downtown rather than any residential streets at all. This could be a beneficial opportunity to drive more traffic to the downtown core and potentially help the businesses in the area get more foot traffic. I am very willing to canvas the area and get opinions on this issue from those who reside in the area. I am very confident I can get signatures as I'm sure all those residing in the area will have a similar opinion to myself.

As Daryl Drohomerski said in the Drumheller Mail in regards to the closure of 1 St SW/10 St E, the town had been given clear direction that those residing there wanted the street closed, I was only living 2 streets away and the closure greatly affected me. Regardless, I was not heard. Now that this new issue is directly on my street, I feel the town has an obligation to hear me. I only ask that I am given the same courtesy and treated fairly as demonstrated with other areas in town.

I would very much appreciate a response informing me that this letter has been received. Please let me know if you would like me to canvas the residences in the area. As I said, I am very willing to do so.

Thank you,

Melanie Adam

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Box [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Riverside Dr. F.  
Drumheller, AB.  
March 31, 2022

Legislative Services  
Town of Drumheller,  
224 Center Street  
Drumheller, AB.

Chief Administrative Officer,

We are opposed to Bylaw 05-22  
- closing off 3rd Ave and 5th St. E.

This will impact Riverview Sub-  
division as it will cut off from the  
downtown, library and other amenities  
in the area and medical clinic. And  
it will take longer to get to the hospital  
site. There will be increased traffic  
to the residential area using 4th Ave E  
and 2nd and 3rd St. E.

How will the parade get to 3rd  
Ave. E? If Center St. is to be used  
for Emergency Vehicles where will the  
Xmas tree go?

We also note that alleyway will  
become an emergency access. Good luck  
getting past parked vehicles and how  
will you be doing C&K on a bumpy  
road.



Rickson Dam was built to prevent floods. So why do we need a berm?

Please show the other proposal for a berm. Also please show the proposed changes at 5th St. E & Railway Ave. and downtown.

We totally agree with the letters in the Drumheller Mail written by Sharon Clark.

Riverside Subdivision might as well succede from Drumheller and become Riverside Village with our own government!

Sincerely

Mr. & Mrs. Mrs. Guadalupe

**From:** [Dawn Christian](#)  
**To:** [Town of Drumheller CAO](#)  
**Subject:** Road closure bylaw 5.22  
**Date:** Friday, April 8, 2022 12:27:11 PM

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Hello,

It is unfortunate that this whole project was not planned and communicated to the public before commencing work. It giving off the impression that the town of Drumheller does not operate efficiently or effectively. In closing this road much more traffic will be directed down much narrower and residential streets. My concern is the constant closure of other downtown streets, center and 3rd ave. If the idea is to direct this traffic down center street does this mean the bylaw will include a stipulation that center street is never allowed to be shut down to vehicles?

Sent from my iPhone

Re: Proposed Bylaw 05.22

I am writing to oppose the Proposed Bylaw 05.22 for the cull de sac at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East and the closing of portions of 5<sup>th</sup> Street East.

I live in this immediate area of town and use my back alley and this road every day I go to and from work, my wife and eldest daughter also drive for work and school in East Drumheller, we will have to go out of our way to get to where we are going.

Because my back alley will now be a dead end, will my garbage have to be placed on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East to be picked up weekly?

It was suggested that building a retaining wall will cost too much, even though there was money enough in the flood mitigation project originally if it was allocated properly. I believe several things have not been considered that will add a financial cost and personal cost to extending the berm and installing a cull de sac.

Should the berm be extended, and portions of 5<sup>th</sup> Street East be closed, water drainage will become a large issue. The 2 water drains at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East where the cull de sac is proposed will have to be moved further West to be inside the cull de sac. Unfortunately, this means that all the water that now travels down the back alleys on the South and North sides of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East to 5<sup>th</sup> Street East do not end in storm drains and the water from rain and melted snow that flows down the side of the berm back into the Little League Ball Diamond area has no place to drain away either. A long-standing deficiency is that there is no storm drain on the Northwest corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Street East and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue East (Schumacher's corner). So, in the proposed future, all the water that flows along the East side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street East from the dead end, along the North side of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue East to 5<sup>th</sup> Street East and then down the hill to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East will in the future have no storm drain to direct the water away. Storm drains could be built but this will add several thousands of dollars to the overall cost. It will likely be cheaper to keep at least a one-way road going South up this part of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and still allow people to exit the downtown area.

There was an attempt to do a bird study in this area, concluding that there would be minimal affect by removing trees along the riverside. There was no information that dealt with the squirrels that were forced to move and are now overpopulating the streets adjacent to riverside and the affect they are having on the bird population there. These squirrels are eating the birds' eggs in my yard and other people's yards. There was no mention when the survey was done to check the affects on the birds along the river with a berm that the Federal Migratory Bird Act/Rules were consulted. There are both Provincial and Federal Bodies/Rules that must be complied with.

Buying the Old Consortium site for \$150, 000 hardly makes it better for traffic flow that used to go along 5<sup>th</sup> Street East and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East. This land will still have to be developed for a dollar cost and the most that will be likely accomplished is a right-hand turning lane to head South on 5<sup>th</sup> Street East. This property is in a triangle shape and still has the basement of the Old Consortium building underground as it was simply pushed in after the fire and dirt brought in to fill the cavity.

You are also going against the natural traffic flow where people now travel East-West and West-East to get in and out of downtown (along 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue) and are forcing people to start driving more South-North, North-



South along streets that have stop signs at every intersection. This is not great for locals but will be even more disheartening for visitors and tourists.

If there ever is another July 1<sup>st</sup> Parade, it will likely cross 5<sup>th</sup> Street East at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue East or North Railway Avenue heading West (which was the old parade route past the old CN Station and Cenotaph). When the Parade is done, there will be no natural and easy path for the floats and participants to return to where they started the parade. Will these people be expected to turn South up 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets East at their own peril and find their way back to an Avenue that will get them to where they started from and blocking more traffic? Traveling along Riverside Drive naturally carried these people out of Downtown as it does for tourists leaving the recreation and Visitor's services near the Arena.

You will be taking any street parking along Riverside Drive for Little League Ball Diamond and putting in only 5-6 extra parking stalls which does not replace the lost parking. We already can't use our back alley during ball games because people park there, will we have to give up our street parking too?

I and others like me will be petitioning the Town for a reduction in Property Taxes as my quality of life will be affected by having to go out of my way to drive to and from my street daily and the likelihood that the re-sale value of my home will go down. There are over 20 homes along 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East and 5<sup>th</sup> Street East that are directly affected, and others on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East. The Town could say no to a Property Tax reduction but there are other legal avenues open for property owners that can be followed.

I find it unwise to follow only the decisions of engineers who are building up the berm along the riverside to prevent a 100-year flood that may or may not happen, people who do not care anything about our downtown or future of our town past the berm for even 1 second. You would never have this road change approved in a bigger centre like Calgary, Edmonton or Red Deer, their major thoroughfares are improved not choked off in dead-ends. You are not just proposing the change of a road to prevent flooding, you are affecting the future of our town's prosperity and appeal for generations.

Ron Halliday

■ 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East

Drumheller Alberta

**From:** [Bob Ross](#)  
**To:** [Town of Drumheller CAO](#)  
**Cc:** [michele.buchwitz@gov.ab.ca](mailto:michele.buchwitz@gov.ab.ca); [Drumheller.Stettler@assembly.ab.ca](mailto:Drumheller.Stettler@assembly.ab.ca)  
**Subject:** Proposed Closure of 2 way traffic on Riverside dr. east, and higher berm construction  
**Date:** Monday, April 11, 2022 9:43:23 AM

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Note: This letter is submitted for consideration at a hearing of Drumheller Town Council on Thursday April 14, 2022, at 12:00 pm.

To The Mayor and Councillors of Drumheller:

I am a resident and voter of Drumheller and was born in the City of Drumheller 86 years ago and I am therefore qualified to make this submission.

I oppose the closure of Riverside Drive East for the purpose of permitting the construction of a higher berm along the south side of the Red Deer River. Please consider the following reasons:

1. This closure will have a derogatory effect on the necessary movement of emergency traffic including fire, police, and ambulance where time is of the essence.
2. This closure will create difficult traffic problems for tourists, and will be troublesome and inconvenient for residents.
3. The higher berm and one-way traffic along Riverside Dr.E. be a permanent devaluation of the existing scenic benefits now available for residents and tourists.

Please consider how unique and beautiful our river is in Drumheller before you continue with the damage and destruction that a higher berm will cause. Please note the River is an asset that is not available to Brooks, Stettler, and many other small towns similar to Drumheller.

From aldermen on council I have been advised that the Hydraulic Engineers are advising the town council to increase the height of the berm. This seems to be the driving force for Drumheller councillors to continue on this track of destruction of the riverbank and changing traffic patterns. Please consider the following bit of advice from someone who has worked hard to build and operate buildings and businesses which have employed many of our residents:

The engineers have no crystal ball to permit them to predict flood levels. Therefore they must exaggerate for their own liability protection. The council is not going to be held liable if they accept the existing engineering supervised by the former CAO Ray Romanitz. The councillors and our Mayor should not be influenced by the offer of grant money that will further serve to diminish the value of landscape along the Red Deer River.

I respectfully request that you give serious consideration to my Submission.

Robert D. Ross QC

April 12/2022

ATTENTION: Darryl Drohomerski, CAO Town of Drumheller.

Re: Public Hearing for proposed Bylaw 05.22 to close a portion of Riverside Drive East to construct a DIKE/Berm.

-Please see the attached letter dated March 31,2022 that we put forward relative to the proposed public hearing as noted above.

- In conjunction with and relative to our March 31, 2022 letter, is a compiled list of pages from Pg.#1 though and inclusive to Pg.18. This compiled list of pages represents a small snapshot view of Town of Drumheller residents that agree with the closing statement of the MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2022 letter that reads as follows. (In conclusion, we ask that the proposed closure of Riverside Dr. E. be decided through a plebiscite as this issue impacts all the residents of Drumheller.)

-The total number of residents that took part and signed the attached pages is a total of 191 . All of those who signed are opposed to the proposed road closure. However, they agree that a plebiscite will allow all citizens of Drumheller to voice their opinion.

-Please note, within this list of pages are former/retired town members of council, senior administration staff, infrastructure service managers, supervisors etc. These individuals are identified with an asterisk beside their name as such \*

Thank You

Steve Huculak

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Huculak', written in a cursive style.

March 31, 2022

To: Darryl Drohomerski, CAO, Town of Drumheller

**RE: Public Hearing for Proposed Bylaw 05.22 to close a portion of Riverside Drive East to construct a DIKE / BERM**

We, named as attached, are against the closure of Riverside Drive East for the following reasons:

- 1) Closure of this major arterial route on Riverside Dr E eliminates the north-south traffic flow pattern within and through Drumheller. This major arterial route remains the best route for emergency service responders to use when heading east or southbound within Drumheller. This also remains to be a major residential and tourist traffic route within Drumheller.
- 2) The Town of Drumheller has indicated that options other than the closure of Riverside Dr E will cost the residents significant tax dollars yet there are no actual costs attached to any other options. If the Province has mandated Drumheller to construct all berms to 1850 cm/s plus 0.75 freeboard, Drumheller should be in a stronger position to receive additional funding to protect all of Drumheller. There has been no communication to the public that Drumheller has requested or received more flood mitigation funding from the province. There have been no actual costs of other options presented to the public, other than approximate overbudget projected costs.
- 3) No actual costs to construct alternative traffic routes have been presented to the public. We are told that the costs for alternative traffic routes will be borne by the taxpayer, i.e. the upgrade and land purchase of 5<sup>th</sup> Street E. and N. Railway Avenue intersection.
- 4) At the public forum meetings held for Newcastle and Midland it was stated that an adaptive fill alignment will be used for flood mitigation. To use Newcastle as an example, we were informed that the greater portion of

Riverside Avenue would be treated as an adaptive fill alignment. This means that if a flood warning was announced the Town staff would haul dirt fill and construct a temporary berm. Why is this not an option for Riverside Drive E? If the Town can play double jeopardy with the upstream homeowners in Newcastle and Midland, why not make Riverside Drive alongside the Little League Ball Park area to 5<sup>th</sup> Street East an adaptive fill alignment protection area. This route, Riverside Dr., makes more sense as an alternative option as opposed to the Newcastle and Midland areas. The pavement on Riverside Dr. is 10" plus thick as opposed to 4" thick in Newcastle and Midland.

- 5) In 2013 the Town purchased \$1M dollars worth of flood equipment including portable barriers that could be placed along Riverside Dr. should a high water event occur.
- 6) There are other engineering design options that have not been considered such as a step-up interlocking precast barrier wall behind the curb along Riverside Drive. This wall could be similar to the current one in Midland on North River Drive, with the use of interlocking precast barriers as opposed to a poured in place 10' high concrete wall as suggested by the flood design engineers.
- 7) Why is the Town's focus on the protection of Riverside Drive E when other parts of the valley remain unprotected? The Town has not addressed areas of the valley where riverbank needs to be armoured with riprap (in Newcastle along Riverside Dr.) to prevent further bank deterioration. The island within the river upstream of Newcastle Beach needs to be dredged out on the north side. This curve within our river system is the most intrusive area within the valley river system and should this bank not be armoured now the taxpayers will be paying for this in the future. The same scenario applies on the north side of the river by the hospital from 9<sup>th</sup> St. NW going upstream to the Newcastle Beach Island. The entire bank is unstable and is in critical need of armour protection. The list goes on. In Midland on North River Drive where the current barrier wall exists now lacks the height by approximately 1.2 metres. We are told that the Town will treat this area as an adaptable fill alignment area and bring in dirt fill should a flood alert occur. The same question exists, "What if we sustain torrential rain and dirt fill cannot be put down? Why is the Town's focus on

the Mayor and Council's showcase DIKE / BERM in the downtown area when other areas of the valley remain unprotected and only temporary flood mitigation solutions have been proposed by the Town?

- 8) The proposed berm on Riverside Drive E will have a 3.0 metre height from this asphalt roadway surface to the top of the berm. Underneath this roadway houses a major sanitary sewer line (300 mm or 12") that carries sewer from 2<sup>nd</sup> St. W to 5<sup>th</sup> St. known as the low-level sewer system. This sewer line is estimated at some 70 to 80 years old since original install. Is this a wise decision to risk major sewer pipe collapse or blockage that may require digging up for repair? Such as repair would require digging to a depth of 6.0 metres.
- 9) This proposed DIKE / BERM, should it be constructed, on Riverside Dr. will end up being an extremely high cost for future maintenance not to mention the cost that will be associated from major rain and snow storms. This will be an ongoing burden to those immediate homeowners within this area. All taxpayers will suffer the consequences.

In conclusion, we ask that the proposed closure of Riverside Dr. E. be decided through a plebiscite as this issue impacts all the residents of Drumheller.



Steve Huculak



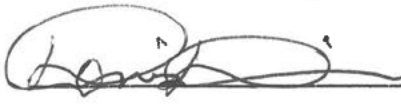





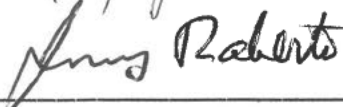



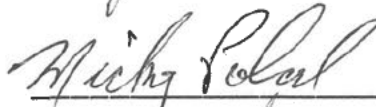











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NOTE: SHE WILL SUBMIT HER OWN LETTER.

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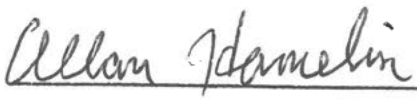
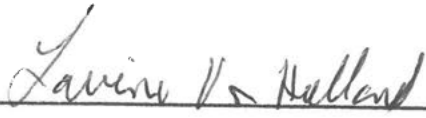
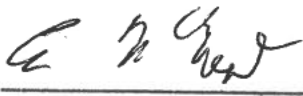

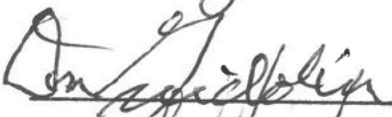





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	DAN THOM	5th ST. EAST DRUMHELLER
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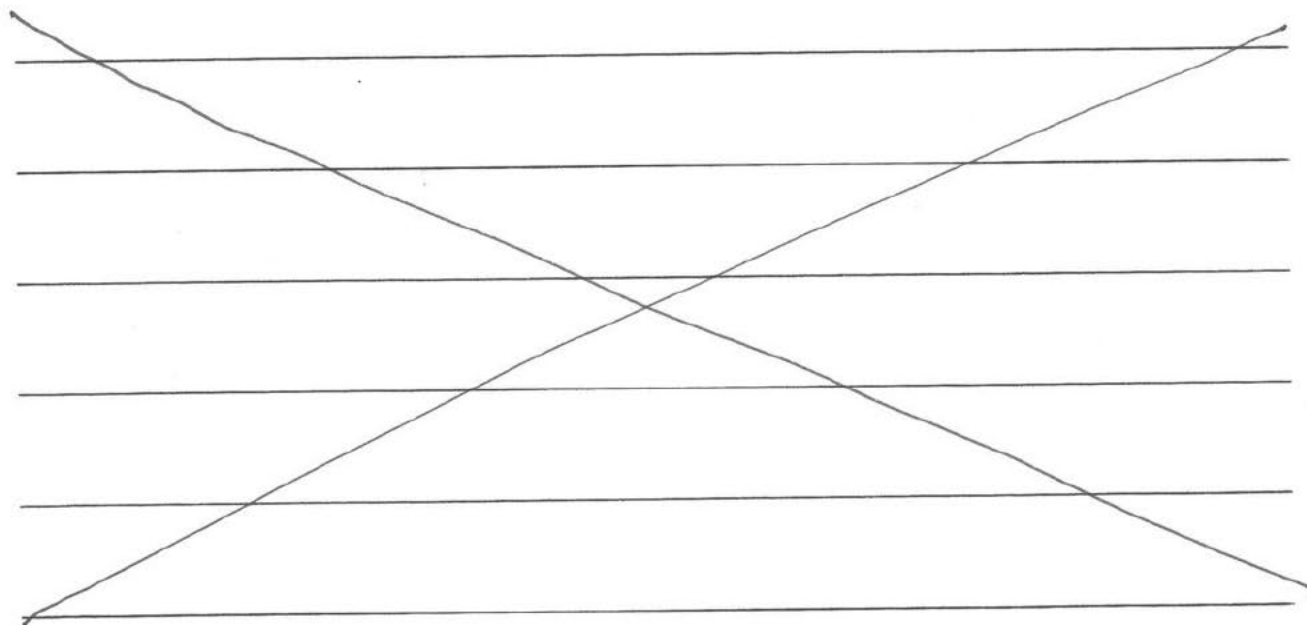
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**From:** [Jim Gerlinger](#)  
**To:** [Town of Drumheller CAO](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Riverside east road closure  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 12, 2022 5:14:10 PM

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> On Apr 11, 2022, at 8:14 PM, Jim Gerlinger [REDACTED] > wrote:

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> I would like to express my strong disagreement with the planned road closure of riverside drive east, as our mayor and council know this is the main access for residence on the east side of Drumheller to downtown, the arena, community centre, clinic, but it is also the fastest route to the hospital.

>

> It is time our town elected officials start representing the community and ALL tax payers within it , we only get one chance to do this and to get it right, when its done everyone in town has to live with the consequences and inconvenience of this road closure while the flood mitigation and its representatives who appear strongly in favour of the closure will have all left town and moved on.

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> I believe there were 3 options that flood mitigation presented but there was extra costs associated with it, so be it, we do not need anymore road closures, and if spending extra money and doing it differently and keeping the road open then thats what needs to be done.

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> In closing, before the consideration is made to move forward with the road closure by council, if that is there choice, then I believe it should go to a plebiscite so all the residence of Drumheller have a say in the final decision .  
Thank you

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> Jim Gerlinger

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**From:** [Trevor Catonio](#)  
**To:** [Town of Drumheller CAO](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed road closure  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 12, 2022 8:07:18 AM

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I would like to let it be known that we are totally opposed to the proposed road closures along Riverside Drive. Owning property in the area, we do not feel that it is in the best interest of all to proceed with this flood mitigation option, and it is only an option. Being long time residents of this town, the result of this closure will definitely cause congestion along Railway avenue from 5th street to Hiway 9. There needs to be a better solution found. Thank You.

Trevor and Debbie Catonio

**From:** [Cathy Arndt](#)  
**To:** [Town of Drumheller CAO](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Road Closure  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 13, 2022 3:24:25 PM

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Mayor Colberg  
Members of Town Council  
CAO of Town of Drumheller

Thank you for the opportunity to express our opinions on this proposal. Unfortunately I do not agree with this closure. I feel there are many consequences to the closure that haven't been either thought of or addressed. I feel like this is being rushed and we the tax payers haven't been given all the information we should have. I'm not requesting time at the public hearing but just want my opinion conveyed to you.

Thank you for your time.

Regards

Cathy Arndt

Re

Sent from my iPhone

April 13, 2022

Legislative Services – Town of Drumheller c/o [cao@drumheller.ca](mailto:cao@drumheller.ca)

RE: PROPOSED BYLAW 05.22

Good afternoon Mr. Drohmerski,

I am writing to express my deep concern and disappointment regarding Administration's decision to possibly close a portion of Riverside Drive. Riverside Drive is such a major traffic route, that altering it in the way proposed seems nothing less than ridiculously poor planning, thoughtless disregard for citizens and tourists, and significant complications for those living east of 5<sup>th</sup> street to get to downtown businesses and special events held there.

Yes, flood mitigation must happen, but there are numerous other options besides an ugly, giant sized, higher maintenance earthen berm that obstructs the view of our beautiful valley. Several concerned citizens have offered various ideas that could/would provide protection from flooding without the intrusiveness of traffic being diverted to narrower, mostly residential streets with vehicles parked on both sides.

I think it's important that Drumheller citizens be given the opportunity to vote on whether or not they are willing to accept this proposed plan. That way, Council would be assuring us that we indeed have fair representation when it comes to major changes such as proposed in the above bylaw.

Yours truly,

Linda Gerlinger

CC: Drumheller Mayor and Council Members

April 13, 2022

To: Legislative Services, Town of Drumheller ([cao@drumheller.ca](mailto:cao@drumheller.ca))

Re: Closure of Riverside Drive East

I totally disagree with the planned road closure of Riverside Drive East. I have been using that route for 50 years. I'm not going to try to explain why this is a bad idea because that is clearly a no-brainer and there is not much more to say that has not already been said.

In the beginning of this flood mitigation idea, the powers that be thought \$55 million could fund a flood protection berm to the moon and back. They have since grounded themselves and realized that in today's world that is hardly the case. This plan is based solely on saving money by not doing this project the proper way. That is precisely why Lehigh will no longer exist and why the family in Cambria will receive not only no funding, but also no berm protection – apparently they are just not worth it.

Before the decision is made to move forward with this closure it should go to a public plebiscite and I am pretty sure what the results of that would be.

A concerned citizen,

Don Gerlinger



**From:** [rod dormer](#)  
**To:** [Town of Drumheller CAO](#)  
**Subject:** Closure of 3rd Avenue and Riverside Drive East  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 13, 2022 11:36:01 AM

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#### Closure of 3rd Avenue and Riverside Drive East

Do not penalize the whole community over a situation that may not happen for 100 years. Flooding can be contained by quickly building a dirt berm to contain the high water flow. We do not need a permanent berm! 3rd avenue and Riverside Drive East is a major vehicular route and accommodates both residents and visitors. This route is a natural flow of traffic from East Drumheller as well as a lot of traffic off Hwy 9 proceeding into the centre core.

Anyone with a RV, motorhome or trailer will look at the side streets leading to the Big Dinosaur and definitely not proceed as the large overhanging trees, parking on both sides of the street and narrow turning as entering other streets is an impediment.

Do we want to destroy our downtown as it is already in peril due to narrow streets and parking constraints.

Cost of moving utility's infrastructure-Shaw and ATCO lines. (500;000)

So....how do we fix this situation that most residents do not see as a problem however, the Engineers and our Town Council and Alberta Environment and Federal Environment are dead set on physically ruining our beautiful town at our expense.

When the election was held last October, we all voted for those individuals who expressed hope, growth, prosperity and maintaining judicious review of flood mitigation planning and options. We have never heard any alternative proposals only 'engineer said' responses. Engineers come and go, we LIVE here and so do you Mayor and Council! Your actions and COMPLIANCE with Engineers are ruining this Municipality. Drumheller, in looking to the future, will be pushed into a tourist stop only, not a vibrant service centre. People are so upset, long time residents are talking about moving.....

Mayor and Council - have you given this project serious future vision?

Roadways should be efficient and easy to manoeuvre for all traffic so, closing 3rd avenue does just the opposite. A closure of roads that does not allow traffic to flow through in a timely and unencumbered manner is irresponsible as well as frustrating for smaller commercial trucks and Recreational vehicles.

Stop, Think, Look, Listen, What is the Best for Drumheller. Who is in charge?

How dare you take your Power of the Public Purse and Stewart of the People and hand it over to Engineers. Rather, how can you take the Engineers Recommendations and together with Alberta Environment and the people then.....come up with a Better Plan? You, Mayor and Council, make the final decision, what is your time in office going to reflect on you and this decision.

To see By-Laws already passed first reading is proof that No one is Listening at Town Office.

We realize Mayor and Council are charged with a huge responsibility and undertaking in this particular area of Flood Mitigation, However, due process to LISTEN to the public has not been made openly and consistently available. Please, please get out and talk, listen and look at alternatives.

1. flood mitigation project
2. Closure of 3rd Avenue and Riverside Drive East

We want to VOTE, we have a vested interest in this community.

Rod and Elaine Dormer

Dave and Marilyn Jorgensen

Sent from my iPad

Re: Drumheller Road Closures & Access-  
Traffic Chaos — April 19, 2022 — G.W.Clozza

We are disappointed that Council has never asked voters whether they are in favour of the closures or not. Probably because they knew that the majority response would be a resounding “NO”. Council were given three options by the Engineers, and two of them would leave the Roads open. Council decided to accept the option to close before they made any public announcement, and that the option to close is all about staying within their budget of \$35m. Some things are more important than money, and this is one of them. If asked, I believe most taxpayers would be prepared to pay a little more to save the Roads. If the Roads are closed, the legacy of those who voted in favour will not soon be forgotten. I am aware that this conflict with Council may not be something of prime interest to the DOT, and it might have to wait until the next election, or possibly a recall petition, to be settled.

The DOT is concerned with the impacts to the highway network and access for emergency services. We have other concerns related to the impact on tourism, residents living east of the closures and costs, but I will leave those for others to address.

Having decided to close the roads before approval, Council is now trying to justify their decision, after the fact. They have changed their cost estimates and their access plans several times to attempt to do this.

Council said on December 9th, 2021, “access for emergency vehicles to neighbourhoods east of downtown will be maintained via a gravel alleyway connecting 3rd Ave.E and 5th St. E.” The response was immediate, negative and laughable.

On March 16, 2022, Council announced a new plan for emergency vehicle access downtown. Fire trucks and RCMP going to a call east, would proceed two blocks south on Centre St. to a “T” intersection and then a tight turn, east or west on Rwy Ave. To facilitate the route east Council purchased land and a contaminated building at the intersection of 5th St. E. and Rwy Ave. for \$149k with taxpayers dollars and before they received approval for the closure bylaw. Additional costs will include demolition, disposal and road alignment. The purchase price and extra costs are not part of the flood control budget, but they could have been used to keep the Roads open.

At present, Centre St. consists of two driving lanes with diagonal parking on each side. It is difficult for two regular vehicles to pass in the driving lanes. For larger vehicles even a change to parallel parking will not solve the congestion problem. The Town’s own survey (date and time unknown) indicates 200 vehicles per hour on Centre St. Council’s new plan will also divert more traffic from 5th St. E., west onto Rwy Ave. and north onto Centre St. There will be more traffic going north and south on Centre St., and chaos when mvs. meet emergency responders and there is NO place to go!

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The RCMP recognized this dilemma. The S/Sgt. said in a letter dated March 15, 2022, that closing Riverside Dr. would be somewhat of an inconvenience for the RCMP, but negligible because of the smaller vehicles. But he did add:

“During peak traffic hours downtown (summertime with an influx of population), I would of course discourage members from travelling:  
\*\* **through the downtown core at all** [my emphasis]  
due to the traffic lights, and chance for increased congestion to try and navigate.”

If there is a concern for the movement of smaller emergency vehicles, one can only imagine one or two large fire trucks trying to manoeuvre Centre St. at a busy time. If they make it to Rwy Ave. then they have to negotiate a narrow “T” intersection, and other obstacles enroute. We know that every minute counts when responding to a fire or an accident, and I understand that at least 5 volunteers must drive to the fire hall before a truck can leave. Some live to the east and often use Riverside Dr. or 3rd Ave., but now will be forced to speed through residential avenues. The Director of Protective Services has tried to alleviate the Fire Dept.’s concerns, but failed. In all fairness the Director is a retired RCMP member with limited fire-fighting knowledge, and he has been given statements to read. I know that the Fire Dept. is still very much opposed to the new access plan, and the proposed closure of the Roads. ( In 2021, fire trucks used Riverside Dr. E. in excess of 70X.)

Most Communities want a “ring” road like Riverside Dr., but Drumheller Council would rather FUNNEL extra traffic onto, at times, a very busy Centre St. If this congestion causes delays to emergency responses, and results in an accident, or loss of life or property, I can foresee a major legal claim.

This turmoil and uncertainty can be avoided by leaving Riverside Dr. and 3rd Ave. open, as they are, with the construction of a retaining wall on top of the existing berm. There is no doubt that Riverside Dr. E. is the quickest route (no lights, minimal traffic or intersections) for the Fire Dept., and is also the best route to Highways 9 & 10 , going east or south.

G.W.Clozza  
(Retired PCJ)



The Honourable Rajan Sawhney,  
Minister of Transportation for the  
Province of Alberta.

January 31, 2022

Dear Madam,

The Town of Drumheller is proposing closing two major roads soon, and I and many other residents are very much opposed. I am directing this letter to you because pursuant to s.22 of the MGA, approval by the Minister of Transportation is required before the bylaw receives second reading. I have cc'd a copy to the Honourable Nate Horner, our MLA, because he has been provided with extensive information regarding the proposed action and is aware of the public opposition.

Drumheller presently has four main roadways into and through the Town centre:

- (1) Highway #9 (2nd St. West):
- (2) South Rwy Ave;
- (3) 3rd Ave. East;
- (4) Riverside Drive East.

Council propose CLOSING roadways (3) and (4), where they intersect near 5th St. East, to facilitate the construction of a new berm on top of Riverside Drive East. This is an effort to save some money (how much we don't know because the "preliminary estimated costs" keep changing with a 25%+/- margin of error), relative to the millions spent elsewhere in the valley on flood mitigation. They do admit that there are other options other than closing these roads, including building a retaining wall on an existing berm at that location.

The two roadways in question serve and provide access to a large residential community to the east, a High School, a major seniors facility, tourist traffic and emergency vehicles. Council takes the position that FIRE, EMS and RCMP are on-side with these closures. I know for a fact that is NOT the case, and that these emergency services are very concerned with the negative impact the closures would have on response times and potential legal liability. Riverside Drive is used frequently by emergency vehicles, with FIRE alone using it in excess of 70x in 2021. The use by other emergency vehicles should be well documented.

Other than a brief absence at U of A, I have been a resident and taxpayer of Drumheller for most of my 78 years. I have always had a special interest in Drumheller, and even ran for Mayor back in the 70's. When I read about the proposed closures, I was shocked and angry

that such an idea would even be considered. I'm not alone. Former Mayors and Councillors, a retired CAO of many years and retired employees, all feel the same way. I believe that if a plebiscite were held that the vast majority would oppose the closures.

Our new Council will say that they are only following the advise of the Engineers. However, the final vote on the bylaw (to close) will be the SOLE responsibility of each Councillor and should reflect the will of the majority of taxpayers. We are a growing major Tourist location, and we need more access, not less. Detouring traffic onto narrow residential streets with on-street parking is not the answer. Our downtown streets are often congested, even without tourist traffic or emergency vehicles.

There are many concerns about the proposed closure, but I respectfully suggest your Government should consider the impact of the closures on Tourism and Emergency services. On behalf of myself and our Community, I would urge you to deny the consent required by s.22 MGA. If you require any additional information please contact me any time.

Sincerely,  
Gordon W. Clozza  
(Retired PCJ of Alberta)





**From:** [lesnbet Diehl](#)  
**To:** [Town of Drumheller CAO](#)  
**Subject:** Submission to Mr. D. Drohomerski, CAO Re: Public Hearing Proposed Bylaw 05.22 13/4/22  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 13, 2022 1:18:50 PM

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Dear Mayor, Councillors, and CAO for the Town of Drumheller,

Hello and thank you for your service and the details of the proposed closure of a section of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street East and Riverside Drive thoroughfare presented March 16<sup>th</sup>. Despite concerted efforts from the Flood Mitigation Office to address resident's concerns, at the April 11 Council Meeting, the Mayor addressed the public informing them that the CAO had received a staggering number of emails in the first quarter of this year. Writers may be commenting on a variety of issues, but this closure is so controversial surely, it's paramount among them. Of the total emails, those deemed unanswerable were discarded, leaving over seven thousand-one-hundred yet to be addressed. And those are just emails. Clearly, residents are worried, if not outraged. Many are asking for a plebiscite. Please demonstrate recognition of the electorate and hold one.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Street East/ Riverside Drive thoroughfare - the old Highway 9 - is not only part of the valley's history, it leads to the Gordon Taylor Bridge and is one of only two North/South thoroughfares in Drumheller. The proposed closure will increase already heavy traffic at two of the town's busiest intersections south of the bridge – West Railway Avenue and (approximately half a block south) the four-way crossing on the current Highway 9/56. Between them, southbound vehicles can also exit west into the industrial area. Trucks and carriers travelling through on the current highway, some hauling dangerous goods, use these intersections to enter and leave that area. Increasingly heavy traffic, access to the industrial area, and the close proximity of these intersections to each other, are concerning. If a hazardous materials spill or serious accident occurs closing these intersections, the only direct route through town to the bridge is the 5<sup>th</sup> Street East/Riverside Drive thoroughfare.

And that's just one of several serious concerns. By combining flood mitigation with downtown revitalization, residents are left to speculate that this closure has more to do with boosting business than mitigating floods. But traffic forced to re-route through our very limited downtown road network (some of them driving motorhomes and pulling fifth wheels) could do just the opposite. Frustrated with congestion downtown, people may simply avoid the area altogether.

New attractions, new campgrounds, and the recent upswing in RV-ing, are increasing traffic in Drumheller. Widely promoted online, the Riverside Kinsmen Park and Nature Trail which borders a ten block residential area from 9<sup>th</sup> Street East to 19<sup>th</sup> Street East, has also become popular with tourists.. The Park is beautiful in the Fall, and extends tourism well into the shoulder season. Locals regularly use the Park for everything from fitness classes to church services and weddings. Many vehicles enter and leave the Park directly by taking the 5<sup>th</sup> Street East/ Riverside Drive thoroughfare.

Suggesting driver's cut through neighbourhoods to enter and exit the Riverside Kinsmen Park using 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue East - the parallel road south of these neighbourhoods - promotes driving through residential streets where heavier traffic isn't routine, and hastens the degradation of East Drumheller communities.

The same can be said for the residential neighbourhood east of downtown. Vehicles encountering the closure at 5<sup>th</sup> Street East and Riverside Drive will continue straight west on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Then, reluctant to merge with traffic downtown, drivers can try to get to the World's Largest Dinosaur by heading north on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets East. When these streets eventually meet Riverside - an area consisting of two medical clinics, the RCMP, and the Badlands Community Facility where the library, events and sports venues are located - drivers will then have to turn left across traffic to continue toward the World's Largest Dinosaur. And there will be much more traffic because of the location of the proposed parking lot. Essentially, the World's Largest Dinosaur, waterpark, and Aquaplex at the west end of Riverside Drive and the proposed parking lot at the east end abutting the closure, will bookend traffic compressing it into a very busy five blocks.

Flood Mitigation has put forth options to this closure. A plebiscite is more than warranted. And the electorate need to be heard. Traffic and tourism are inextricably linked and tourism is increasing exponentially. As indicated by our need for employee housing, we're becoming an alternate destination to Canmore and Banff. Thank you for weighing these concerns. We simply can't afford to be short-sighted. Most definitely, we can't afford the high cost of losing this very scenic, historic, and vitally important thoroughfare.

Sincerely,

Betty M.E. Doyle

██████ - 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. East

Drumheller, Alberta

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Sharon Oster](#)  
**To:** [Town of Drumheller CAO](#)  
**Subject:** Road Closure  
**Date:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 9:06:41 AM

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I have sent this letter to our MLA Nate Horner, to our MP Damien Kurek and to Alberta's Transport Minister Rajan Sawhney, but I would still like it to be included in all the submissions to the Minister of Transportation.

I'm sure a lot of people think: 'I am one person, I only have 1 voice, and it won't make a difference anyway!'

But I decided, I have to try! Today is the last ditch effort for the taxpayers of Drumheller to voice their concerns over the proposed road closure, on Riverside Drive. Until the public hearing on April 19th, the ink is not dry on this proposal and the scale and cost of this project can (and should be) amended.

I'm sure there are not too many Drumheller citizens that don't agree that some form of flood mitigation should be done, but I know of no one who is in favor of what is being done now and proposed. Our Mayor, Town Council and the engineers they have hired have gone WAY overboard, to the point where they have already begun to ruin our town and if they are allowed to continue, will further devastate our community beyond repair.

I realize that the Mayor and some councillors were unfortunately re-elected. And also, unfortunately, appear to be arrogant enough to think that was a sign from the voters that they have permission to do as they please, regardless of the consequences. They are not working on behalf of ALL their citizens, they have not ever or now really listened to the concerns of its taxpayers or are doing what's in the communities best interest. I don't feel they have been open and honest with what has been going on, from the get-go, with much of the decision making done in secret and not made public until after the fact. They refuse to share what the costs are, or how much of the money given to the town, from the provincial and federal governments for this project, have already been spent. (Rumour has it that they are already over budget, and the actual construction has not begun.) Each section of this project should have a proposed budget (no different if you were going to buy a car, house or piece of furniture). But when asked specifically for the total budget for the Willow Estates dyke, for example, the engineer said "I don't have that information available." This to me and a lot of other town's people is very concerning! Because if they have no money budgeted, is there even money available? Are they building this monstrosity, hoping the governments will fork over more money? Or are the taxpayers going to be left holding the bag? This goes for each and every leg of the dyke/berm project.

The latest in the string of colossal boneheaded ideas, is to permanently close off a section of Riverside Drive, to put in cul-de-sacs at the end of 5th Street and 3rd Avenue respectfully, to put some sort of round-about or traffic circle at the 4-way stop at the corner of 5th Street and Railway Avenue, rerouting all traffic through downtown, specifically putting a do-not-enter sign or must-turn sign, going west on Railway Avenue, so all traffic must drive down Centre Street. Now, I'm not sure you have ever driven a 5th wheel, motorhome or huge diesel pusher in a strange place, down a main street, but it is not a lot of fun! Add to that the other tourist traffic, local traffic and angle parking and you have a recipe for disaster. But wait: also add to all of this, Centre Street is now the only way for emergency traffic to get out of downtown,

because of the proposed road closure of Riverside Drive, which has been the fastest way for emergency vehicles to travel south and east out of Drumheller, with no impact to downtown. They supposedly did a traffic study, (in December, when tourist traffic is at its lowest), and it was deemed to have no impact. They supposedly asked someone (not the fire chief) about response times for emergency vehicles, using this new proposed route and whomever they asked, said it would only be impacted by a second or two. Again in December, with no tourist traffic. Not, in my opinion, worth the cost of closing a main thoroughfare, building cul-de-sacs and roundabouts, not to mention the main & residential streets were not built to withstand this kind of traffic long term. The fire chief was asked about response times, by another concerned citizen. His reply was that the new proposed route would take approximately 4 minutes longer to get to a fire east of downtown. He also said that a fire doubles in size every minute it is burning, so a response time of 4 minutes longer could mean the difference between saving a house or not, or saving a life or not!

It is because of the monstrosity of the proposed dyke at the bottom of Schumacher's Corner on Riverside Drive that has precipitated all of this. Correct me if I'm wrong but according to a cart-blank ruling by Fish & Wildlife, the dyke/berm can't be built into the Red Deer River because of the impact on the aquatic life there. I'm pretty sure the fish will swim by, not noticing anything, and this particular section of the river does not harbour any other protected or endangered aquatic life, to my knowledge. Also, if you have been around the Red Deer river after a heavy rain, you would not notice any aquatic life at all, due to all the muddy runoff. Perhaps this ruling from Fish & Wildlife could be amended in this instance. I would also like to know who made the decision that aquatic life was more important than other forms of wildlife along the river; notably birds, insects, rabbits, squirrels, snakes etc. Their habitats have been and continue to be destroyed at will, with no regard. Unlike the fish, these species might likely not return. Not to mention, the destruction of beautiful 100+ year old trees, the likes of which your and my grandchildren will likely never see again. With regards to the destruction of the trees all along the Red Deer River, someone, in their infinite wisdom, thinks that the removal of the trees, shrubs and underbrush, healthy or otherwise, won't result in any erosion. Perhaps they should have a look in California and British Columbia, where the wildfires took everything in their path, at the erosion issues they have now.

All this is to protect the lift station at Schumacher's corner, Riverside Drive & 4th Ave, which was not compromised in either of the valley floods. There was never a 'boil water order' in place for east Drumheller. This, and other lift stations, can be protected with other measures, instead of a dyke/berm of gigantic proportions and extravagant & needless costs. I would like to know if anyone thought to move or raise the lift stations? Perhaps this would have been less expensive and had less destructive impact on the community.

Unlike the Mayor, CAO, town council and Flood Mitigation Committee, who would destroy this community, rather than admit to have made an error in judgement. They consider this 'written-in-stone' and have done, long before now and before the ink has officially dried. (Contracts can be amended or cancelled (Provincial NDP - oil companies), so why not in this instance.) The community, as a whole, doesn't feel the town has done enough to address their concerns. And I feel that some of the shared information has neglected to tell both sides of the story or has been skewed in the town's favor. I feel the town is pushing their agenda too quickly, that not enough study, thought or common sense has been put into a decision of this magnitude!

Also it was my understanding that the Dickson Dam was built expressly for water control

downstream, and secondly as a recreational body of water. If the dam was managed the way it was intended, instead of catering to the boaters, Drumheller would need very little IF ANY flood mitigation.

Those of us who have been and are continuing to fight against this whole berm/dyke project, do so because we love our town and don't want to see it irreparably destroyed. I admit though, we may need some divine intervention.

Thanks for listening  
Sharon Oster



**From:** [Barbara Campbell](#)  
**To:** [Town of Drumheller CAO](#)  
**Subject:** Closure of Riverside Drive  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 12, 2022 7:50:55 PM

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I will be submitting a letter and names of residents of Maple Ridge Manor 1 who are against this closure.

**Residents of Maple Ridge Manor 1  
250 - 2 St. E  
Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4**

Council  
Town of Drumheller

Re: Closure of Riverside Dr. East

The enclosed list of residents of Maple Ridge Manor 1, situated on 2nd St. East, are very concerned about the closure of Riverside Drive between 3 Street E. and Schumacher Corner that Council is undertaking at this time. As this is a narrow residential street consisting of two senior manors, a church with a play school and with parking on both sides of the street, we feel it is unable to accommodate the extra traffic which will be using it as a way to get to the BCF, medical clinics, recreation and tourist facilities located along Riverside Drive.

As a number of the residents do not drive they have to rely on walkers and scooters to get around and stay mobile. They may be startled by loud vehicles and this could prove to be dangerous for them. Also as tourists are attempting to get to the Largest Dinosaur and Spray Park they may be distracted looking for signage, which again could be a danger to a slow walking senior.

Received: April 14 - DL

Name	Address	Signature
	- 250 2 St. E. Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4	<i>Susie DeFoor</i>
Susie DeFoor	- 250 2 St. E. Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4	
Paul Broger	- 250 2 St. E. Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4	<i>Paul Broger</i>
Terry Kelly	- 250 2 St. E. Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4	<i>Terry Kelly</i>
Stan Solberg	- 250 2 St. E. Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4	<i>Stan Solberg</i>
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Joy Fournier	- 250 2 St. E. Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4	<i>Joy Fournier</i>
Cindy Foster	- 250 2 St. E. Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4	<i>Cindy Foster</i>
Janice Faulter	- 250 2 St. E. Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4	<i>Janice Faulter</i>
Lylia Fuller	- 250 2 St. E. Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4	<i>Lylia Fuller</i>
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Ron Goruik	- 250 2 St. E. Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4	<i>Ron Goruik</i>
Bernice Cosgrave	- 250 2 St. E. Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4	<i>Bernice Cosgrave</i>
Lyn Cunnannon	- 250 2 St. E. Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4	<i>Lyn Cunnannon</i>
Helen Dube	- 250 2 St. E. Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4	<i>Helen Dube</i>
Mikki Koopmans	- 250 2 St. E. Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4	<i>Mikki Koopmans</i>
Murray Walker	- 250 2 St. E. Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4	<i>Murray Walker</i>
Joan Cote	- 250 2 St. E. Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4	<i>Joan Cote</i>
Barb Campbell	- 250 2 St. E. Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4	<i>Barb Campbell</i>
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Owen Moffatt	- 250 2 St. E. Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4	<i>Owen Moffatt</i>
Lee Shackleton	- 250 2 St. E. Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4	<i>Lee Shackleton</i>
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Jan Harper	- 250 2 St. E. Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4	<i>Jan Harper</i>
Doug Kline	- 250 2 St. E. Drumheller, AB. T0J 0Y4	<i>Doug Kline</i>
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