



TOWN OF DRUMHELLER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

TIME & DATE: 4:30 PM – Monday, August 11, 2025

LOCATION: Council Chambers, 224 Centre Street, via Teams platform and
[Live Stream on Drumheller Valley YouTube Channel](#).

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Chief Administrative Officer: Darryl Drohomerski
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Esther Quiambao
Dir. of Corporate & Community Services: Victoria Chan
Dir. of Infrastructure: Jared Brounstein
Dir. of Emergency & Protective Services: Greg Peters
Communications Officer: Erica Crocker
IT Support: Angela Keibel
Recording Secretary: Mitchell Visser

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Colberg called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

2. **OPENING COMMENTS**

Councillor Zariski congratulated and thanked the Badlands Amphitheatre for their successful Great Big Weekend, featuring three incredible concerts. He also thanked the approximately 100 volunteers and noted the events would not be possible without them.

Councillor Kolafa wished good luck to all the athletes who will be participating later this month in the Leduc at the Alberta 55+ games, and shared there is an opportunity to give them a send off with a picnic in the park pep rally this Wednesday at the newly developed Centennial Park.

Mayor Colberg announced there will be a Special Council Meeting on August 18, 2025. The following items will be on the agenda: the proposed 2026 schedule for the Dino Drifter Community Event Float; the Q2 Quarterly Report for Corporate & Community Services; the third reading of the Record Retention and Disposition Bylaw #25.25; and the retirement of Chief Administrative Officer Darryl Drohomerski and the appointment of new CAO Esther Quiambao. She reminded residents that all Council meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend.

3. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

4.1 Agenda for the August 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

M2025.275 Moved by Councillor Sereda, Councillor Kolafa
That Council adopt the agenda for the August 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. MEETING MINUTES

5.1 **Minutes for the July 21, 2025, Regular Council Meeting**

Agenda Attachment: Regular Council Meeting – July 21, 2025 – Draft Minutes

M2025.276 Moved by Councillor Price, Councilor Zariski
That Council approves the minutes for the July 21, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

DELEGATIONS

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

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INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

7.1 **Director of Infrastructure Services**

7.1.1 **Infrastructure Services – 2025 Q2 Quarterly Report**

Agenda Attachments: Briefing Note; 2025 Q2 Quarterly Report Presentation.

M2025.277 Moved by Councilor Zariski, Councillor Kolafa
That Council accepts the 2025 Q2 Quarterly Report of the Infrastructure Services Department, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Colberg called a recess at 5:26 p.m.

Mayor Colberg resumed the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

6. PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 P.M.

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6.1 **Proposed Municipal Development Plan Amending Bylaw #26.25**

Agenda Attachments: Briefing Note; Bylaw #26.25 - Municipal Development Plan Amending Bylaw (1st Reading); Consolidated Municipal Development Plan Bylaw #17.20; (Draft) Consolidated Municipal Development Plan Bylaw #17.20 (including proposed amendments from Bylaw #26.25); Written Submission – Wheatland County.

Mayor Colberg notified the public that the Public Hearing was held in accordance with Part 7 of the *Municipal Government Act* and the *Town of Drumheller Council and Committee Procedure Bylaw #04.21* to provide all persons or groups affected by proposed *Bylaw #26.25 – Municipal Development Plan Amending Bylaw* the opportunity to provide feedback prior to approval. She confirmed no decisions will be made at this meeting; Council will consider all submissions and will deliberate on this feedback at a future meeting of Council.

Mayor Colberg asked Chief Administrative Officer D. Drohomerski to introduce Bylaw #26.25, and he delegated the presentation to Development Officer A. Strilisky, who provided a brief explanation of the Bylaw's intended purpose. Legislative Services Coordinator, Angela Keibel, reviewed the rules of conduct and the procedure for the Public Hearing.

Presentations in Support

- No one registered to present in-person or remotely.
- One written submission from Wheatland County was received in support of Bylaw #26.25 and was published in the agenda package.
- Mayor Colberg then called three times for anyone present, either in person or remotely, who wished to express support for Bylaw #26.25, to come forward. There were no submissions and no speakers came forward.

Presentations in Opposition

- No one registered to present in-person or remotely, and no written submissions were received in opposition of proposed Bylaw #26.25.
- Mayor Colberg then called three times for anyone present, either in person or remotely, who wished to oppose proposed Bylaw #26.25, to come forward. There were no submissions and no speakers came forward.

Mayor Colberg requested clarifying questions from Council. Councillor Zariski asked the Manager of Economic Development if Bylaw #26.25 would be used for Economic Development purposes. Mayor Colberg indicated that the Manager of Economic Development not respond; the only clarifying questions that are permitted are those relating directly to a presentation. Mayor Colberg then called for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

M2025.278 Moved by Councillor Lacher, Councillor Kolafa
That the Public Hearing for proposed Municipal Development Plan Amending Bylaw #26.25 be opened at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

M2025.279 Moved by Councillor Sereda, Councillor Price
That the Public Hearing for proposed Municipal Development Plan Amending Bylaw #26.25 be closed at 5:38 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

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INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

7.1.1 Downtown Streetscape Improvement Task Force Appointments

Agenda Attachments: Request-for-Decision; Bylaw #22 – Downtown Streetscape Improvement Task Force Bylaw; Tracy Gendron Application – redacted; Patti Richardson Application – redacted; John Shoff Application – redacted; Chris Lorenz Application – redacted; Albert Ancis Application – redacted; Candace Lorenz Application – redacted; Michelle Fournier Application – redacted; Linnea Kenworthy Application – redacted; David Schinnour Application – redacted; Andrew Berdahl Application – redacted.

M2025.280 Moved by Councillor Sereda, Councillor Price
That Council appoints Tracy Gendron, Patti Richardson, John Shoff, Chris Lorenz, Candace Lorenz, Albert Ancis, Michelle Fournier, Linnea Kenworthy, Andrew Berdahl, and David Schinnour to the Downtown Streetscape Improvement Task Force for a term beginning August 11, 2025, and ending March 31, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.1.2 Memorial Bench Program

Agenda Attachments: Request-for-Decision; Policy # CS-A-01 Memorial Bench.

M2025.281 Moved by Councillor Kolafa, Councillor Lacher
That Council directs Administration to continue with a fulsome audit of the Memorial Bench Program and furthermore to develop and present an updated Memorial Program Policy for Council's consideration by December 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.1.3 Bridge 11 Replacement – Additional Funding

Agenda Attachment: Request-for-Decision.

M2025.282 Moved by Councillor Lacher, Councillor Kolafa
That Council approves the unbudgeted expense of \$231,475.50 to fund the completion of the Bridge 11 Project to be funded from the Transportation Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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7.2 Chief Administrative Officer

7.2.1 General Design Standards and Construction Specifications

Agenda Attachments: Request for Decision; Town of Drumheller General Design Standards and Construction Specifications (Draft).

M2025.283 Moved by Councilor Zariski, Councillor Price
That Council adopts the General Design Standards and Construction Specifications, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.2.2 Natural Gas Distribution Franchise Agreement Bylaw #20.25 (2nd Reading)

Agenda Attachments: Request for Decision; Bylaw #20.25 – Natural Gas Distribution Franchise Agreement (2nd); Bylaw #10.15 – Natural Gas Distribution System Franchise Agreement; AUC Disposition Letter 30192-D01-2025.

M2025.284 Moved by Councillor Lacher, Councillor Kolafa
That Council gives second reading to Natural Gas Distribution Franchise Agreement Bylaw #20.25, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

M2025.285 Moved by Councillor Kolafa, Councillor Lacher
That Council gives third and final reading to Natural Gas Distribution Franchise Agreement Bylaw #20.25, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.2.3 North Michichi Creek Land Designation Bylaw (1st Reading)

Agenda Attachments: Request for Decision; Bylaw #28.25 – North Michichi Creek Land Designation (1st Reading).

M2025.286 Moved by Councillor Price, Councillor Kolafa

That Council gives first reading to North Michichi Creek Land Designation Bylaw #28.25, as presented, and sets a Public Hearing date for Monday, September 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.2.4 Lehigh Land Designation Bylaw #29.25 (1st Reading)

Agenda Attachments: Request for Decision; Bylaw #29.25 – Lehigh Land Designation Bylaw (1st Reading).

M2025.287 Moved by Councillor Sereda, Councilor Zariski
That Council gives first reading to Lehigh Land Designation Bylaw #29.25, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

M2025.288 Moved by Councilor Zariski, Councillor Lacher
That Council gives second reading to Lehigh Land Designation Bylaw #29.25, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

M2025.289 Moved by Councillor Lacher, Councillor Kolafa
That Council gives unanimous consent for third and final reading of Lehigh Land Designation Bylaw #29.25.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

M2025.290 Moved by Councillor Price, Councillor Sereda
That Council gives third and final reading to Lehigh Land Designation Bylaw #29.25, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

EMERGENCY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

8. CLOSED SESSION

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8.1 Capital Projects Discussion

ATIA 29 – Advice from officials
ATIA 32 – Privileged information

M2025.291 Moved by Councillor Lacher, Councillor Sereda
That Council close the meeting to the public at 6:21 p.m. to discuss Capital Projects
as per ATIA 29 – Advice from officials and ATIA 32 – Privileged information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

M2025.292 Moved by Councillor Lacher, Councilor Zariski
That Council open the meeting to the public at 7:51 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ADJOURNMENT

M2025.293 Moved by Councillor Kolafa, Councillor Price
That Council adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



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