



October 06, 2026

Delegation

Sgt. Ken Shamblaw from the Vermilion RCMP

Sgt. Ken Shamblaw provided Council with a recap of summer policing statistics for the Town of Vermilion. Overall, many crime and enforcement categories are trending downward; however, impaired driving incidents increased by 235%, with all reported cases being alcohol-related.

In addition to reviewing other key statistical updates, Sgt. Shamblaw announced a First Responders Food Bank Drive taking place on Friday, October 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Vermilion Co-op Grocery Store. Community members are encouraged to support the initiative by donating non-perishable food items.

Business Arising from Prior Meetings

Water and Wastewater Utility Bylaw

Council for the Town of Vermilion gave second and third reading to Bylaw No. 7-2026, being a bylaw to regulate the supply of water and the collection and treatment of wastewater. The proposed Water and Wastewater Utility Bylaw will serve to replace the Town's existing Utility Bylaw No. 5-2020 and provide an updated framework for administration of the Town's water and wastewater systems. The Utility Bylaw was brought forward for first reading at the September 15, 2026 Regular Council meeting and appropriate updates were since incorporated prior to the final readings.

New Business

Amendment to the Parks, Recreation, Culture and Environmental Committee Terms of Reference

Council for the Town of Vermilion approved the amendment to the Parks, Recreation, Culture and Environmental Committee terms of reference as presented. The proposed changes provide greater flexibility by allowing up to eight public members from either the Town of Vermilion and/or County of Vermilion River to serve on the Committee, rather than requiring a set number from each municipality. The amendments also changed the annual Chair election timeline from November to the 4th quarter and introduce an annual review process for the Terms of Reference, with any recommended revisions forwarded to Council for consideration. The Committee's mandate, powers, duties, and reporting structure remain unchanged.

The Kayde Foundation Grant Application

Council for the Town of Vermilion approved the grant application that the Parks, Recreation, Culture and Environment Board received from the Kayde Foundation for \$500.00 to go towards their annual memorial and awareness walk “From Heartbreak to Healing One Step at a Time”. The event promotes awareness of pregnancy and infant loss, provides a supportive space for families and friends, helps reduce stigma surrounding loss, and strengthens community connection and wellness. Funding will be provided from the unused third-quarter grant funds, with the Committee continuing to distribute its annual \$4,000 grant allocation to community groups throughout the year.

Vermilion Pong Hockey Grant Application

Council for the Town of Vermilion approved the \$1,000.00 grant application submitted by Vermilion Pond Hockey to the Parks, Recreation, Culture and Environment Board to assist with the purchase of new goalie equipment. The funding will help purchase new goalie equipment for the association's shared gear program, enhancing player safety and ensuring equipment fits properly for youth participants aged 8 to 17. The grant is funded through the Committee's annual community grant program, which provides financial support to local organizations and initiatives that promote recreation and community wellness.

Alberta Golf Cart Pilot Program

Councillor Conlon requested to add the Government of Alberta Golf Cart Pilot Program as an addition to the Agenda. The golf cart pilot program allows municipalities to develop bylaws which permit golf carts on designated public roads with speed limits of 50km/hour or less and not on provincial highways. For the Town of Vermilion to participate, the Town would need to prepare a bylaw identifying suitable routes, establish a municipal permitting process and submit an application for provincial approval. Provincial requirements outline that the participants in the program must be at least 14 years old, there is no night time driving, passengers are limited to manufacturing seating capacity and golf carts must be in good working order without modifications. Municipalities can introduce additional local safety requirements and must research insurance requirements and obtain public feedback. Council for the Town of Vermilion requested Administration look into the Alberta Golf Cart Pilot Program, as well as the implications as it relates to the operation of Off Highway Vehicle's and motorized scooters, and bring further information back to a future meeting.

Financial

September 2026 Accounts Payable Listing

Council for the Town of Vermilion received the September 2026 Accounts Payable Listing as information. The accounts payable listing is posted and available on the Town's website for easy reference for the public.

These Highlights of Council are an informative summary only, as official minutes of the meeting will be approved at the next regular meeting of council.