

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



November 29, 2004 5:30 PM Council Chambers, Town Hall
703 - 2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta

PRESENT:

MAYOR:

Paul Ainscough

COUNCIL:

Karen Bertamini

Don Cunningham

Karen MacKinnon

Sharel Shoff

John Sparling

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ENGINEER:

Ray Romanetz

DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:

Wes Yeoman

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Michael Minchin

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Scott Blevins

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Linda Handy

ABSENT: Councillor Larry Davidson

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor P. Ainscough reminded Councillors of their responsibility to attend and to be on time at their various board and committee meetings.

2.0 MAYOR AINSCOUGH'S OPENING REMARKS

2.1 Mayor P. Ainscough presented a letter from Hon. Guy Boutilier, Minister, Alberta Municipal Affairs advising that the Town of Drumheller has been approved for an enhanced grant of \$120,000.00 under the 2004 Municipal Sponsorship Program.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MO2004.215 Sparling, Cunningham moved the adoption of the agenda as presented.
Cd.

5.0 MINUTES

5.1.1 ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1 Council Regular Meeting - November 15, 2004

MO2004.216 Cunningham, Shoff moved the adoption of the minutes of November 15, 2004 as presented. Cd.

5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.2.1 Management Meeting Minutes – November 23, 2004

5.3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.0 DELEGATIONS

6.1 Mr. Blaine MacDonald, Passion Play

Mr. Blaine MacDonald advised that the Passion Play Society piloted a vignettes project for the Drumheller Valley two years ago. The project involves roving characters promoting tourist attractions within the Valley for the purpose of getting tourists to stay longer. In the summer of 2004, the Passion Play ran the historical interpretive vignettes in conjunction with the Town of Drumheller and the Atlas Coal Mine for the Year of the Coal Miner. The Passion Play Society would like to continue this project however they are unable to do so without financial assistance. Mr. MacDonald asked Council for their assistance in acquiring Centennial Legacy Grant dollars for this project. R. Romanetz advised that the purpose of this grant is mainly for infrastructure and the vignettes project would probably not be eligible under this grant funding criteria. Council K. Bertamini recommended that Mr. MacDonald speak with Director of Community Services, S. Blevins for direction. R. Romanetz further noted that Travel Alberta may contribute dollars towards this project. Mr. MacDonald advised that they are already working with Travel Alberta.

Mayor thanked Mr. Blaine MacDonald for his presentation.

6.2 Mrs. Brenda Wells and Mrs. Jenny Fong, Aquadinnie's Swim Club

Mrs. Brenda Wells stated that she is new to the community however she is impressed with the distinguished history of the swim club since its inception in 1970. She further stated that the swim club has a positive impact on youth development within the community, i.e. improved self-esteem. She noted that swimmers have achieved success at the local and provincial levels. She further noted that the Drumheller Aquaplex is an excellent facility with great support staff. She explained that the swim club is now in the position of being a competitive club however there are two major components that prevent the club from

hosting such an event. Firstly, the pool length is not up to standards – the pool is 36 metres and should be 25 meters to host “short course” events. She stated that the pool originally had a bulkhead which divided the pool into a 25 metre section and this is required once again, at an approximate cost of \$80,000.00. Secondly, the pool is in need of proper lane ropes (five in total) at a cost of \$800.00 each (36.56 metres) and one lane rope reel holder at a cost of \$1,500.00. These improvements are needed for the athletes to train in a safe and proper environment. The swim club is not in a position to raise these dollars. She noted that the club’s request is in line with the recent Citizen Satisfaction Survey which identified improvements for the quality of life for youth. Councillor K. Bertamini suggested that the swim club approach corporations and local organizations for possible financial support. Council agreed that the swim club’s request would be considered during the Town’s budget process and Administration will review whether grant dollars are available for this project.

Mayor Ainscough thanked Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Fong for their presentation.

7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS

8.1 CAO

8.1.1 R. Romanetz presented Bylaw 15.04 being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw No. 36.98 by redesignating Block 6, Plan 8110240 (North Drumheller) from DC- Direct Control District to RE-1 River Edge Estates Residential District. He advised that the Town received an application to reclassify this parcel of land. He explained that in the early 1980’s, Alberta Transportation was concerned with the provincial growth rate and they recommended that this area be reserved for the development of a long range traffic route. The land was designated as DC – Director Control to protect this area for that purpose. Today, the Province does not see the need for this route. R. Romanetz stated that it is now reasonable for the Town to redesignate the entire area so as not to piecemeal the parcels. In 1986, an area structure plan was prepared and at that time the zoning requirements were low density housing, which would fit well for the area. In discussions with the applicant, he is agreeable to withdraw the application. R. Romanetz noted that an area structure plan is required for the north side of Dinosaur Tail along Highway 9 and along SH576 as well however this requirement would be considered separately. He recommended that Administration proceed with a review of the entire area currently zoned as DC – Direct Control in North Drumheller south of Dinosaur Trail for reclassification to a more suitable district. This review will involve Palliser Regional Planning Services and those affected property owners.

MO2004.217 Bertamini, Shoff that Administration proceed with developing a recommended reclassification plan of the area currently zoned as DC-Direct Control in North Drumheller south of the Dinosaur Trail. Cd.

8.1.2 RFD – Alberta Permit Pro Contract

R. Romanetz advised that Alberta Permit Pro has provided safety code inspection services for the Town of Drumheller for the past four years. Town Administration and Palliser Regional Municipal Services have been in negotiations with Permit Pro with regards to entering into an extension of the contract. Palliser Regional Municipal Services recently dealt with the Permit Pro contract at their board meeting and they have approved an extension. He explained that Permit Pro provides service throughout the Province and the Town has conducted an extensive review of the rates with regards to their work. Administration is satisfied that the rates are comparable with other contractors that provide a similar service. R. Romanetz advised that Permit Pro has held their rates for the last four years. The current contract expires December 31, 2004. Permit Pro is proposed an increased of 7% to the current contract fixed for two years with a Town option for a third year. In addition to accepting the contract as proposed, Administration recommends that Council also adopt the new Uniform Quality Management Plan that has been revised by the safety Codes Council to bring consistency to the safety codes inspection process throughout the Province.

MO2004.218 Sparling, Cunningham that Council adopt the Uniform Quality Management Plan as recommended by the Safety Codes Council and approve the contract with Alberta Permit Pro Inc. for the provision of safety codes services as presented. Cd.

8.1.3 RFD – Appointment to Drumheller Public Library Board

R. Romanetz presented an application from Ingrid Thornton to serve on the Drumheller Public Library Board. The members of the Library Board have reviewed the application and recommend approval.

MO2004.219 Shoff, Sparling that Council approve the appointment of Ingrid Thornton to the Drumheller Public Library Board. Cd.

8.1.4 Information – Report on AUMA Convention held in
Edmonton on November 17th – 20th
Tabled until Item 14.1.

8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

8.2 RFD – Asphalt and Concrete Recycling

W. Yeoman advised that the Drumheller Landfill has been stockpiling asphalt and concrete material and the current inventory accumulated is approximately 30,000 tonnes. The Town would like to utilize this material for street improvement projects as street road base and other related municipal projects. This 30,000 t of recycled material could be utilized over a period of five years at an estimated requirement of 6,000 tonnes of granular base course material per year. The cost to produce this material is estimated at approximately \$6.00 per tonne which is significantly less expensive than to purchase an equivalent base course material supplied by a contractor from the contractor's source. The current 2004 cost as

part of the Street Improvement tender was \$14.20 per tonne and next year's costs are expected to be as high as \$15.50 per tonne as sources are becoming scarce. The SIP tender would take into consideration our supply of crushed gravel which results in one less component for the contractor to bid. In addition, recycling the asphalt and concrete rubble extends the life of the landfill site as this material is transformed into a reuseable product and removed from the site.

MO2004.220 Cunningham, Shoff that Council authorized administration to prepare tender documents and issue a tender call for the crushing of the asphalt and concrete rubble presently stockpiled at the Drumheller landfill site. Cd.

8.3 Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 Investment Report to September 30, 2004

M. Minchin presented the third quarter report for long term investment to September 30, 2004. He noted that the average return is 4% - the current interest rates are unstable as inflation and the strong dollar will push interest rates in the opposite direction.

8.3.2 Update – Ground Ambulance Transition Planning

M. Minchin presented the official news release from the David Thompson Health Authority regarding the delivery of ambulance services after April 1st, 2005, which has a two year transition phase. The planning principles include: 1) historical levels of service will continue; 2) DTHR will employ a commission or a similar mechanism to assess needs and oversee service delivery; and 3) historical funding levels for ambulance services will be maintained. He stated that a more detailed report will be presented to Council during the budget process.

8.4 Director of Community Services

8.4.1 RFD – Letter from Julie Lenfesty re: Alberta Seniors Games

S. Blevins presented the letter from Julie Lenfesty regarding Alberta Seniors Games and her recommendation is that the Town forego undertaking hosting the games. Based on the information previously submitted to Council in the business plan and the correspondence from Mrs. Lenfesty, he recommended that Council not proceed with submitting a bid to host the 2007 Alberta Senior Games.

MO2004.221 Shoff, Cunningham that Council decline the invitation from the Minister of Community Development to submit a letter expressing the Town of Drumheller's interest in bidding to host the 2007 Alberta Senior Games. Cd.

8.4.2 Information – Volunteer Recognition

S. Blevins presented a list of volunteers for recognition of their services at a special reception to be held on December 9th. He asked Council to advise him of any omissions.

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION

(Quarterly Reports due July 26, 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

Councillor Reports from AUMA Convention

Councillor K. Bertamini provided an overview of the meeting held with K-Division as follows:

- Issue - cadets being trained in Drumheller and moving on within a short time; the stats show that Drumheller does not have an unusual number of cadets compared to other municipalities and cadets stay a minimum of two years;
- Issue - highway patrol for Drumheller - confirmed that the review suggests that if and when funding is available the locations for highway patrol would be Stettler, Hanna and Strathmore. Their statistics show there are less accidents along Highway 9 West compared to other areas; RCMP Inspector to meet with Council to review the stats; and
- Issue - shortage of staff and length of time to fill Staff Sgt. vacancy. K-Division agreed the length of time was not acceptable. They are trying to correct the problem.

Councillor J. Sparling stated that he appreciated the opportunity to attend as it is important for all Councillors to be familiar with good governance. He extended congratulations to Alderman Bob Hawkesworth, City of Calgary for being elected as the President of the AUMA (Alberta Urban Municipalities Association). During his acceptance speech, Bob Hawkesworth stated that he will ensure that Provincial infrastructure dollars will be divided fairly for all municipalities.

Councillor S. Shoff stated that although she attended the convention for the first time, it provided an opportunity to meet other elected officials and become familiar with some of the relevant issues.

R. Romanetz advised that he attended the Sustainable Energy Session which recognized

how municipalities must work together to find new sources of reducing costs with energy alternatives such as wind power. As well, he attended a session with Brownlee LLP on working relationships with Council and Administration. Several key note speakers (Premier Klein and Ministers) referred to the \$3.3 billion infrastructure grant dollars which they promise will be allocated to all municipalities equitably and assured that these dollars may be used for a variety of needs.

Councillor K. Bertamini stated that Drumheller's and Drayton Valley's joint Brownfield Resolution for implementing a Province wide Brownfields Redevelopment Strategy was passed by the AUMA.

15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS MO2004.222 Cunningham, Shoff to go in camera at 6:50 PM.

- 15.1 Land Matter – Hillview Subdivision
- 15.2 Land Matter – Plan 5808GX, Cambria
- 15.3 Land Matter – Grazing Lease No. GRL 040080

MO2004.223 Bertamini, Shoff to revert to regular Council meeting at 7:45 PM. Cd.

15.2 Land Matter – Plan 5808GX, Cambria

MO2004.224 Bertamini, Cunningham that Council approve the offer to purchase for Lots 1-4, Block 11, Plan 5808GX based on market value of \$1.41 per sq. ft. for this area and that portion of lane between Block 11 and 12 as outlined in the report from Perry Appraisal Associates Ltd.; and further that all costs relating to the subdivision and lane closure, including survey and legal fees be assumed by the purchaser. Cd.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER