

Council Highlights

June 4, 2025 Vulcan County Council Meeting

Public Hearings

Bylaw 2025-011 Municipal Development Plan

A Public Hearing for the new Municipal Development Plan (Bylaw 2025-011) was held, and Council heard from many landowners and advocates regarding the proposed plan.

Concerns included:

- Large CFO exclusion zones
- Plan doesn't support agriculture operations
- Lack of detail in the plan
- Renewable energy projects near recreation areas
- Lack of engagement with stakeholders
- Doesn't support local business

Administration introduced supporting policies that would address some of the concerns.

The Municipal Development Plan (Bylaw 2025-011) will be brought back to a future Council Meeting for consideration of second and/or third reading. At this time, Council can make changes to the plan, approve it, or postpone it pending more information.

The next Council Meeting is June 18, 2025.

Bylaw Amendments

Amending Bylaw 2025-025 Nuisance Appeal Committee & Appeal Fee - APPROVED

Review of the Nuisance and Unsightly Premises Bylaw 2019-022 identified areas where updates were required to ensure clarity.

What was amended:

- Nuisance and Unsightly Bylaw added a provision to charge an appeal filing fee.
- Fees for Service Bylaw added the Appeal Filing Fee of \$400.

• Board and Committee Bylaw - added reference to the appeal committee and the associated terms of reference.

In addition to the above bylaw changes, Reeve Schneider was appointed to the Appeal Committee which also includes the Director of Agricultural Services and the CAO.

Financial Matters

Security Systems for Regionalized Fire Departments - APPROVED

Considering recent incidents, including the theft of two fire trucks from the Champion Fire Hall, it has become evident that enhanced security measures are necessary to protect municipal assets and ensure the safety and operability of our emergency services.

Council approved the purchase and installation of security systems, including alarm, access control, and camera systems for the Champion, Carmangay, Milo and Lomond Fire Halls, with an expenditure up to \$43,179 with funds to be drawn from the Fire Capital Reserves.

Initiatives and Projects

Joint Election with Palliser School Division - APPROVED

As in prior elections, Palliser School Division has requested Vulcan County enter into an agreement to conduct a joint election for the upcoming 2025 Election. In the event that an election is required for a school trustee within Vulcan County, the County will be handling it on behalf of Palliser.

Palliser School Division has two wards within Vulcan County:

Ward 2, Subdivision 1 (current trustee - Lorelei Bexte): Representing the area of Vulcan County east of Highway 23/24 that includes communities of Arrowwood, Milo and Champion

Ward 2, Subdivision 2 (current trustee - Louis Schmidt): representing the area in Vulcan County west and south of Highway 23/24 that includes the Town of Vulcan.

Click here for information on the Palliser School Board Trustee Election

Official draft minutes will be available on Monday, June 9th. Click here to view.