

Town of Davidson  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
August 15, 2023

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The regular meeting of the Davidson Town Council was held in the Davidson Town Hall Council Chambers on August 15, 2023.

Present: Mayor: Elaine Ebenal; Councillors: Gene Stangland, Keith LePoudre, Clark Puckett, Arlene Low, Stacey Siroski-Belisle, Kirby Manz; Administrator Yvonne Jess; Director of Recreation & Culture Dave Whitenect.

Mayor Elaine Ebenal called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Agenda**

2023-117 Siroski-Belisle: That the agenda be approved as presented.  
Stangland: Carried.

**Minutes**

2023-118 LePoudre: That the minutes of the July 18, 2023 Regular Council Meeting  
Manz: and the August 1, 2023 Special Council Meeting be approved as  
presented. Carried.

**Agreement – Hanley School of Dance**

2023-119 LePoudre: That the Mayor and Administrator are authorized to sign the one  
Stangland: year Dance Studio Lease Agreement with the Hanley School of  
Dance. Carried.

**Net Zero Feasibility Study**

2023-120 Manz: That the Administrator is authorized to sign the Net Zero  
Stangland: Feasibility Study agreement with CIMCO as presented, with the  
exclusion of the Water Treatment Plant as it does not qualify for  
grant funding. Carried.

**Hay Tender**

Councillor Siroski-Belisle declared a conflict of interest in regards to the hay tender, and left the Council Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

2023-121 Stangland: That Council allow a second cut to the hay tender in specific  
LePoudre: areas as identified. Carried.

Councillor Siroski-Belisle returned to the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

### **Declaration – Rail Safety Week**

2023-122 Manz: Whereas, Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from  
Puckett: September 18 to 24, 2023;

Whereas, 232 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2022; resulting in 66 avoidable fatalities and 43 avoidable serious injuries;

Whereas, educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public that railway rights-of-way are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws) will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries caused by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

Whereas Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

Whereas CN has requested Town Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;

It is hereby resolved to support national Rail Safety Week to be held from September 18 to 24, 2023.

Carried.

### **Correspondence**

2023-123 Low: That the following correspondence, having been read, be filed:

Siroski-Belisle:

- Davidson School
- Brenda Stone
- Royal Canadian Legion, Saskatchewan Command
- CN Rail
- Margo Shaw

Carried.

### **Annual Waterworks Information**

2023-124 Low: That we accept the 2022 Annual Waterworks Information as  
LePoudre: presented and post on the Town's website under Public Notices.

Carried.

### **Water/Wastewater Facility Operation Agreement**

2023-125 LePoudre: That the Mayor and Administrator are authorized to sign the  
Puckett: Water/Wastewater Facility Operation Agreement with Kevin  
Gilby.  
Carried.

### **Reports – Rec and Culture Committee**

Minutes from the August 3, 2023 Rec and Culture Committee Meeting were presented and discussed.

### **AGT Centre Curling Rink Heater Replacement**

2023-126 Low: That we accept the quote from Midtown Plumbing & Heating to  
Siroski-Belisle: replace one of the heaters in the AGT Centre Curling Rink.  
Carried.

### **Budget – Ball Diamonds**

2023-127 LePoudre: That the Rec Director is authorized to reallocate the amount  
Manz: budgeted for ball diamond dugouts to other ball diamond  
enhancement projects including removal of dugouts and fence  
enhancements.  
Carried.

### **Reports – Library Board**

Minutes from the August 1, 2023 Library Board meeting were presented, and Councillor Low outlined the Library's plans to celebrate 50 years with Palliser Regional Library.

### **Reports – Highway 11 Board**

Minutes from the August 1, 2023 Highway 11 Emergency Response Area Board Meeting were presented.

### **Landfill Monitoring**

2023-128 LePoudre: That the Town contracts Ground Engineering Ltd. to undertake  
Low: monitoring activities at the Davidson Landfill as required by our  
Permit to Operate.  
Carried.

### **Reports – Administrator**

2023-129 Puckett: That we accept the Administration Report as presented.  
Low:  
Carried.

**Financial Statement**

2023-130 LePoudre: That the July 2023 financial statement be approved as  
Siroski-Belisle: presented. Carried.

**Payment of Accounts**

2023-131 Manz: That Council acknowledge and approve the list of payments,  
Stangland: cheques #33455 to #33507 inclusive, in the amount of  
\$164,823.39, EFT's totalling \$298,139.85, and July payroll  
totalling \$56178.86. Carried.

Director of Recreation & Culture Dave Whitenect left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

**In-Camera Session**

2023-132 Stangland: That Council move in-camera at 8:40 p.m. as per section 12 of  
LePoudre: Bylaw No. 771 Council Procedures Bylaw, and Part III of *The  
Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of  
Privacy Act* in regards to legal and human resource matters. Carried.

In attendance for the in-camera session: Mayor Ebenal, Councillors Stangland, Low,  
Manz, Siroski-Belisle, LePoudre, Puckett, and Administrator Jess.

Council returned from the in-camera session at 9:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

2023-133 Low: That this meeting be adjourned at 9:32 p.m.  
Stangland: Carried.

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Elaine Ebenal, Mayor

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Yvonne Jess, Administrator