



October 20, 2026

Delegation

Stuart Pauls, Director, Vermilion Public Library

Director with the Vermilion Public Library, Stuart Pauls, presented the 2027 Library Funding Request. Highlights from their 2027 budget include eliminating membership fees to reduce financial barriers, expand local access and recruiting a new part-time staff member to address operational demands.

Organizational Meeting Items

Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Council for the Town of Vermilion reappointed Councillor Kevin Martin as Deputy Mayor for a one-year period effective October 20, 2026. As per section 152 of the MGA, a Council must appoint one or more Councillors as Deputy Chief Elected Official (Deputy Mayor) so that only one Councillor will hold that office at any one time, and the office will be filled at all times. A Deputy Elected Official (Deputy Mayor) must act as the Chief Elected Official (Mayor) when the Chief Elected Official (Mayor) is unable to perform the duties of the Chief Elected Official (Mayor), or if the Office of Elected Official (Mayor) is vacant.

2026-2027 Committee Appointments

Council for the Town of Vermilion approved the listing of Council Committees, Boards and Appointments as amended. In accordance with the Municipal Government Act (MGA), a Council may, by bylaw, establish council committees. The MGA provides that Councillors may be appointed to other bodies, or other boards, as representatives of the municipality. In accordance with those provisions, a listing of Council committees, boards and appointments was brought forward to the Mayor and Council to review and discuss what committees, boards and appointments they wish to be apart of. The full list can be found on the Town's website.

2027 Proposed Council and Committee Meeting Schedule

Council for the Town of Vermilion approved the 2027 Council and Committee Meeting Schedule as amended. As per section 193 of the MGA, a Council may decide at a Council meeting at which all the Councillors are present to hold regularly scheduled Council meetings on specified dates, times and places. Notice of regularly scheduled Council meetings need not be given. The calendar is on the Town's website.

Financial

2026 Third Quarter Financial Update

Council for the Town of Vermilion received the 2026 third quarter financial update as information. This report provides an overview of where each functional area of the budget is sitting, an update on each capital project, as well as reserve balances. Administration will continue to present financial reports to Council on a quarterly basis.

Business Arising from Prior Meetings

Vermilion Retail Market and Gap Analysis

Council for the Town of Vermilion received the Vermilion Retail Market and Gap Analysis as information. The completion of the Retail Market & Gap Analysis by FBM provides the Town of Vermilion with an evidence-based understanding of its existing retail and service market, consumer spending patterns, trade area dynamics, and potential opportunities for business attraction and expansion. The findings will help identify genuine gaps in the local market, areas of retail leakage, and opportunities to diversify the Town's commercial offerings to better meet the needs of residents and the surrounding trade area.

New Business

Northern and Regional Economic Development (NRED) Program – Vermilion Retention and Investment Attraction Asset Development Project.

Council for the Town of Vermilion approved a 2026/2027 NRED Program application for a Vermilion Retention and Investment Asset Development Project. The proposed project would support the creation of professional marketing materials, including promotional videos, photography, and economic development publications, to showcase Vermilion's business opportunities, amenities, housing, and quality of life.

The initiative builds on feedback gathered through Business Retention, Expansion and Investment (BREI) visits and surveys, which highlighted the importance of promoting Vermilion as a destination for business growth and investment.

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.