



# Council Highlights

July 16, 2025 Vulcan County Council Meeting

## Bylaws

### **Municipal Development Plan (Bylaw 2025-011) - APPROVED**

The new Municipal Development Plan (MDP) has been approved by Council, after making some amendments. The MDP will now go back to the Committee for final formatting before it is released to the public.

After extensive review from the MDP committee and several public consultation opportunities, including a community survey in 2024, an Open House on March 27th and a Public Hearing on June 4th, the final draft was approved with the following changes:

- Removing Section 2.2.9 from the Tourism and Recreation Section;
- Changing the Growth Opportunity Area of Shouldice on Map 9;
- Correcting the boundary of Travers on Map 10;
- Removing County-owned land from the Recreation & Public Lands Map 22.

The MDP is a long-range policy planning document that guides a municipality's growth and development. It provides a policy framework that guides decisions on major land use matters and is often reference in a day-to day decision making that affects landowners. Key topics that are addressed in this document are: renewable energy developments, confined feeding operations, tourism oriented development, key transportation linkages, provision of housing, & environmental sustainability.

### **Road Closure (Bylaw 2025-009) - APPROVED**

NE 31-13-23 W4, Division 4

Council gave second and third final reading to the Road Closure Bylaw which closes an unused road allowance containing approximately 3.66 acres and will be consolidated with the surrounding parcel. Road closures require approval from Alberta Transportation before Council considers approval.

### **Land Use Bylaw Textual Amendment (Bylaw 2025-028) - NOT APPROVED**

First Reading

Council denied first reading for an application to amend the County's Land Use Bylaw by removing the year 1985 from the Use Definitions for Dwelling, Manufactured 2 (Manufactured Home). The current language restricts and does not allow a waiver for manufactured homes that are older than 1985. The applicant proposed that the age be removed, and that manufactured homes be considered based on their current condition through a home inspection.

### **Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Bylaw 2025-026) - APPROVED**

SE 17-18-25 W4, Division 2

Council gave second and third final reading to Bylaw 2025-026 which will redesignate 15 acres of SE 17-18-25 W4 from Rural General to Grouped Country Residential to allow for the subdivision of three 5 acre lots in the southern portion of the property.

### **Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Bylaw 2025-027) - APPROVED**

SE 1-19-22 W4M, Division 5

Council gave second and third final reading to Bylaw 2025-027 which will redesignate approximately 23 acres of the southeast portion of SE 1-19-22 W4M from Rural General to Rural Commercial. The redesignation it intended to support a future development permit application for a recreational vehicle storage facility.

### **Agricultural Service Board Amendment (Bylaw 2025-029) - APPROVED**

Council gave all three readings to Bylaw 2025-029 which will reduce redundancies and increase efficiency for the Agricultural Service Board with the following amendments:

1. Allow the ASB to approve agricultural policies without going to Council for final approval.
2. Allow the ASB to declare an Agricultural Disaster within Vulcan County if conditions warrant such a declaration.

## **Initiatives and Projects**

### **Capital Bridge Projects- APPROVED**

The Director of Operations presented the project proposal for Bridge Engineering from 2025 through to 2028. Priority bridge projects for the next four construction seasons are based on structural and sufficiency ratings. Vulcan County has 47 in-service bridge structures and 130 in-service bridge culverts. Prioritizing and planning the maintenance and replacement of these structures is of the utmost importance to keep our transportation network viable.

### **Purchase of Sanitary Lift Station for the Vulcan Industrial Park - APPROVED**

Council approved the purchase of a sanitary lift station for the Vulcan Industrial Park, which will be used to pump sewage through the already installed force main into the Town's sewage collection system.

## **Community**

### **Group Insurance Coverage- SODA Shop - APPROVED**

Council approved the request from SODA (Speaking Out for the Disabled Actively Society) for insurance coverage under the RMA's Community Group Insurance Program. RMA will now work with SODA and provide them a policy for consideration.

[Official draft minutes will be available on Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Click here to view.](#)

The next Council Meeting will be held on August 13<sup>th</sup>.