

Town of Davidson  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
September 17, 2024

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The regular meeting of the Davidson Town Council was held in the Davidson Town Hall Council Chambers on September 17, 2024.

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

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

**Agenda**

2024-166 Stangland: That the agenda be approved as presented.  
Low: Carried.

**Minutes**

2024-167 Low: That the minutes of the August 20, 2024 Regular Meeting be  
Siroski-Belisle: approved as presented. Carried.

**Correspondence**

2024-168 LePoudre: That the following correspondence, having been read, be filed:  
Puckett: 

- R.M. of Arm River, No. 252
- Royal Canadian Legion
- SUMAssure
- Ministry of Government Relations
- Minister of Corrections, Policing, and Public Safety

Carried.

**Canada Community-Building Fund Program**

2024-169 LePoudre: That the Maor and Administrator are authorized to sign the  
Siroski-Belisle: Canada Community-Building Fund agreement. Carried.

**Hanley School of Dance**

2024-170 Siroski-Belisle: That we renew the rental agreement with Hanley School of  
Manz: Dance for the dance studio in the Library basement based on  
the same terms and conditions as last year, and that the Mayor  
and Administrator are authorized to sign the agreement. Carried.

### **2024 Fire Prevention Week Proclamation**

2024-171 LePoudre: WHEREAS, the Town of Davidson is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our province; and  
Stangland: WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and  
WHEREAS, roughly half of fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms; and  
WHEREAS, working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half; and  
WHEREAS, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as two minutes to escape safely; and  
WHEREAS, the Town of Davidson residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and  
WHEREAS, the Town of Davidson residents will make sure their smoke alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and  
WHEREAS, the Town of Davidson residents should test smoke alarms at least once a month.  
WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and  
WHEREAS, the Town of Davidson first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and  
WHEREAS, the Town of Davidson residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and  
WHEREAS, the 2024 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you," serves to remind us the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

THEREFORE the Town of Davidson Council hereby proclaims Oct. 6-12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week, and urge everyone to ensure their homes have working smoke alarms and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of fire and emergency services.

Carried.

### **Davidson Volunteer Fire Department**

2024-172 Manz: That the Town will donate the auditorium and kitchen rental to  
Siroski-Belisle: the Davidson Volunteer Fire Department for their Ag Fire Safety Info Night, November 20, 2024.

Carried.

**Cemetery Bylaw 814 Amendment – Bylaw No. 821**

- 2024-173 Siroski-Belisle: That Bylaw No. 821, being a bylaw to amend Section 14 of  
LePoudre: Bylaw 814, being a bylaw to provide for the management and  
control of the Davidson Cemetery, be introduced and read a first  
time. Carried.
- 2024-174 Low: That Bylaw No. 821 be read a second time.  
Puckett: Carried.
- 2024-175 Siroski-Belisle: That Bylaw No. 821 be given three readings at this same  
LePoudre: meeting. Carried Unanimously.
- 2024-176 Puckett: That Bylaw No. 821, being a bylaw to amend Section 14 of  
Manz: Bylaw 814, being a bylaw to provide for the management and  
control of the Davidson Cemetery, be read a third time and hereby  
adopted. Carried.

**Administration Bylaw – Bylaw No. 822**

- 2024-177 Stangland: That Bylaw No. 822, being a bylaw to provide for the  
LePoudre: Administration of the Town of Davidson and set forth the duties  
and powers of the Administrator and designates, be introduced  
and read a first time. Carried.
- 2024-178 Siroski-Belisle: That Bylaw No. 822 be read a second time.  
Puckett: Carried.

**Davidson Airport**

- 2024-179 Manz: That we increase the hanger fees at the Davidson Airport in  
LePoudre: 2025 from \$200 to \$300/year. Carried.

**Public Works Report**

Minutes from the September 10, 2024 Public Works Meeting were presented and discussed.

**Water Treatment Plant - Membranes**

- 2024-180 Siroski-Belisle: That we order 12 RO membranes for the Water Treatment Plant  
Stangland: from Delco Automation for \$12,900 + taxes. Carried.

### **Enterprise Lane Local Improvement Project**

2024-181 Manz: Low: That due to only receiving one tender, and that tender coming in at more than double the estimate we had provided the property owners with, that we cancel the Enterprise Lane tender and postpone the Enterprise Lane Local Improvement Project to 2025.

Carried.

### **Paving**

2024-182 LePoudre: Stangland: That we accept the estimate from United Paving to dig out existing asphalt and replace with 4" of asphalt on areas identified by Council on McGregor Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Street, and Herman Crescent for a total of \$116,311.35.

Carried.

### **Reports – Recreation**

Director of Recreation and Culture presented a Rec Report from the August 15<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting, and provided updates on Rec projects.

### **Reports – Library Board**

Minutes from the September 10, 2024 Library Board Meeting were presented.

### **Reports – Communities in Bloom**

Minutes from the August 21, 2024 Communities in Bloom meeting were presented.

### **Reports – Administrator**

2024-183 LePoudre: Stangland: That Council accepts the Administration Report as presented.

Carried.

### **Financial Statement**

2024-184 Siroski-Belisle: Stangland: That the August 2024 financial statement be accepted as presented.

Carried.

### **Payment of Accounts**

2024-185 Stangland: Manz: That Council acknowledge and approve the list of payments, cheques #34238 to #34287 inclusive, in the amount of \$136,952.57, EFT's totalling \$313,871.97, and August payroll totalling \$81,099.10.

Carried.

**In-Camera Session**

2024-186 Low: Puckett: That Council move in-camera at 8:37 p.m. as per section 12 of Bylaw No. 771 Council Procedures Bylaw, and Part III of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* in regards to human resource matters. Carried.

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

Director of Recreation & Culture Whitenect left the mtg at 8:53 p.m.

Council returned from the in-camera session at 9:05 p.m.

**Recreational Vehicle Damage**

2024-187 Puckett: Siroski-Belisle: That we pay Shelley Woodman \$130.98 for the replacement of the roof vent cover that was damaged on her RV at the Davidson Campground. Carried.

**Adjournment**

2024-188 LePoudre: Siroski-Belisle: That this meeting be adjourned at 9:16 p.m. Carried.

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Elaine Ebenal, Mayor

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Yvonne Jess, Administrator