

Town of Davidson
Council Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2025

The regular meeting of the Davidson Town Council was held in the Davidson Town Hall Council Chambers on August 19, 2025.

Present: Councillors: Gene Stangland, Stacey Siroski-Belisle, Kirby Manz, Arlene Low, Terry Epp, Adrian Schmiedge; Administrator Yvonne Jess; and Director of Recreation & Culture Dave Whitenect.

Absent: Mayor Keith LePoure, and Operations Manager Kevin Hepburn

Deputy Mayor Gene Stangland called the Council Meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Delegation – Davidson Skatepark Committee – 7 p.m.

Members of the Davidson Skatepark Committee (Shari Martin, Carol Hoehn, Victoria Martin, Denise Brecht) attended the meeting to provide Council with an update on the Skatepark project.

The Davidson Skatepark Committee left the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Delegation – Davidson Cricket – 7:18 p.m.

Kamaljit Saini of the Davidson Avengers Cricket Club, and Ben Wasmuth from the Davidson Travel Plaza attended the meeting to present a proposal to Council for the development of a cricket pitch in Davidson.

The cricket delegation left the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Conflict of Interest Declarations

Councillor Manz announced that he would have a conflict of interest to declare regarding the Sign Corridor.

Agenda

2025-129 Schmiedge: That the agenda be approved as amended, by adding Hanley
Siroski-Belisle: Dance Club under New Business.
Carried.

Minutes

2025-130 Siroski-Belisle: That the minutes of the July 15, 2025 Regular Meeting be
Epp: approved as presented.
Carried.

Financial Statement

2025-131 Schmiedge: That the July 2025 financial statement be accepted as
Epp: presented.
Carried.

Payment of Accounts

2025-132 Siroski-Belisle: That Council acknowledge and approve the list of payments, cheques #34851 to #34910 inclusive, in the amount of \$420,990.09, EFT's totalling \$366,031.92, and July payroll totalling \$56,755.02.

Carried.

Councillor Manz declared a conflict of interest in the following agenda item and left the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Highway Sign Corridor

2025-133 Low: That we accept the Highway Sign Corridor Policy as amended, and that we provide notice this fall to everyone that currently has a sign in the corridor.

Carried.

2025-134 Siroski-Belisle: That we hire Glen Manz to remove the old sign corridor signs later this fall once notice is given, and to build new sign frames once they are sold next year.

Carried.

Councillor Manz returned to the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

CN Rail – Rail Safety Week

2025-135 Epp: Whereas Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 15 to 21, 2025;
 Siroski-Belisle:

Whereas 261 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2024; resulting in 68 avoidable fatalities and 58 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, indigenous communities, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

Whereas CN and Operation Lifesaver have 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 15 to 21, 2025.

Carried.

STARS

2025-136 Low: That we make a \$2/capita donation to STARS for 2025.
Siroski-Belisle:

Carried.

Correspondence

2025-137 Low: That the following correspondence, having been read, be filed:
Epp:

- CN Rail
- Western Municipal Consulting
- STARS

Carried.

Street Sweeping

2025-138 Low: That we contract Virtue Construction to sweep our streets this
Epp: fall.

Carried.

AGT Centre – Kitchen & Lounge

2025-139 Schmiedge: That the AGT Kitchen and Lounge tenders be awarded to Brad
Low: Morrison ending March 31, 2027 and that one cold drink and one snack vending machine be included, with off season rental for the vending machines being \$50/month.

Carried.

Reports

2025-140 Siroski-Belisle: That we acknowledge the following reports having been presented
Epp: to Council:

- Administration
- Public Works Committee
- Recreation
- Communities in Bloom
- Highway 11 Emergency Response Area
- Health Trust Fund Board

Carried.

Davidson Skatepark Committee

- 2025-141 Low: That the Town supports the Davidson Skatepark Committee's
 Siroski-Belisle: ongoing fundraising efforts towards building a skatepark
 northeast of Panther Pool.
Carried.

Davidson Cricket

- 2025-142 Siroski-Belisle: That the Town supports the Davidson Cricket proposal to build
 Schmiedge: a cricket pitch south of ball diamond #4 and north of the riding
 arena, contingent on an agreement being reached between the
 Town, Cricket Saskatchewan, and the local cricket team.
Carried.

2025 Property Tax Abatement

- 2025-143 Manz: That as per Section 304(3) of *The Municipalities Act*, the taxes
 Epp: for Roll #651 be adjusted on the date of removal, in the amount
 of \$3,287.84.
Carried.

Tax Enforcement

- 2025-144 Epp: That we acknowledge the List of Lands in Arrears as presented.
 Schmiedge:
Carried.

Annual WaterWorks Information

- 2025-145 Low: That we accept the 2024 Annual Waterworks Information as per
 Epp: *The Municipalities Regulations*.
Carried.

Hanley School of Dance

- 2025-146 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.

In-Camera Session

- 2025-147 Siroski-Belisle: That Council move in-camera at 9:16 p.m. as per section 12 of
 Schmiedge: Bylaw No. 771 Council Procedures Bylaw, and Part III of *The
 Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of
 Privacy Act* regarding human resource matters.
Carried.

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

Council returned from the in-camera session at 9:32 p.m.

Adjournment

2025-148 Epp: That this meeting be adjourned at 9:35 p.m.
Low:

Carried.

Keith LePoudre, Mayor

Yvonne Jess, Administrator