
Monthly E-Newsletter

DRUMHELLER
FLOOD OFFICE



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Construction Updates: Rosedale & Nacmine Berms

Work continues on the flood protection berms in Rosedale and Nacmine, with most construction activity now focused in Nacmine.

In Rosedale, fill is still being hauled and stockpiled. In Nacmine, approximately 95% of the fill has been installed. Some areas still need to be built up, but topsoiling has already been completed from Hunter Drive to 3rd Street. Installation of cross-drainage structures is also underway, with all crossings in progress.

Thank you for your continued support as we work toward completing these important flood mitigation projects!



North Drumheller Berm – Substantially Complete!

We're excited to share that the North Drumheller Berm is now Substantially Complete — a major milestone in our ongoing flood mitigation efforts. This berm plays a key role in protecting the community from overland flood risk and brings us one step closer to a more resilient Drumheller. To see the progress for yourself, check out our latest drone footage of the completed berm on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/RYGy2CD3dBk>

Weeds on the Rise – Weather Slows Maintenance

Recent wet weather has made it challenging to access some sites for regular maintenance, including weed removal. We know the weeds are becoming more noticeable, but the rain has delayed our ability to manage them as planned.

Despite the temporary increase in weed growth, native grasses and other planted species are continuing to establish themselves. These plants take longer to root and grow, but in time, they will naturally outcompete many of the early, fast-growing weeds.

In the meantime, we kindly ask that residents avoid mowing or disturbing berm areas, as this can damage young vegetation and set back restoration efforts.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate the weather and continue working to keep the project moving forward.



Flood Program Update – Presented to Council on July 21

What's New on the Ground?

Construction continues on two of the program's largest berm projects: Nacmine and Rosedale/Scarlett. Both are expected to reach substantial completion by fall 2025, with revegetation to follow in late fall or spring 2026. After that, contractors will enter a two-year maintenance period to ensure the berms are fully stabilized and functioning as intended.

Meanwhile, Town staff are preparing to take over long-term maintenance for the 2022 berms, while maintenance activities continue on berms completed in 2023 and 2024.

Program Budget & Funding Outlook

While the flood program continues to make steady progress, it is facing ongoing financial pressures. Current projections show the program running approximately \$2.624 million over budget, not including legal fees or land expropriation costs anticipated in late 2025 and beyond.

To stay on track, additional borrowing may be required in 2026. In response, Town Administration and the Flood Mitigation Office are actively pursuing new grant opportunities and advocating for increased provincial and federal support, especially for land acquisition and construction funding.

Looking Ahead: What's on the Horizon?

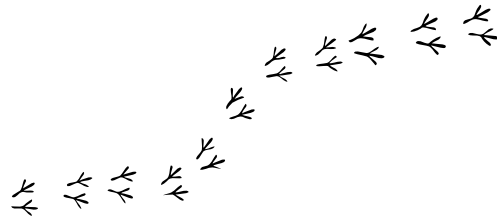
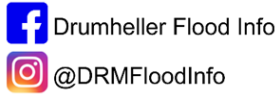
Design work is underway by Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors (ATEC) for the Michichi Creek flood wall and bridge replacement. Public consultations are scheduled for 2026, with construction expected to begin in 2027, pending ATEC funding approval.

The team continues to work closely with government partners to meet critical funding deadlines, with all provincial and federal funds required to be spent by December 31, 2028.

With each berm completed and every new project launched, Drumheller moves closer to a safer, more flood-resilient future.

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Thank you for reading!

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