
Monthly E-Newsletter

DRUMHELLER
FLOOD OFFICE

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Construction Schedule: Key Dates & What to Expect

We're excited to share that construction of the new berms officially began in spring 2025. Tree clearing is now complete, and construction of the bank erosion protection, the berm, and associated drainage infrastructure is anticipated to begin in Summer 2025. Major construction work is expected to be completed by November 30, 2025. Please note that landscaping and final touch-ups may continue into spring 2026. Any changes to the schedule will be communicated to residents and property owners in the impacted areas.



Stay Safe: Construction Zones

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. Your safety is our top priority, and we appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a secure work environment for everyone.

We're committed to building long-term flood protection that keeps our community safe, and we appreciate your patience as we move forward with this important project.

Help Our Plantings Thrive: No Mowing

As part of the ongoing flood mitigation efforts, the Town of Drumheller is committed to ensuring the long-term success of newly planted landscaping along berms, and other flood protection areas. To support this, our contractor will be responsible for maintaining these areas 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.

What We're Asking:

We kindly ask that landowners at North Drumheller and East Coulee to not mow or maintain public areas on your own. While it may be tempting to help out, uncoordinated mowing or landscaping can actually damage young trees, interfere with establishment of new grasses and disrupt the care schedule designed to help the plantings establish strong root systems.

Letting the contractor handle this work ensures the plantings receive consistent care and gives them the best chance to thrive—protecting your property and our community in the long run.



Respecting Our Natural Spaces: Do's and Don'ts on Town Land

As warmer weather brings more people outdoors, the Town of Drumheller would like to remind residents about how to responsibly enjoy and maintain our public spaces, especially wooded areas and riverbanks.

These natural areas are beautiful community assets—but they're also sensitive environments and important parts of our flood protection infrastructure. Please help us keep them safe and accessible by following these simple guidelines:

Do's:

- ✓Enjoy the scenery – Walk, bike, and explore using designated paths and trails.
- ✓Practice "leave no trace" – Pack out all garbage, pet waste, and personal belongings.
- ✓Report concerns – If you notice damaged trees, erosion, or illegal dumping, report it to the Town.
- ✓Respect ongoing work – Give space to crews maintaining banks, dikes, and vegetation.

Don'ts:

- ✗Don't build or store anything – Personal items like stairs, firewood piles, sheds, or furniture should not be placed or built on Town-owned land, including adjacent private homes.
- ✗Don't cut or trim vegetation – Trees and shrubs on riverbanks are important parts of part of the natural environment, including deadfall. Vegetation in natural areas also helps to provide erosion resistance during flood events, and as such needs to be left intact. Cutting, pruning, or removing them without permission is prohibited.
- ✗Don't alter the landscape – No digging, regrading, or modifying riverbanks or berm areas. This can weaken flood defenses and harm the environment, not to mention bring on enforcement consequences from the Town and Province.
- ✗Don't enter restricted areas – These may be dangerous due to unstable ground or active work zones.

Our shared respect for these areas ensures everyone's safety and helps protect our town from future flooding. If you're unsure whether an area is public land or what's permitted, reach out—we're happy to help.



Emergency Preparedness Week 2025: May 4-10

Emergency Preparedness Week is a national campaign that encourages Canadians to take action to be better prepared for emergencies. Drumheller is no stranger to the risks posed by flooding. With river levels changing throughout the season, taking a few steps now can make a big difference when it matters most.

As part of our ongoing efforts to support emergency preparedness in the Drumheller Valley, we encourage all residents to ensure they are equipped with a [72-hour emergency kit](#) and a [personal emergency plan](#).

Preparedness is key to safety during unexpected events such as floods, and it starts with being ready at home, at work, and within our communities. Emergencies can happen at any time, and having a plan in place can reduce risk and help ensure the safety of yourself, your family, your pets, and even your neighbours.

We ask all residents to take this guidance seriously and take steps to be ready. Please visit floodreadiness.drumheller.ca for a printable checklist and more information on how to prepare.

Trail Closures During Construction Season

As part of ongoing flood mitigation work, some trails and pathways along the river and throughout town will be temporarily closed this construction season. These closures are necessary to ensure public safety while crews complete important work on berms, landscaping, and other infrastructure.

We know how much residents value these trails, and we appreciate your patience during these temporary disruptions. Detours will be provided where possible, and signage will be posted to help guide trail users safely around active construction zones.

Please respect all posted signs and avoid entering closed areas for your safety and the safety of workers. Thank you for your cooperation as we work toward a safer, more resilient community.



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.

Wildlife Sweep at Nacmine and Rosedale

Before starting construction, we conducted a wildlife sweep at Nacmine and Rosedale with a Qualified Professional to ensure we're protecting local ecosystems and wildlife. We checked for endangered species, nesting birds, dens, and other important wildlife features that must be avoided.

This is part of our commitment to responsible development and environmental stewardship. You can view the full wildlife sweep reports for [Nacmine](#) and [Rosedale](#) on our [website](#).

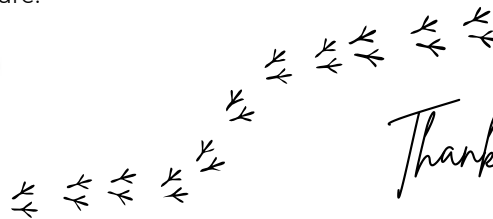


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