



TOWN OF DRUMHELLER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

TIME & DATE: 4:30 PM – Monday, September 8, 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: 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/Recording Secretary: Angela Keibel

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **OPENING COMMENTS**

Councillor Kolafa reminded potential candidates for the 2025 Municipal Election that Nomination Day is September 22, 2025, at 12:00 noon. If you're thinking about running for Mayor or Council in the upcoming election on October 20, book an appointment with the Returning Officer by emailing legislativeservices@drumheller.ca or calling 403-823-1347.

Councillor Zariski reminded the public that the Dinosaur Half Marathon is taking place Sunday, September 14, 2025, that over 600 participants will be taking part and asked everyone to be on the lookout Sunday morning. He also congratulated all the pickleball players who won medals in the most recent pickleball event and commented that pickleball "is taking over the world."

Councillor Zariski read and officially affirmed the Oath of Office for the position of Deputy Mayor for the months of September and October 2025.

3. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

4.1 Agenda for the September 8, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

M2025.319 Moved by Councillor Lacher, Councillor Price

That Council adopt the agenda for the September 8, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. MEETING MINUTES

5.1 **Minutes for the August 25, 2025, Regular Council Meeting**

Agenda Attachment: Regular Council Meeting – August 25, 2025 – Draft Minutes.

M2025.320 Moved by Councillor Sereda, Councillor Kolafa
That Council approves the minutes for the August 25, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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6.1 **Drumheller & District Senior's Foundation**

Agenda Attachment: June 26, 2025 – Regular Meeting – Minutes.

M2025.321 Moved by Councilor Zariski, Councillor Lacher
That Council accepts the Drumheller & District Senior's Foundation meeting minutes for the June 26, 2025, Regular Meeting, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.2 **Drumheller & District Solid Waste Management Association**

Agenda Attachment: June 13, 2025 – Regular Meeting – Minutes.

M2025.322 Moved by Councillor Kolafa, Councillor Price
That Council accepts the Drumheller & District Solid Waste Management Association meeting minutes for the June 13, 2025, Regular Meeting, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. DELEGATIONS

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7.1 **Drumheller Area Health Foundation**

Agenda Attachment: Presentation.

M2025.323 Moved by Councillor Lacher, Councillor Sereda
That Council accepts the presentation of the Grow Your Own Rural Nursing Program and Simulation Lab by the Drumheller Area Health Foundation, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

9.1 **Chief Administrative Officer**

9.1.1 **Municipal Development Plan Amending Bylaw #26.25 (2nd Reading)**

Agenda Attachments: Request for Decision; Bylaw #26.25 – Municipal Development Plan Amending Bylaw (2nd Reading); Municipal Development Plan (Office Consolidation) Bylaw #17.20 (showing Amending Bylaw #26.25 and clerical corrections).

M2025.324 Moved by Councillor Price, Councillor Kolafa
That Council gives second reading to Municipal Development Plan Amending Bylaw #26.25, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

M2025.325 Moved by Councillor Kolafa, Councillor Sereda
That Council gives third and final reading to Municipal Development Plan Amending Bylaw #26.25, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

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9.2 **Director of Corporate and Community Services**

9.2.1 **Request for Proposal Award – External Auditing Services**

Agenda Attachments: Request for Decision; Policy C-09-20 – Purchasing Policy.

M2025.326 Moved by Councillor Sereda, Councillor Lacher
That Council awards the auditing services contract to Metrix Group LLP Chartered Professional Accountants for the fiscal years beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2028, with the option to extend the contract for an additional two (2) years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

M2025.327 Moved by Councilor Zariski, Councillor Kolafa
That Council appoints Metrix Group LLP Chartered Professional Accountants as the Town of Drumheller's municipal auditors for the fiscal years beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2028.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.2.2 2026 Tax Recovery Public Auction – Establish Reserve Bid Values & Terms

Agenda Attachments: Request for Decision; 2025 Tax Recovery Public Auction List.

M2025.328 Moved by Councillor Lacher, Councillor Kolafa
That Council authorizes the 2025 tax recovery public auction to be held on January 23, 2026, and furthermore sets the assessed values as at July 31, 2025, as the reserve bid prices for the properties being offered for sale, and sets the terms and conditions for the sale as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

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9.3 Director of Infrastructure Services

9.3.1 Winter Maintenance – Midland Provincial Park Mine Site

Agenda Attachments: Request for Decision; Park Lot Area – Mine Site.

M2025.329 Moved by Councillor Lacher, Councillor Price
That Council approves the continuation of winter maintenance services at Midland Provincial Park for the 2025/26 season and the expansion of services to include the Midland Mine lower parking area, with snow and ice control provided by the Town of Drumheller and trail and washroom maintenance provided by the Badlands Trail Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

M2025.330 Moved by Councillor Kolafa, Councillor Lacher
That Council directs Administration to engage with Alberta Forestry and Parks to advocate for the Government of Alberta to assume year-round maintenance responsibilities for Midland Provincial Park and the Midland Mine lower parking area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

EMERGENCY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Mayor Colberg called a recess at 5:14 p.m.

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

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

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8.1 **Proposed North Michichi Creek Land Designation Bylaw #28.25**

Agenda Attachments: Briefing Note; Bylaw #28.25 - North Michichi Creek Land Designation (1st Reading).

M2025.331 Moved by Councillor Lacher, Councillor Price

That the Public Hearing for proposed North Michichi Creek Land Designation Bylaw #28.25 be opened at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Colberg notified the public that the Public Hearing was held in accordance with Part 7 of the *Municipal Government Act* and the *Council and Committee Procedure Bylaw* to give all affected persons the opportunity to provide feedback on North Michichi Creek Land Designation Bylaw #28.25. 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.

At the request of Mayor Colberg, Chief Administrative Officer E. Quiambao introduced Bylaw #28.25 and briefly spoke about its 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, and no written submissions were received in support of Bylaw #28.25.
- Mayor Colberg then called three times for anyone present, either in person or remotely, who wished to express support for Bylaw #28.25, 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 #28.25.
- Mayor Colberg then called three times for anyone present, either in person or remotely, who wished to oppose proposed Bylaw #28.25, to come forward. There were no submissions and no speakers came forward.

As there were no written submissions or presentations that required responses from Administration or clarifying questions from Council, Mayor Colberg then called for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

M2025.332 Moved by Councillor Price, Councillor Kolafa
That the Public Hearing for proposed North Michichi Creek Land Designation Bylaw
#28.25 be closed at 5:37 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ADJOURNMENT

M2025.333 Moved by Councillor Lacher, Councillor Price
That Council adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



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