

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

August 9, 2004 5:30 PM Council Chambers, Town Hall
703 - 2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta

PRESENT:

MAYOR:

Paul Ainscough

COUNCIL:

Karen Bertamini
Don Cunningham
Larry Davidson
Brent Pedersen
John Sparling
Harry Stables

DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:

Wes Yeoman

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Michael Minchin

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Diana Meller

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Linda Handy

ABSENT: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ENGINEER:

Ray Romanetz

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Harry Stables was sworn in as Deputy Mayor for the months of September and October, 2004.

2.0 MAYOR AINSCOUGH'S OPENING REMARKS

2.1 Mayor Ainscough provided an update on the meeting with Hon. Shirley McClellan held on August 9TH. He noted the following items of discussion: 1) Water line to Rosedale / Cambria – awaiting approval from Hon. Stelmach; 2) CIP / CFEP – Mayor Ainscough stressed the urgency for approval on the Revitalization Project – Hon. Shirley McClellan agreed to speak with the appropriate department on our behalf; 3) Hwy 9 Upgrade – earth work should begin this fall; 4) Brownfields Resolution prepared for AUMA – Hon. Shirley McClellan agreed to speak with Hon. Pat Nelson on this matter; 5) Red Deer River User Group Update – Hon. Shirley McClellan supports the Town's position; 6) FCSS Parent Resources Centre Grant – Hon. Shirley McClellan concurred that the facility should be located in Drumheller.

2.2 Mayor Ainscough announced the Town Staff Barbecue to be held on August 27th. He noted that Councillors have been asked to barbecue.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MO2004.160 Bertamini, Pedersen moved the adoption of the agenda as presented. Cd.

5.0 MINUTES

5.1.1 ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – July 12, 2004

MO2004.161 Stables, Bertamini moved the adoption of the minutes as presented. Cd.

5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission – July 8, 2004

5.2.2 Management Committee Meeting – July 8, 2004

5.2.3 Management Committee Meeting – July 20, 2004

Councillor Stables noted a correction on the July 8th Management Minutes Item 6.4.4 which should read, “The firemen collected \$2900.00 for Muscular Dystrophy” (not MS as previously stated).

5.3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.0 DELEGATIONS

6.1 RCMP, Cpl. Matt Lavallee – Quarterly Report

- Wayne Rally Update

Cpl. Matt Lavallee presented a quarterly report for the period July 1st to September 30th, 2004. He noted that the quarter is not complete and the statistics would be more complete for a presentation at the end of the quarter. He highlighted areas of increases and decreases as follows: Property offences - 3 reported compared to 6 for the same period last year; traffic stats have increased significantly due to blitz conducted by Strathmore Detachment - 24 offences (including seatbelts, liquor, no insurance) compared to 32 for the same period last year; collisions - this year 7 to date with 2 fatalities (these were not related to any event held within the community).

Cpt. Matt Lavallee noted that as of August 30th, the detachment will be two members short with the vacancy for the Cpl. Position and one member on sick leave.

Questions and comments from Council:

- Use of Training Equipment (lazer gun and breathalizer) – new recruitments are not trained on equipment – this is left up to the division to send officer(s) for training. Courses are offered by the K-Division at certain times throughout the year. Councillor K. Bertamini stated that it would be preferred if all members were trained on the equipment as was the intention when the Town purchased the equipment. Cpl. Lavallee stated that the training schedule is normally set up one year in advance. Councillor L. Davidson noted that it appears that once the officers do receive the equipment training, they are transferred to another community;
- Indication of when the Staff Sgt will assume his duties – Cpl. Lavallee stated that the Staff Sgt. is anticipated to be in Drumheller by September 1st if his house sells quickly.
- Bike patrol has been very effective. Bylaw Enforcement has partnered on the bike patrol within Centennial Park and a similar campaign is being planned for the school zones and playground zones.

Cpl. Matt Lavallee reported on the Wayne Rally held on July 17th and 18th as follows:

- The number of attendees decreased with an approximate total of 1600;
- Very quiet event from policing standpoint with the following incidents: extraction from a hill involving the Fire Department, a motorcycle accident at the 2nd bridge in Wayne and an assault complaint (no charges laid); there were no issues outside of Wayne;
- Two check stops were conducted with no charges laid however some tickets were issued for speeding, failing to signal, failing to stop, failing to wear a helmet, etc.;
- Liquor checks conducted with warnings rather than tickets issued;
- Police focus was more on visibility than enforcement; more visibility in Rosedale than another area.

Councillor L. Davidson asked if the RCMP staff hours were sufficient during this event. Cpl. Matt Lavallee stated that he would not want to see this event held in the future without the same number of officers on duty.

6.2 Mr. Ron Crittal – Community Concerns

Mr. Ron Crittal provided Council with an overview of unsightly properties within the Town boundaries for Council's consideration.

Mayor thanked Mr. Crittal for his presentation. He further noted that Communities in Bloom has changed the attitude of the Town Council and many areas are looking better with their efforts. He stated that the Committee would welcome Mr. Crittal's assistance and ideas. He explained that a new bylaw supervisor has been hired and weed notices are being issued to property owners with unsightly properties.

7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS

8.1 CAO

8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

8.3 Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 RFD – 2004/05 Muni Sponsorship Grant Application

M. Minchin advised that the Town has prepared an application for grant dollars from Municipal Affairs under the 2004/05 Municipal Sponsorship Program in the amount of \$155,700. The project funds are intended to meet the following objectives: 1) Aerial orthophotography; 2) GIS information update and coordination; 3) Infrastructure assets updates and intergration; 4) Expand existing technology infrastructure; and 5) Analysis and design – future GIS System. It is anticipated that the project would begin in October and all areas would be finished by December 1, 2005.

MO2004.161 Bertamini, Davidson that Council authorize Administration to submit the application under the 2004/05 Municipal Sponsorship Grant Program to Municipal Affairs for approval of the GIS and Asset Management Upgrade Program as presented. Cd.

8.3.2 RFD – Election Advance Polls

M. Minchin advised that in accordance with the 2004 Election Act, the Town may by Council resolution, provide for the holding of an advance vote for an election. Traditionally the Town has held two days of advance voting for those unable to vote at the general municipal election. Administration is again recommending that an advance vote be established for this year's general municipal election. October 8th and October 15th have been selected for the advance vote.

2004.162 Cunningham, Stables that Council approve the establishment of two days of advance voting for the 2004 general municipal election. Cd.

8.3.3 RFD - Municipal Historical Designation

M. Minchin advised that the Town has received a request from the Drumheller Valley Heritage Society to designate a former mining house (Tasko residence) as an historical building. In addition, two similar requests have been received. He noted that municipalities no longer need approval from Alberta Community Development as the Province only registers provincial historical designations (which involve higher standards). Under these new regulations, the Tasko house would not qualify for a provincial designation. He further explained that the act outlines that all applications must now be presented to the municipality who would assign the municipal historical designation, if they so wished. He further noted that in Wayne alone, the Community Association has identified 30 sites of historical interest. Given the complexity of the issue, Administration is recommending that a formal process be developed to identify, catalogue and

designate sites in Drumheller. He stated that other issues include the specific limitations placed on the property as well as restrictive covenants against future development.

Councillor K. Bertamini requested that Administration provide Council with a discussion paper on this matter which would include an inventory of historical buildings within the Valley and the ramifications of such designations for the property owner and the Town.

MO2004.163 Bertamini, Pedersen that Council instruct Administration to bring forward a plan to develop an approval process for granting municipal historical designations to properties and further that all outstanding requests for municipal historical designation be deferred until an approval process is in place and further that Council instruct Administration to prepare a discussion paper on this matter.

M. Minchin stated that the Town of Cochrane has developed a base framework for the process in conjunction with the Province. This template has been designed for use by other municipalities.

Vote on Motion: Cd.

8.4 Director of Community Services

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION

(Quarterly Reports to be presented November 1, 2004)

9.1 CAO

9.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

9.3 Director of Corporate Services

9.4 Director of Community Services

10.0 PUBLIC HEARING DECISIONS

11.0 DELEGATION DECISIONS

12.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

14.0 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

14.1 Councillor J. Sparling thanked the Town and surrounding areas for supporting the Chuckwagon Races and Rodeo. He noted that although the chuckwagons were cancelled one night due to poor weather, the event was successful. He noted that there were in excess of 100 volunteers at the event and many businesses within the community had staff working at no cost. He stated that this is significant community project and he congratulated Dan Gordon, President of the Stampede and Ag Society for a first rate show.

15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS MO2004.164 Davidson, Pedersen to go in camera at 6:50 PM.

15.1 Policing Issues

15.2 Smoke Free Bylaw Petition

MO2004.165 Pedersen, Davidson to revert to regular Council meeting at 7:48 PM. Cd.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

MAYOR

ACTING/CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER