

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



March 7, 2005 5:30 PM Council Chambers, Town Hall
703 - 2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta

PRESENT:

MAYOR:

Paul Ainscough

COUNCIL:

Karen Bertamini
Don Cunningham
Larry Davidson
Karen MacKinnon
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 Sharel Shoff

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 MAYOR AINSCOUGH'S OPENING REMARKS

2.1 Mayor Ainscough presented a letter from himself to Premier Ralph Klein urging the government to adopt a fair and equitable formula for the distribution of funds under the new Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program (\$3 Billion) and the Government of Canada's New Deal for Cities and Communities. Mayor Ainscough further states that the Town of Drumheller supports the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association in its proposed funding allocation formula based on a per capita distribution, and supplemented by a base amount

for every municipality.

2.2 Mayor Ainscough presented two Press Releases – 1) Badlands Ambulance Society Services ; and 2) Town of Drumheller - both releases state that there is disappointment over the delay in transitioning of ground ambulance service to the regional health authorities. Mayor Ainscough stated, “Clearly this decision is contrary to what the Premier and others in government have been saying for months. If costs were such a concern, then this issue should have been raised with municipalities months ago and not 30 days before the implementation date.”

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MO2005.38 Bertamini, MacKinnon moved the adoption of the agenda as presented. Cd.

5.0 MINUTES

5.1. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1 Council Regular Meeting - February 22, 2005

MO2005.39 Bertamini, Sparling moved the adoption of the regular Council minutes of February 22, 2005. Cd.

5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission – January 27, 2005

5.2.2 Management Committee Meeting – February 15, 2005

5.3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.0 DELEGATIONS

7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS

8.1 CAO

8.1.1 Bylaw 03-05 to change the Council Meeting Times (to 4:30 PM) – Three Readings
R. Romanetz stated that Council has discussed changing the time of Council meetings on a number of occasions. Notice of Motion was given at Council’s meeting of February 22nd, 2005 in accordance with Clause 3.6(b) of the Procedure Bylaw. He presented Bylaw 03-05 being the Procedure Bylaw which proposes to change the starting time of regular Council meeting from 5:30 PM to 4:30 PM He noted that this proposed change only affects Clauses 6.2 and 6.3(b) and that Bylaw 03.05 deals only with Council meetings not Committee meetings.

MO2005.40 Sparling, Davidson moved first reading to Bylaw 03.05. Cd.

MO2005.41 Sparling, Cunningham moved second reading to Bylaw 03.05. Cd.

MO2005.42 Bertamini, Sparling moved no objection to third reading to Bylaw 03.05. Cd.

MO2005.43 Sparling, Cunningham moved third reading to Bylaw 03.05. Cd.

8.1.2 Resolution to Change the Committee Meeting Times (to 4:30 PM)

R. Romanetz recommended that the Committee Meeting start time of 4:00 PM be changed to 4:30 PM as well to ensure consistency of start times for both the Council meetings and Committee meetings.

MO2005.44 Bertamini, Cunningham that Council Committee meetings start time be changed from 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM. Cd.

8.1.3 Bylaw 04-05 to cancel a portion of lots, lanes, streets and public reserves created on Plan 8111554 (Hillsview Area) and to concurrently register a new subdivision plan – Rescind

R. Romanetz stated that Council gave first reading to Bylaw 04.05 at their meeting of February 22nd. He noted that this bylaw proposes to close a portion of roadway to create new roadways and laneways with a smaller MR and ER. He requested that the bylaw be rescinded as the two week consecutive advertising requirement was not carried out in accordance with the Municipal Government Act. He noted that this only a matter of housekeeping and beginning the procedure over will reduce any confusion particularly with the Minister of Transportation as to whether the advertising requirements were met.

MO2005.45 Sparling, Davidson to rescind first reading to Bylaw 04.05. Cd.

8.1.4 Bylaw 08-05 to cancel a portion of lots, lanes, streets and public reserves created on Plan 8111554 (Hillsview Area) and to concurrently register a new subdivision plan – First Reading

R. Romanetz presented Bylaw 08.05 which replaces Bylaw 04.05. He recommended Council proceed to first reading to allow for the advertising and public hearing process. The public hearing will be held on March 21, 2005.

MO2005.46 Davidson, Sparling moved first reading to Bylaw 08.05. Cd.

8.1.5 Bylaw 05-05 to close a portion of undeveloped public laneway in Cambria located south of 2nd Avenue East and East of Centre Street to public travel – First Reading

R. Romanetz presented Bylaw 05.05 which proposes to close a laneway which is not being used in Cambria. He noted that Council at their meeting of November 29th, 2004 agreed to sell land including the laneway to an individual for building a house. He recommended that Council proceed to first reading to allow for the required advertising and the public hearing process. If no objections are received during the public hearing, the bylaw will be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation for his approval.

MO2005.47 Cunningham, Davidson for first reading to Bylaw 05.05.

Discussion on Motion:

Councillor Davidson asked if there was a need for access to the river. R. Romanetz stated that there is no requirement for access to the river at this location.

Vote on Motion: Cd.

8.1.6 Bylaw 06-05 for the purpose of leasing a portion of a municipal reserve to the public for the placement of a water booster station (Midlandvale)

R. Romanetz presented Bylaw 06.05 for the purpose of leasing a portion of a municipal reserve to the Village of Munson for their water booster station. He referred to the map which shows the shaded area proposed to be leased (at the north end of 14th St. NW). He explained that through recent water supply negotiations, it was discovered that an easement for this structure was not registered in 1985. The entire area is irregularly defined as it follows the base of the hills. The property is actually steep and it is unlikely that this area will be used for an MR. He noted that the area of land to the west is flatter and may be considered for use as an MR in the future. The booster station would not negatively impact on the area. Bylaw 06.05 proposes to legalize a situation that has been in place for 20 years. The existing booster station is underground and the proposal is to construct a larger structure which will house the pumps above ground. This new design will be easier to maintain. He recommended that Council proceed to first reading to allow for the required advertising and the public hearing process.

MO2005.48 Davidson, Sparling for first reading to Bylaw 06.05.

Discussion on Motion:

Councillor L. Davidson asked if a development permit is required by the Village of Munson. R. Romanetz stated that a development permit is not required for regional municipal projects as the development will form part of the water supply agreement.

Vote on Motion: Cd

8.1.7 Bylaw 07-05 being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw 36.98 (Hillsview Area)

R. Romanetz presented Bylaw 07.05 which proposes to reclassify the Hillsview areas as identified on the map. The area was previously classified R-1 and R-2 and the proposal is to change this area to an R1 and R1a zoning - the subdivision will include a mix of lots sizes; the lots under 40 ft. in width fall into an R1a classification. He recommended that Council proceed to first reading to allow for the required advertising and the public hearing process.

MO2005.49 Sparling, Bertamini for first reading to Bylaw 07.05. Cd.

8.1.8 RFD – Approval of 2005 Capital Budget

R. Romanetz advised that Administration can not proceed with the new capital projects proposed in 2005 without Council approval of the capital budget. He further noted that time is of the essence in tendering projects as there is a shortage of contractors and as such, further delay may affect availability of contractors and tender prices. He stated that the capital budget reflects direction given by Council with some minor changes to the DRC DT contribution as mentioned by Councillor L. Davidson this evening (Christmas decoration contribution from the DRC DT at \$2500 for each of the next three years). He further requested that Council approve the capital budget as presented and not in principle based on the fact that most projects are to be qualified by funding. M. Minchin clarified that there would be specific approval from Council for major projects. Councillor K. Bertamini stated that the normal practice was for a public presentation of the operating and capital budget prior to approval so that they are aware of capital projects. R. Romanetz agreed with Councillor Bertamini that the process she identified is preferred but added that approval of the capital budget (not in principle) is required to authorize commencement of engineering design to ensure tendering can occur on a timely basis. R. Romanetz stated that it is Administration's intention to present the capital and operating budgets along with the capital financing strategy at Council's next meeting. He reiterated that Administration is requesting that Council approve the capital budget this evening because of the number of projects that must move forward. He noted most of the major projects are qualified by grant funding approval and may be subject to change prior to passing the Millrate Bylaw.

MO2005.50 Bertamini, Davidson that Council approve the 2005 Capital Budget as presented.

Clarification on Motion:

Councillor Bertamini stated that she was not in favour of approving the 2005 Capital Budget without qualifying the approval in principle. R. Romanetz stated that Council could amend the motion to include subject to millrate bylaw approval. She asked to change the motion to reflect in principle. Councillor Davidson did not agree to the change. There was no support from Council for a friendly amendment.

Vote on Motion: Cd.

8.1.9 R. Romanetz presented a letter from Reeve Barry McLeod, Starland County to Hon. Dr. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation asking for consideration to the Town of Drumheller's request for eligibility for enhanced regional funding for upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant. As a result of discussions at the regional Mayors and Reeves forum held on February 8th, both Starland County and Kneehill Country agreed to send letters of support regarding this matter and ask whether the Minister wishes to meet with representatives from these communities on the new regional water supply funding.

8.1.10 Information – Red Deer River Watershed Alliance Meeting held on March 3rd

R. Romanetz advised that he did not attend this meeting and asked for those who did to provide comments. Councillor L. Davidson said that the meeting was disappointing as there was no clear direction on their mandate and he sensed it was only a meeting for lobbying efforts. R. Romanetz advised that he attended other meetings held on the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance and it is an opportunity to allow stakeholders from all sectors (including oil and gas industry) to address concerns relating to the river. The group would then sort out the priorities for the basin and ensure this is communicated to the Province. He noted that to a large degree the structure is similar to what is in place with the Bow and Oldman River Watershed Alliances.

8.1.11 R. Romanetz advised that the David Thompson Health Region Smoke Free Workshop will be held on March 22nd at 4:00 PM in Council Chambers.

8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

8.3 Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 Michael Minchin presented a letter from Dan Bader, P. Eng., Deputy Minister, Alberta Municipal Affairs, Chairman, ASSET Steering Committee regarding ASSET Funding for 2005 for computerized assessment services in the amount of \$4000.00.

8.4 Director of Community Services

8.4.1 RFD – 2005 DRCDDT Proposal

Scott Blevins presented the 2005 DRCDDT funding proposal for the following: Economic Development Inquiry Response - \$5,000; Tourist Information Centre - \$25,000; Drumheller Valley Buying Group - \$30,000 (includes \$15,000 for internet pilot project); and Tourist Information Request Responses - \$5,000.

MO2005.51 Sparling, Davidson that Council approve the proposed 2005 funding allocation to the DRCDDT as presented. Cd.

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION
(Quarterly Reports due April 18, 2005)

- 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 organizers of the Celebration of Excellence which was well attended and an enjoyable evening for all. He congratulated the winners.

15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER