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# Monthly E-Newsletter

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## Tree Clearing in Nacmine & Rosedale

We would like to express our gratitude to all residents for your understanding and cooperation during this month's tree clearing process. We recognize that seeing trees removed can be emotional, especially when they've been a part of your neighbourhood for many years. However, this is an important step forward in protecting your community from flooding and preparing for the construction of berms that will help mitigate future flood risks. While it may be difficult to see the changes, rest assured that these efforts are part of a long-term strategy to improve safety and resilience in our communities.

As we move forward with this project, we will continue to prioritize both flood protection and environmental stewardship. Once berm construction is underway, we will be planting new trees and vegetation in the area and through the valley to restore and enhance the natural beauty of the community.

Thank you again for your patience, support, and understanding. Your cooperation makes a real difference in building a safer, more resilient community for everyone. If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please don't hesitate to reach out.

## Wildlife Surveys & Historic Resources

As We are pleased to report that the wildlife surveys and historic resource assessments for both Nacmine and Rosedale have been completed, with no substantial findings identified. As part of our commitment to environmental stewardship and preservation, we ensure that all necessary surveys are conducted prior to construction. As an added precaution, we have outlined the following measures:

**If any artifacts or significant historical resources are discovered during work**, the construction activities will be paused immediately, and the appropriate steps will be taken to assess and protect the find. We take these matters seriously to preserve our community's history and heritage.

**If site activity pauses prior to earthworks;** another wildlife survey will be conducted prior to earthworks in the spring to ensure no disturbance to local wildlife populations as we move forward with construction. These ongoing surveys help us stay in compliance with environmental guidelines and protect the surrounding ecosystems.

We are committed to maintaining the balance between progress and environmental care. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we work to improve and protect our community.

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## Stay Safe: Utility Locate Flags and Construction Zones

As we continue with the Flood Mitigation Project, we want to remind everyone of the importance of utility locate flags and the safety protocols in place around construction zones. Utility locate flags, which are color-coded markers, identify the location of underground utilities like gas, water, and electrical lines. These markers are essential for safe excavation and preventing damage to vital services, so we kindly ask that they not be disturbed.

For the safety of both our community and contractors, we have implemented strict safety measures, including protective gear, barricades, and clear warning signs around work zones.

Unauthorized access to construction sites is strictly prohibited. By respecting these safety protocols, you help ensure a safe environment for both workers and residents.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Flood Mitigation Project or our safety protocols, please feel free to reach out to us at [floodreadiness@drumheller.ca](mailto:floodreadiness@drumheller.ca). Your safety is our top priority, and we appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a secure work environment for everyone.



### Construction Schedule: Key Dates & What to Expect

We're excited to announce that construction of the new berm will begin in spring 2025, with all major works complete by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Landscaping may need to continued in spring 2026.

To ensure the long-term success of the project, Pidherney's will be maintaining the landscaping for two full growing seasons, through 2026 and 2027. This includes regular watering, weeding, mowing, and the care of newly planted trees to help them establish and thrive.

We're committed to creating a lasting and beautiful addition to our community, and we appreciate your patience as we move forward with this important project.



## Vibration Monitoring and Pre-Construction Home Inspections Update

As part of our ongoing vibration monitoring program, we are pleased to report that the pre-construction inspection process is well underway. Letters were sent to landowners of properties adjacent to the upcoming construction areas and haul routes, inviting them to schedule their Pre-Construction Home Inspections. These inspections are an important step in documenting the pre-existing conditions of homes and ensuring that any changes or impacts from construction activities can be identified and properly addressed.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all residents who have participated in these inspections. Your cooperation is invaluable in helping us maintain the highest standards of safety and ensuring that vibration levels during heavy construction and earthwork remain within acceptable limits.

Vibration monitoring will continue throughout the duration of the construction process, with qualified professionals conducting regular assessments to minimize any potential impacts on nearby structures. The goal is to maintain a safe and secure environment for all, while keeping disruption to a minimum.

We deeply appreciate your continued cooperation and patience as we work to improve and protect our community. If you have any questions or concerns about the inspection process or the vibration monitoring program, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

To learn more about our vibration monitoring program visit [floodreadiness.drumheller.ca](https://floodreadiness.drumheller.ca) or check out our short video on our YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PD0DGvgM-jY>

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## Hunter Drive Road Closure and Road Access Removal

This is a notice to all residents that Pidherney's is removing access to Hunter drive on the north side of South Dinosaur Trail at the east end of Nacmine as pictured below.

### **Why This Work Was Necessary:**

The primary goal of this work was to create a more effective flood mitigation system in Nacmine by constructing the flood berm across Hunter Drive. The properties on the north side of Hunter Drive (964 to 1000 Hunter Drive) have been purchased by the Town, and all structures have been removed.

Once construction is fully complete, this land will be converted into an Environmental Reserve, which will help protect the surrounding natural areas.

Additionally, the road closure and associated improvements were required to safely facilitate construction and ensure that future flood protection infrastructure is robust and well-integrated with the existing transportation network.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during the completion of these important works, which will help make Nacmine a safer and more resilient community. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.



## Ongoing Consultations with Indigenous Communities: Building Strong Partnerships

The Flood Office is excited to be engaging in meaningful consultations with Indigenous partners on the upcoming Nacmine and Rosedale berm construction as well as Indigenous planting initiatives in the Lehigh area. These discussions are a vital step in ensuring that we move forward in a way that respects and honors the heritage and input of Indigenous communities. We look forward to sharing more updates as these partnerships continue to grow and strengthen our projects.

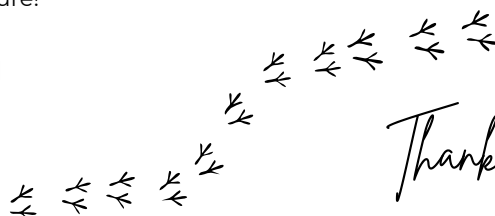
## Flood Readiness: Prepare for the Season Ahead

As we approach Flood Season, it's crucial to stay informed and prepared. Emergency Preparedness Week will take place from May 4th to 10th, 2025, and we're here to help you get ready. Stay tuned for more essential flood readiness tips and resources in our upcoming newsletters!



## Stay in the Loop!

Follow us on social media for real-time updates on the construction schedule and progress. Together, we're building a safer future!



*Thank you for reading!*

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