

Town of Davidson
Council Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2026

The regular meeting of the Davidson Town Council was held in the Davidson Town Hall Council Chambers on July 21, 2026.

Present: Mayor Keith LePoudre; Councillors: Kirby Manz, Stacey Siroski-Belisle, Adrian Schmiedge, Terry Epp (electronically), Gene Stangland; Administrator Yvonne Jess; Director of Recreation & Culture Dave Whitenect.

Absent: Councillor Arlene Low, Operations Manager Kevin Hepburn

Mayor Keith LePoudre called the Council Meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Conflict of Interest Declarations

Councillor Stangland indicated that he would have a conflict of interest to declare with the Payment of Accounts.

Councillor Manz and Mayor LePoudre indicated that they would have a conflict of interest to declare with the Commercial Land Tender.

Agenda

2026-110 Epp: That the agenda be approved as presented.
Siroski-Belisle:

Carried.

Minutes

2026-111 Schmiedge: That the minutes of the June 16, 2026, Regular Meeting be
Stangland: approved as presented.

Carried.

Financial Statement

2026-112 Stangland: That the June 2026 financial statement be accepted as
Manz: presented.

Carried.

Payment of Accounts

Councillor Stangland declared a conflict of interest with the list of accounts payable as he had an invoice to be paid, and left the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

2026-113 Schmiedge: That Council acknowledge and approve the list of payments,
Siroski-Belisle: cheques #35283 to #35318 inclusive, in the amount of
\$204,044.87, EFT's totalling \$63,107.81, Online/Direct
Withdrawal's totalling \$38,757.53 and June payroll totalling
\$54,163.39.

Carried.

Councillor Stangland returned to the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Cemetery Bylaw No. 814

2026-114 Stangland: That Council maintains the provisions of Cemetery Bylaw No. 814 regarding removal of items not affixed to headstones, and further, that a record be maintained of all items removed and that such items be retained and stored at the Town Shop.

Carried.

Proclamation – Rail Safety Week

2026-115 Manz: WHEREAS Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from
 Siroski-Belisle: September 21 to 27 2026;

WHEREAS, 252 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2025; resulting in 69 avoidable fatalities and 60 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 cause 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 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 21 to 27, 2026.

Carried.

Canadian Forces Snowbirds

2026-116 Siroski-Belisle: That we send a letter of support for the Canadian Forces
 Stangland: Snowbirds, asking the Federal Government to reconsider the future of the Snowbirds Aerobatic Team.

Carried.

Correspondence

- 2026-117 Schmiedge: That the following correspondence, having been read, be filed:
Siroski-Belisle:
- Brittany Schneider
 - Tarah Degelman
 - Tom Klassen
 - Lori Weigel
 - Ministry of Government Relations
 - Municipal Infrastructure & Finance
 - CN Rail
 - City of Moose Jaw
- Carried.

AGT Centre – Score Clock

- 2026-118 Stangland: That a new score clock for the AGT Centre be purchased from
Schmiedge: Nevco Scoreboard Company for \$19,368.78 + applicable taxes.
- Carried.

Economic Development Committee Mandate

- 2026-119 Schmiedge: That Council approves the amendments to the Economic
Siroski-Belisle: Development Committee Mandate.
- Carried.

Community Business & Service Directory Sign

- 2026-120 Stangland: That we purchase a Community Business & Service Directory
Manz: sign to be placed at the Coffee Pot rest area from WayLyn Signs
for \$2,719.50, and further that listings on the sign be sold for a
one time fee of \$50.
- Carried.

Reports

- 2026-121 Epp: That we acknowledge the following reports having been presented
Siroski-Belisle: to Council:
- Administration
 - Recreation
 - Recreation Committee
 - Davidson Fire Department Minutes – June 3rd
 - Communities in Bloom Minutes – June 10th & July 15th
 - Economic Development Committee
- Carried.

2026 Property Tax Abatements

- 2026-122 Siroski-Belisle: That we apply the following tax abatements for 2026 as per Base Tax Bylaw No. 824, Davidson P.S.C.O. Centre Bylaw No. 807, and Tax Incentive Bylaw No. 813:

Roll No.	Amount	Explanation
29	\$ 2,752.54	Abatement as per bylaw
32	\$ 700.00	Cancellation - chgd 2 base taxes
38	\$ 700.00	Cancellation - chgd 2 base taxes
41	\$ 700.00	Cancellation - chgd 2 base taxes
53	\$ 700.00	Cancellation - chgd 2 base taxes
57	\$ 700.00	Cancellation - chgd 2 base taxes
60	\$ 700.00	Cancellation - chgd 2 base taxes
74	\$ 700.00	Cancellation - chgd 2 base taxes
100	\$ 700.00	Cancellation - chgd 2 base taxes
293	\$ 550.00	Cancellation - chgd 2 base taxes
764	\$ 1,141.59	Yr 2 - 25% discount on municipal portion - new home
760	\$ 2,721.27	Yr 1 - 50% discount on municipal portion - new home
768	\$ 1,881.70	Yr 1 - 50% discount on municipal portion - new home
625	\$ 5,589.93	Yr 1 tax cancellation - Education Property Tax
625	\$ 29,220.05	Yr 1 - 100% discount on municipal portion - new business
	\$ 43,867.15	2026 municipal tax abatements
	\$ 5,589.93	2026 education property tax abatements
	\$ 49,457.08	

Carried.

Tax Enforcement

- 2026-123 Siroski-Belisle: That TAXervice, on behalf of the Town of Davidson, be authorized to proceed under the *Tax Enforcement Act* to acquire title for the following described land:

LOT 34-BLK/PAR 26-PLAN I4930 EXT 0, 140996098
 LOT 35-BLK/PAR 26-PLAN I4930 EXT 0, 140996065

Carried.

- 2026-124 Manz: That TAXervice, be authorized under s22(1) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* to commence proceedings to request title on or after July 14, 2026 with respect to the following described lands:

Roll 888 LOT 6-BLK/PAR 1-PLAN 80MJ01192 EXT 0

Carried.

- 2026-125 Siroski-Belisle: That we exclude properties from the List of Lands in Arrears that have arrears less than half of the previous year's levy.

Carried.

- 2026-126 Epp: That we acknowledge receipt of the List of Lands in Arrears as presented, and that TAXervice be authorized to manage tax enforcement proceedings on behalf of the municipality.

Carried.

Cemetery

- 2026-127 Schmiedge: That we authorize the Administrator to sign the agreement with
 Stangland: Frontier Monuments to level and straighten monuments in the
 Davidson Cemetery for \$8,658, with work to be completed
 before the end of 2026.
Carried.
- 2026-128 Stangland: That Council approve the purchase of a 64-niche columbarium
 Schmiedge: from Frontier Monuments at a cost of \$46,509, with funding to
 be provided from the Cemetery Reserve, and further, that all
 revenues received from the sale of the columbarium niches be
 returned to the Cemetery Reserve.
Carried.

Councillor Schmiedge left the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Councillor Schmiedge returned to the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

In-Camera Session

- 2026-129 Siroski-Belisle: That Council move in-camera at 9:00 p.m. as per section 12 of
 Stangland: Bylaw No. 771 Council Procedures Bylaw, and Part III of *The
 Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of
 Privacy Act, Section 17* regarding contractual or other
 negotiations of the municipality.
Carried.

In attendance for the in-camera session: Mayor Keith LePoudre; Councillors: Kirby Manz, Stacey Siroski-Belisle, Adrian Schmiedge, Terry Epp (electronically), Gene Stangland; Administrator Yvonne Jess.

Councillor Manz and Mayor LePoudre declared a conflict of interest with the commercial land tender and left the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Council returned from the in-camera session at 9:25 p.m.

Commercial Land Tender – 1012 Railway Street

- 2026-130 Stangland: That Council award the tender for the sale of Lots 1–3, Block 23,
 Schmiedge: Plan H4469, located at 1012 Railway Street, to Riverbend Co-
 operative Limited for the tendered amount of \$32,500.
Carried.

Councillor Manz and Mayor LePoudre returned to the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

AGT Centre Management Contract – Canadian Arena Services

2026-131 Schmiedge: That Council authorizes the Mayor and Administrator to execute
 Siroski-Belisle: a three-year service agreement with Canadian Arena Services
 Ltd. for the operation and maintenance of the AGT Centre,
 including janitorial services and facility scheduling, a termination
 clause, and that this agreement excludes the curling ice
 maintenance.

Carried.

Adjournment

2026-132 Stangland: That this meeting be adjourned at 9:45 p.m.
 Epp:

Carried.

Keith LePoudre, Mayor

Yvonne Jess, Administrator