

**Agenda for the  
Regular Meeting of the Vauxhall Town Council  
Monday March 3, 2025  
6:00p.m. – Vauxhall Council Chambers**

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	
<b>2. Adoption of Agenda</b>	For Adoption
<b>3. Delegations</b> a.) YOLO Nomads – Luke Panek	Receive as Information
<b>4. Council Minutes</b> a.) Regular Council Meeting February 18, 2025	Receive as Information
<b>External Minutes</b> b.) Municipal Planning Commission February 24, 2025 c.) Veterans Memorial Highway Association December 9, 2024 d.) Joint Economic Development Committee February 12, 2025 e.) Oldman River Regional Services Commission January 9, 2025	Receive <b>all</b> as Information
<b>5. New Business</b> a.) Support letter Co-op Community Spaces Grant	For Adoption
<b>6. Reports</b> a.) Action List i.) Action List February 2025 ii.) Action List in Progress 2025 b.) Upcoming Events and Meetings	Receive <b>all</b> as Information
<b>7. Information and Correspondence</b> a.) Letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs February 13, 2025 b.) Letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs February 27, 2025 c.) VDCC Bi-Weekly Newsletter – February 21, 2025	Receive <b>all</b> as Information
<b>8. Closed Session Pursuant to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and Section 16 of Division 2 of Part 1 of FOIPP – Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party (16) and 24 Advice from Officials (21) Land</b>	
<b>9. Adjournment</b>	

A regular meeting of Council of the Town of Vauxhall, was held in  
Council Chambers  
on Tuesday February 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

MAYOR: Kimberley Cawley

DEPUTY MAYOR: Marilyn Forchuk

COUNCILLORS: Shelley Deleeuw  
Kimberly Dorin  
Russell Norris

ABSENT: Henry Zacharias

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Chief Administrative Officer: Cris Burns  
Asst. CAO/Office Manager: Mindy Dunphy

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Cawley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Adoption of  
Agenda  
**RES: 25:55**

**MOVED** by Councillor Norris to adopt the agenda as amended.  
**CARRIED**

Councillor Dorin arrives in Council Chambers at 6:01 p.m.

Delegation  
**RES: 25:56**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Forchuk to receive as information:  
• R.C.M.P  
**CARRIED**

Minutes  
**RES: 25:57**

**MOVED** by Councillor Norris to adopt the following minutes as  
presented.  
• Regular Meeting of Council February 3, 2025  
**CARRIED**

Minutes  
**RES: 25:58**

**MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw to adopt the following minutes as  
presented.  
• Special Meeting of Council February 10, 2025  
**CARRIED**

External Minutes

**RES: 25:59**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Forchuk to accept the following minutes as information

- Vauxhall regional Fire Authority October 30, 2024
- Vauxhall and District Regional Water Service Commission October 7, 2024
- FCSS Board Meeting December 4, 2024

**CARRIED**

Bylaw 1006-25  
Land Use Bylaw

**RES: 25:60**

**MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw that Bylaw 1006-25 a bylaw of the Town of Vauxhall in the Province of Alberta, to amend Bylaw No. 833-09, being the municipal Land Use Bylaw, be given first (1<sup>st</sup>) reading as presented.

**CARRIED**

Financials

**RES: 25:61**

**MOVED** by Councillor Dorin to accept the following as information:

- AMSC Mastercard as of February 4, 2025
- Cheque Listing for the month of January 31, 2025
- Capital Budget 2025-2029

**CARRIED**

Public Hearing  
Land Use Amendment Bylaw

**RES: 25:62**

**MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw to set the public hearing meeting date for April 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., amending the Land Use Bylaw to resignation lands described as Lot 4 and 5, Block 23, Plan 760 CM from "Public and Institutional – PI" to "Residential – R".

**CARRIED**

New Business

**RES: 25:63**

**MOVED** by Councillor Norris to accept the following as information.

- Information- Register to Vote
- FFCSS – Save The Date, All Councils Event
- Taber Concludes Alberta Advantage Immigration Program

**CARRIED**

Reports

**RES: 25:64**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Forchuk to accept the following as information.

- Action List
- Action List In Progress 2025
- Upcoming Events and Meetings

**CARRIED**

Information and  
Correspondence

**RES: 25:65**

**MOVED** by Councillor Dorin to accept the following as information.

- Letter from Martin Shields
- ORRSC Periodical – Exemptions in Planning
- VDCC Bi-Weekly Newsletter February 7, 2025

**CARRIED**

Closed Meeting

**RES: 25:66**

**MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw that council move to closed session to discuss:

- Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and Section 17 and 24 of Division 2 of Part 1 of FOIPP – Disclosure harmful to personal Privacy and Advice from Officials – Support Letter
- Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and Section 16 of Division 2 of Part 1 of FOIPP – Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party (16) and 24 Advice from Officials (21) Contract at 6:46 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Closed Meeting

**RES: 25:67**

**MOVED** by Councillor Norris that council return to open meeting at 8:19 p.m.

**CARRIED**

8:19 p.m. Meeting recessed to allow return of public.

8:19 p.m. Meeting resumed with no public present.

**RES: 25:68**

**MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw to receive the Letter of Support for the Town of Taber's Dyland Facility Feasibility Study as information.

**CARRIED**

**RES: 25:69**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Forchuk to present The Vauxhall & District Curling Association agreement to be forwarded to the club for their review

**CARRIED**

**Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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**MAYOR**

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

**Monday, February 24, 2025**

A Municipal Planning Commission meeting of the Town of Vauxhall was held in Council Chambers February 24, 2025, at 5:15 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

**CHAIR:** Henry Zacharias

**VICE CHAIR:** Russ Norris

**DEPUTY MAYOR:** Marilyn Forchuk

**DEVELOPMENT OFFICER:** Cris Burns

**ORRSC STAFF:** Bonnie Brunner

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mindy Dunphy

**ABSENT:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Zacharias called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Adoption of  
Agenda

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**RES: MPC25:04**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Forchuk to adopt the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

Adoption of  
Minutes

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**RES: MPC25:05**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Forchuk to adopt the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of January 13, 2025.

**CARRIED**

## DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

**2025D – 02** Jacob Wiebe VHL Construction Ltd.

217 5 Street North (Lot 26-28 and South 75 Feet of Lots 29-32, Block 12, Plan 760CM)

Use: Rental Hall and Secondary Residential Use (4 Residential Units and Common Area)

Land Use District: Retail Commercial – RC

**RES: MPC25:06** **MOVED** by Vice Chair Norris to approve the application  
2025D – 02 development permit with the following condition:  
**CARRIED**

**Approved** subject to the following conditions:

1. The development is to conform to the development application dated January 28, 2025, deemed complete February 7, 2025, in compliance with the Town of Vauxhall Land Use Bylaw No. 833-09, and the attached approved site plan.
2. That Lot 26, Block 12, Plan 760CM (Title No. 241 313 630 +2), Lots 27-28, Block 12, Plan 760CM (Title No. 241 313 630 +1) and the South 75 feet of Lots throughout of Lots 29-32 Inclusive (Title No. 241 313 630) are consolidated in a manner such that the resultant Certificate of Title could not be subdivided without approval of the Subdivision Authority.
3. The applicant shall contact the Town of Vauxhall to confirm municipal servicing requirements for the change of use prior to development. The applicant is responsible for any associated costs for connections to the Town's water and sewer services as may be required, including meters, service lines, and any other necessary infrastructure.
4. The proposed new sidewalk identified on the site plan south of the building shall be extended and constructed along the full length of the building to provide a connection with the residential parking area.
5. The applicant/owner shall obtain a building permit prior to commencement and any other applicable safety code permits, from the designated safety codes officer.
6. That prior to occupancy, the applicant shall arrange a final inspection of the building by the regional fire chief.
7. The building's internal conversion and all exterior improvements, including parking lot, sidewalks, shared outdoor space shall be completed within 12 months from issuance of this permit.
8. The final site grading shall be completed so drainage is managed on site so as to not adversely affect the lane, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North, or 5<sup>th</sup> Street North.
9. All refuse on the construction site shall be properly screened or placed in an approved enclosure until removed for disposal.

10. Any lighting shall be located, oriented, and shielded so as not to adversely affect adjacent properties.
11. No obstructions, structures, landscaping, or any other features are permitted to extend over the property line into the municipal lane, sidewalk, or road right-of-way.
12. Parking in the lane is prohibited
13. That a variance is granted to the maximum 50% ground floor area standard for a Secondary Residential Use, allowing the Secondary Residential Use to encompass a ground floor area not to exceed 55% of the total building floor area in accordance with the approved site plan.
14. A minimum of four off-street parking stalls for residential parking as indicated in the approved site plan shall be maintained and signage installed or pavement marking provided denoting the stalls are for exclusive use of each residential unit.

Informative:

1. The applicant must contact Utility Safety Partners, formerly Alberta One Call, (1-800-242-3447) to locate any utility lines prior to commencement.
2. The applicant/landowner is responsible for determining the location of any easement and/or utility right-of way registered on the property and ensuring that the development does not encroach upon the easement and/or right of way and complies with any associated agreements registered on title.
3. The applicant shall be responsible for ensuring all necessary permits for operation of the Rental Hall are obtained from applicable provincial agencies.

**Adjournment 5:35 p.m.**

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**CHAIR  
HENRY ZACHARIAS**

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**DEVELOPMENT OFFICER  
CRIS BURNS**



## Veterans Memorial Highway Association (VMHA) – South Zone Meeting Minutes

**Date:** December 9, 2024 **Time:** 2:30 PM **Location:** MD of Taber Municipal Office

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In Attendance: John DeGroot, Chris Koehn, Greg Skriver, Russ Norris, Jack Brewin, Derrin Thibault, Chris Burns, Mindy Dunphy

### 1. Call Meeting to Order at 2:32

### 2. Welcome and Introductions

### 3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Jack, to adopt the agenda. Carried.

### 4. Highway Concerns and Celebrations by Region

- **Highway 36 Update**
  - **Taber to Vauxhall – Highway Lanes:** The highway is **not four lanes through Taber** but is **four lanes in Vauxhall**, creating traffic flow issues.
  - **Bridge and Hill North of Taber to South of Vauxhall:** This area causes significant traffic delays for wide loads, as they must **block traffic from just before the bridge to the top of the hill**. Twinning this section could alleviate delays.
  - **North of Highway 1 – JBS Intersection:** There is a suggestion to **twin the highway north of Highway 1**, particularly at the JBS intersection, to improve traffic flow and safety.
  - **Oil Road – Highway 526 to Highway 875 Towards Highway 25:** Members proposed that this **oil road should be paved** to enhance transportation routes and support local industries.
  - **Truck Stop North of Warner:** A **new truck stop** has been established approximately **10 minutes north of Warner**, serving feedlot operations and providing a rest area for commercial drivers.



- **Other Regional Highways** (e.g., Highways 41, 13, 12, 14)
  - **Brooks to Kinbrook – Highway 837**

A discussion was held regarding potential improvements and connections for regional highways:

- **Connecting Three-Digit Highways to Economic Corridors:** Members inquired if there are any **plans to connect three-digit highways to major economic corridors**, enhancing access and supporting regional economic growth.
- **VMHA's Role in Advocacy:** The association can agree to **advocate for these connections** and ensure that relevant authorities and stakeholders are aware of the potential benefits. VMHA will do its part to raise awareness and promote the importance of integrating these highways into the broader transportation network.

## 5. Tourism Initiative – Explore the Eastern Route

- The tourism website **ExploreVMH.ca** continues to gain traction. The next phase of development will include adding **travel itineraries** to help visitors plan their trips along the Veterans Memorial Highway.

### Promotional Success – Ducks Campaign:

- The **duck giveaways** have been a big hit, with attendees at events expressing enthusiasm for the unique promotion. Due to their popularity, the association will **order more ducks for 2025** to continue engaging visitors and promoting the Eastern Route.

### Workshops for Communities and Businesses:

- To support regional tourism growth, the association plans to host **workshops** with communities and businesses. These sessions will focus on how to leverage tourism opportunities, promote local attractions, and enhance visitor experiences along the route.

### Workshops for Communities and Businesses:

- The Tourism Magazine contained several errors, and considering the cost, it did not provide the value we had hoped for. If we choose to produce another edition, it is essential that these errors are corrected to ensure a higher-quality publication.
- To help offset production costs, we should consider **selling advertising space**. A potential format could feature a **municipality profile on the left page** and **advertisements from local businesses on the right page**, creating a balanced layout that highlights both the community and its business opportunities.
- This approach can help us create a more polished, cost-effective magazine while supporting local businesses and showcasing our communities effectively

## 6. Economic Development Updates

- The new economic development website, **GrowEast.ca**, is in development and is expected to launch by the end of **January 2025**.
- The website will feature valuable resources, including:
  - **Business and Investor Resources:** Tools and information to support business growth and investment opportunities.
  - **Key Projects and Developments:** Highlighting significant projects and investments within member communities.
  - **Community Economic Profiles:** Providing detailed profiles showcasing local economic strengths and opportunities.

The association is excited for this platform to become a vital tool in promoting economic growth and attracting investment along the Eastern Route.

## 7. Next Meeting Date

- To be determined after executive and zone chair meeting.

## 8. Adjournment at 3:55 pm

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE GREEN ROOM AT THE TOWN OF TABER ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup> AT 6:00 P.M.

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Attendance: Derrin Thibault, Martin Ebel, Sandy Watts, Tamara Miyanaga, Rick Popadynetz, Alvaro Mendes, Bryce Surina, Amy Allred

**ITEM NO 1. CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

**ITEM NO 2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented  
Moved by Rick P CARRIED

**ITEM NO 3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

A) Regular Meeting of the Joint Economic Development – November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Motion to accept the minutes as presented  
Moved by Rick P CARRIED

**ITEM NO 4. DELEGATION**

A) Virtual Presentation from Davide Pedersen – The Great Southern Route

No motion required, informational presentation only

**ITEM NO 5. NEW BUSINESS**

A) JEDC Website Addition (How to Sell Your Business)

No motion, consensus was to put to the Succession Form on the JEDC Website

B) Possible Grant Funding for Modeling re: Irrigation Impacts – John T

No motion, Alvaro to connect with John re the VR Irrigation Project and how it can work together to help people understand the impacts of irrigation.

C) Taber Advantage Update – Amy A

No motion, marketing and stats update

D) Dryland Facility Letters of Support – Derrin T

No motion, Derrin shared an update on the Town’s grant submission for a feasibility study for a Dryland Facility. No financial contribution being requested at this time, just a letter of support for the grant. Each community will be contacted with details.

E) AAIP Program Update – Amy A

No motion, AAIP Provincial allocations have been cut in half to 4,875. At the moment the program is very oversubscribed, the Taber Region program will not be renewing our designation at this time. All candidates who have applied while the program has been on pause will have their application reviewed and an endorsement letter issued if they qualify.

**ITEM NO 5. OTHER ITEMS**

A) Round Table Discussion

- a. Joanne
  - i. Taber hosting a Police Provincial Association Meeting in 2025.
  - ii. Would like to host a “Taste of Taber” event in conjunction with this event.
- b. Bryce
  - i. MD Collaboration with the Town is going well!
  - ii. Lots of work has gone on, in particular with Progress West in 2024 to help prepare the way for implementation of plans for 2025.
  - iii. Looking to develop MOU for partnerships.
- c. Alvaro
  - i. New online training available on business plans
  - ii. More modules coming later this year.
- d. Tamara
  - i. Lots of movement in selling lots in the hamlets
  - ii. Collaborations are working well
  - iii. Food Bank/Shelter/My City Care – call to share the posts and events with our community, it makes a big difference.
- e. Sandy
  - i. Barnwell working on feasibility study for wastewater with grants
  - ii. Working on idea to recognise veterans in their cemetery
- f. Martin
  - i. NRED Grants – lots of good applications, expect announcements in March
  - ii. Assistant Deputy Minister visits to Southern Alberta, good to highlight growth and development in the region.
  - iii. Nice to see the genuine collaboration in the room.
- g. Derrin
  - i. Meadows Update – lots selling, Council has made lots of changes to allow for a variety of developments which has really opened the doors.
  - ii. Development Update – brief update on new developments in town.
  - iii. Eureka Update – update on the development, tenders and construction in Eureka Industrial Park

**ITEM NO 6. NEXT MEETING DATE** - Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

**ITEM NO 7. ADJOURN** - Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 9, 2025; 6:00 pm**  
**ORRSC Boardroom (3105 - 16 Avenue North, Lethbridge)**

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Oldman River Regional Services Commission was held on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 6:00 pm, in the ORRSC Administration Building.

**Attendance**

**Executive Committee**

Christopher Northcott, Chair  
Don Anderberg, Vice Chair  
Evan Berger  
David Cody  
Brad Schlossberger  
Neil Sieben

**Absent**

Gordon Wolstenholme

**Staff**

Lenze Kuiper, Chief Administrative Officer  
Raeanne Keer, Executive Assistant  
Stephanie Sayer, Accounting Clerk

Chairman Northcott called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by: Don Anderberg**

THAT the Executive Committee adopts the January 9, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**Moved by: David Cody**

THAT the Executive Committee approves the November 14, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**4. Official Business**

**a. ATB Financial Municipal Borrowing Bylaw Annual Endorsement**

**Moved by: Don Anderberg**

THAT the Executive Committee authorizes the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer to endorse the 2025 Municipal Borrowing Bylaw (Revolving Line of Credit) for ATB Financial Signing Authority – ATB Financial.

**CARRIED**

**b. Signing Authority**

R. Keer inquired if the Executive Committee would like to grant authorization to a member of the Executive, other than the Chair, to have signing authority. R. Keer further explained that historically the Executive Committee has granted signing authority to a second individual for situations where the Chair is unavailable.

B. Schlossberger stated that he would let his name stand for signing authority.

**Moved by: Evan Berger**

THAT the Executive Committee authorizes the Chair, Christopher Northcott, and an Executive Member, Brad Schlossberger, signing authority for the Oldman River Regional Services Commission on behalf of the Executive Committee.

**CARRIED**

**c. 2025 Schedule of Fees – Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board**

R. Keer stated that in accordance with the agreements for the Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, an annual schedule of fees must be set for 2025. R. Keer presented that the only change proposed is to increase the mileage rate from \$0.70/km to \$0.72/km, in accordance with the Canada Revenue Rate.

**Moved by: Neil Sieben**

THAT the Executive Committee approves the 2025 Schedule of Fees for the Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**d. Subdivision Activity – As of December 31, 2024**

L. Kuiper presented the Subdivision Activity Report as of December 31, 2024 to the Executive Committee.

**e. Staff Update**

L. Kuiper stated that a posting has gone out in search of a new Planner to join ORRSC, and that a staff member has begun their Gradual Return to Work Plan after being away on Long-Term Leave.

**f. ORRSC Strategic Plan 2016-2026**

L. Kuiper presented the 2016-2026 Strategic Plan to the Executive and highlight some of the action items in the Plan.

**g. ORRSC Planning Contracts**

R. Keer presented the various editions of the Planning Services Agreements and Contracts that the organization currently has, varying from 1995 to 2024.

The Executive discussed ideas for updating the contracts and determined they would discuss them further at the next Executive Committee meeting.

**h. For Information: Brownlee LLP Emerging Trends in Municipal Law**

L. Kuiper presented details on the Brownlee LLP Emerging Trends in Municipal Law event in February for anyone who is interested in attending.

**i. For Information: Community Planning Association of Alberta**

R. Keer presented details on the Community Planning Association of Alberta Conference in Red Deer, Alberta in April.

R. Keer advised that historically 2-3 Executive Members have attended on behalf of ORRSC, and that the agenda will be distributed once it is available.

**5. Accounts**

**a. Office Accounts**

L. Kuiper presented the Monthly Office Accounts and the Payments and Credits for October to November 2024 to the Executive.

**Moved by: Brad Schlossberger**

THAT the Executive Committee approves the Monthly Office Accounts and the Payment and Credits for October to November 2024, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**b. Financial Statements**

L. Kuiper presented the Balance Sheets and Comparative Income Statements for October to November 2024 and the Details of Account for November 2024 to the Executive.

**Moved by: Don Anderberg**

THAT the Executive Committee approves the Balance Sheets and Comparative Income Statement for October to November 2024 and the Details of Account for November 2024, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. New Business**

E. Berger inquired about the appointees of the Assessment Review Board and stated that his municipality has a Councillor who has been appointed for a number of years, has completed the training, but has not participated in a hearing.

R. Keer reviewed the training requirements and the process for scheduling Assessment Review Board hearings with the Regional Board.

The Executive requested that a list of appointees and their Municipalities be brought forward to a future Executive Committee meeting to review our distribution of appointees.

**7. CAO's Report**

L. Kuiper presented CAO Report to the Committee.

**8. Round Table Discussions**

Committee members and staff reported on various projects and activities in their respective municipalities.

**9. Next Meeting – February 13, 2025**



10. **Adjournment**

**Moved by: Neil Sieben**

THAT the Executive Committee closes the meeting.

**CARRIED AT 7:48 PM**



CHAIR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



Town of Vauxhall  
Council Memo

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**Town of Vauxhall**  
**Request for Decision**

**Date:** February 28, 2025

**Information provided by:** Administration

**Topic:** Support letter Co-op Community Spaces Grant

**Background:**

The Vauxhall Agricultural Society is requesting a letter of support for their application for the Co-op Community Spaces Grant in support of a new multipurpose building. Please see attached their letter for reference.

**Proposed Motion**

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ for the Town of Vauxhall to send a letter of support for the Vauxhall Agricultural Society's application to the Co-op Community Spaces Grant in support of a new multipurpose building.

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_

## Events 2025

Date	Time	Events	Location	Councillor (s) attending (if applicable)
2025-03-06 & 07		Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus	Westin Hotel, Edmonton	
2025-03-15	5:30PM	Guided Journeys Foundation	Vauxhall Community Hall	
2025-03-28	6:00PM	Jets 19th Annual Home Run Ball	Vauxhall Community Hall	
2025-04-02	6:00PM	All Councils Event	Coaldale Civic Square	
2025-05-01 & 02		Public Risk Conference	TBD	
2025-06-11, 12, 25 & 26		Summer Municipal Leaders Caucuses	Various Locations	
2025-11-12 to 14		Alberta Municipal Convention and Trade Show	Calgary TELUS Convention Centre	

## Meetings 2025

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Councillor(s)Member</b>
2025-03-10	5:15 PM	Municipal Planning Commission	Council Chambers	DM Forchuk, Cllr. Zacharias, Cllr. Norris
2025-03-28	1:00 PM	Veterans Memorial Highway	Paintearth (zoom option)	Cllr. Norris
2025-04-09	7:00 PM	Regional Fire Authority	Vx Fire Hall	DM Forchuk & Cllr. Zacharias
2025-04-16	7:00 PM	Vx Public Library	Library	DM Forchuk & Cllr. Deleeuw
2025-05-12	3:00 PM	Vx & Dist. Water Commission	Council Chambers	Cllr. Norris
2025-05-14	6:00 PM	JEDC	MD Office-Reeves Room	Mayor Cawley & Cllr. Deleeuw
2025-08-13	6:00 PM	JEDC	MD Office-Reeves Room	Mayor Cawley & Cllr. Deleeuw
2025-09-17	7:00 PM	Vx Public Library	Library	DM Forchuk & Cllr. Deleeuw
2025-10-08	7:00 PM	Vx Public Library	Library	DM Forchuk & Cllr. Deleeuw
2025-11-12	6:00 PM	JEDC	MD Office-Reeves Room	Mayor Cawley & Cllr. Deleeuw



## Friday February 21st 2025

This Bi-weekly Newsletter is available to members and non-members of the Vauxhall & District Chamber of Commerce and features information of importance to, and about local business and upcoming events!

### MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

## Dusty Acers youth Shooting Society

The Dusty Acres Youth Shooting Society mission is to introduce and promote amateur shooting sports to youth by educating them in safety, sportsmanship, competition, and the ethical use of firearms, archery and other shooting sports equipment. For more information please email:  
[DustyAcres2021@gmail.com](mailto:DustyAcres2021@gmail.com)





VAUXHALL CURLING CLUB



**JUNIOR PROGRAM**



**Want to Learn How to Curl?** Looking for a fun way to stay active?

Join our Junior Curling Program every Wednesday at 4 PM at the Vauxhall Curling Club!

- No experience needed - our coach will teach you everything you need to know!
- Bring your gym runners, and we'll take care of the rest.
- Only \$50 per person.

Ready to slide into the action?  
Contact Braxton Wolfer at 403-393-1371 to sign up!



\*GRADE 6 & UP



**Taber Adult Learning**  
Presents our

**COMMUNITY JOB FAIR**

All job seekers are welcome to join us at our semi-annual networking event for an incredible opportunity to connect with top employers and explore exciting career paths. Bring your resume and get ready to network with industry leaders who are eager to meet talented individuals like you.

Don't wait—your dream job is just a handshake away!



Thursday  
March 13, 2025



Time  
11 am - 5 PM



Heritage Inn  
4830 46 Ave, Taber

Employers & Job Seekers:  
To register, scan QR Code or contact us:



403-223-1169

<https://taberadultlearning.com/>



**Chromebook now available to borrow**



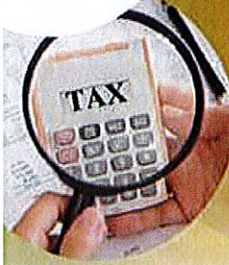
**The Nomination Period for the General Municipal Election for Town of Vauxhall is Now Open!**  
The next municipal election will be Monday, October 20, 2025. A person may file a nomination to become a candidate for a general election within the period beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 and ending at 12 noon on nomination day. Located at the Vauxhall Administration Office - 223 5<sup>th</sup> St Vauxhall, AB Monday to Friday (except STAT holidays) 8am - 12pm and 1pm - 4:30pm.

Filing the nomination form may be done in person, by mail, or courier. If sent by mail or courier, the form must be received before close of nominations at 12 noon on Monday September 22, 2025.

If you are interested in running for office but would like more information, please view the Nomination Package found on the Town of Vauxhall website. Copies of the nomination package are also available for pick up at the Administrative Office

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**WHERE**  
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
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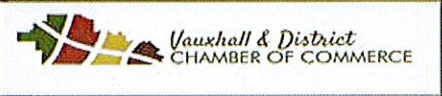
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**Vauxhall, AB**

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