
Monthly E-Newsletter

DRUMHELLER
FLOOD OFFICE

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Construction Updates: Nacmine, Rosedale, and West Rosedale Scarlett Berms

In Nacmine, the berm is now fully built, with roadwork and most surface finishing complete. About half of the landscaping is done, and crews are busy wrapping up the remaining landscaping and fencing.

In Rosedale, work is moving along — fill is in place, and crews will be adding a cross-drain and landscaping in the coming weeks. Extra fill is still needed in the riparian areas, and landscaping there is expected to start in about a month. Work near the Suspension Bridge is scheduled to begin mid-September, and will require the Suspension Bridge parking lot be closed for several weeks.

In West Rosedale, the Scarlett Berm earthworks started back up this week. Crews are installing culverts and finishing up the berm and ditch work. Once that's complete, the site will be ready for landscaping.



Tree Replacement Update: Meeting the 5:1 Commitment

As part of the Drumheller Flood Mitigation Project, trees removed during berm construction will be replaced at a minimum 5:1 ratio on public lands. For every tree removed, at least five new trees and shrubs will be planted—helping us restore and grow a healthier, more resilient tree canopy for the community.

Tree Replacement Stats:

- 1,094 trees removed in Nacmine, Rosedale, and West Rosedale Scarlett berm areas
- 7,947 new trees and shrubs planned for planting in 2025–2026

These new plantings will strengthen our community's canopy, stabilize soils, and support long-term flood resilience.

Looking Ahead

Tree planting will begin as berm construction is completed. Plantings will focus on native and climate-resilient species, ensuring long-term growth, biodiversity, and habitat benefits.

While some mature trees were removed for berm safety, the revegetation program will leave our neighbourhoods with a more diverse and abundant urban forest in the years ahead.

Thank you for supporting this project as we work together toward a greener, safer, and more flood-ready Drumheller.



New Native Grass Turf Installed in Nacmine

If you've noticed some fresh rolls of grass being laid out in Nacmine, that's NatureTurf — a special type of turf made from native prairie grasses. Unlike regular sod, it's grown in a soil-less medium and reinforced with a biodegradable mat, designed to restore the kind of natural prairie landscape that once covered most of our region.

It might look a bit tender and sparse at first — and that's 100% normal. With a little time, the native grasses will take root, fill in, and create a healthy, resilient plant community that supports local wildlife, suppresses weeds, and requires very little maintenance in the long run.

This project helps bring back a small piece of the prairie, while making our community greener and more sustainable for years to come.



Safety Reminder – Nacmine and Rosedale

As construction continues on the berms in Rosedale and Nacmine, we want to thank residents for your patience and cooperation. Your support helps us keep the project moving forward safely.

We've recently been made aware of some safety concerns on the berm sites. Please remember:

- Do not use ATVs or other vehicles on the berms. Fences and closures are in place for your safety and to protect ongoing construction work.
- Do not climb or play on heavy equipment. Even when idle, construction equipment is not safe to climb on and poses serious risks of injury.
- Keep children away from active and closed construction zones. Berm areas remain restricted until work is fully complete.

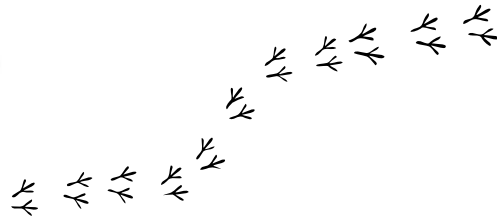
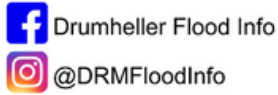
Your cooperation is essential to keeping our community safe. Please follow all posted signage and help us prevent accidents.

If you have any questions or concerns about berm safety, please contact us at floodreadiness@drumheller.ca.



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Thank you for reading!

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