



# Drumheller and District Chamber of Commerce

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Town of Drumheller  
Attn: Mayor Colberg & Council  
224 Centre Street  
Drumheller, Alberta T0J 0Y4

Dear Mayor Colberg & Council,

The Drumheller and District Chamber of Commerce is once again bringing forward concerns with derelict buildings in our community. Since our letter dated January 29, 2019, we have not seen significant notable improvements in regards to this issue. We had been optimistic that with changes to the Community Standards Bylaw earlier this year, there would be progress made in dealing with owners of derelict properties in our community.

If we desire to enhance the visual image of our community and ensure economic development occurs, then these derelict properties must be addressed. Boarded up and/or broken windows, graffiti and garbage are common sights at two specific properties in our community – the former Drumheller General Hospital and the former Big Country Educational Consortium. Both properties have been unkept for far too long. Derelict buildings are obstacles to positive economic development in our community. Even a single derelict building can bring down the value of surrounding properties and businesses, pushing development elsewhere.

As the local Chamber of Commerce representing over 240 businesses in the Drumheller area, we would ask that the Town of Drumheller take swift corrective action on derelict properties. Council's vision for Drumheller to be the "cleanest, friendliest, most sought after community in Alberta" cannot be reached with derelict properties standing in the way.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hall  
*President*

*DDCC Corporate Members*

