

# **Town of Drumheller**

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **MINUTES**



**November 14, 2005** 4:30 PM Council Chambers, Town Hall  
703 - 2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta

#### **PRESENT:**

##### **MAYOR:**

Paul Ainscough

##### **COUNCIL:**

Karen Bertamini  
Don Cunningham  
Larry Davidson  
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 Karen MacKinnon

#### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

#### **2.0 MAYOR AINSCOUGH'S OPENING REMARKS**

2.1 Mayor P. Ainscough presented a letter from Hon. Iris Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness on the status of ground ambulance services. In her letter, she advised that each municipality will receive the same ambulance funding as they did in 2005/06.

2.2 Mayor P. Ainscough presented a letter from Lloyd Bentz, General Manager, Alberta Sport, Recreation Parks & Wildlife Foundation advising their support to the Newcastle Beach Recreation Area in the amount of \$8,000.00.

2.3 Mayor P. Ainscough presented an invitation from Westfair Foods Ltd. for Council to

tour Drumheller's Extra Foods Store on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM.

2.4 Mayor P. Ainscough proclaimed November 13<sup>th</sup> to November 20<sup>th</sup> as Restorative Justice Week

2.5 Mayor P. Ainscough presented a News Release from AADAC regarding the Province's program to inform communities of requirements of new smoke free places law. R. M. Romanetz advised that he has received a letter from the Province announcing workshops on this new legislation and how it will impact municipalities. He further noted that municipalities have a responsibility to enforce the smoke free regulations effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Council and Administration will attend the workshop on December 6<sup>th</sup> in Strathmore.

2.6 Council agreed to hold their Retreat on January 23 & 24, 2006.

2.7 Council agreed to participate in the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

2.8 Mayor P. Ainscough proclaimed November 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> as National Addictions Awareness Week

### **3.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

### **4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Additions to Agenda as noted: 14.2 Councillor J. Sparling – Drumheller and District Senior Foundations; 15.2 Councillor K. Bertamini – RCMP Task Force

**MO2005.217** Sparling, Shoff moved the adoption of the agenda as amended. Carried.

### **5.0 MINUTES**

#### **5.1. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

5.1.1 Organizational and Council Regular Meetings - October 31, 2005

**MO2005.218** Cunningham Shoff moved the adoption of the minutes of the Organizational and Council Regular Meetings of October 31, 2005 as presented. Carried.

#### **5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION**

5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission – October 13, 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 23.05 to amend Land Use Bylaw No. # 36-98 by redesignating: the south ½ of the NE ¼ Sec. 3 Twp. 29 Rge. 20 W4M, excluding the NE ¼ of LSD 9, from "A" Agricultural to "M-2" – Medium Industrial

R. Romanetz presented Bylaw 23.05 and advised that the area of land is located south of Prehistoric Parks. He further noted that due to the topography of the area, only the level land is being recommended for redesignation from "A" Agricultural to "M-2" Medium and the remaining rugged land from "A" Agricultural to "UT" Urban Transition.

**MO2005.219** Sparling, Shoff for first reading to Bylaw 23.05.

Councillor L. Davidson asked if this area is currently being used for the dirt bike track. R. Romanetz stated that the dirt bike track land is located to northwest of this property and he noted that the land is not being used for that purpose now.

Vote on Motion: Carried.

### 8.1.2 RFD – Police Training Centre

R. Romanetz advised that the Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security is requesting that interested municipalities submit a Request for Proposal for land procurement for the Alberta Police and Peace Officer College. At Council's Meeting of November 7<sup>th</sup>, Council indicated that the Town should proceed with a submission of a proposal, working with Palliser Regional Municipal Services. Because timing is critical, Council agreed to hire a consultant to develop specialized costs and engineering assessments. The cost is estimated at \$15,000.00 and it is proposed that this funding would come from the 2005 operating surplus.

**MO2005.220** Bertamini, Davidson that Council instruct Administration to prepare an application for the Request for Proposal for land procurement for Alberta Police and Peace Officer College and that Council approve funding of \$15,000 for the hiring of a consultant(s) to assist in the preparation of the application and further that the funds be expensed from the 2005 operating surplus. Carried.

### 8.1.3 RFD – Letter of Agreement Between the AUMA and the Town of Drumheller

R. Romanetz advised that Alberta Urban Municipality Association (AUMA) is seeking intervener status in the Supreme Court of Canada case: *Her Majesty the Queen v. Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC)*. The impact of this decision affects the status of municipal employees who work within the RCMP detachment – this would require them to become part of the federal service. The case should be heard in late Spring, 2006. AUMA is requesting a base amount of \$500.00 plus \$0.055 cents per capita which equates to \$928.18. AUMA states that Drumheller will not be requisitioned for further contributions. As well, if the case does not move forward, AUMA will reimburse these costs.

**MO2005.221** Bertamini, Shoff that Council authorize Administration to sign the Letter of Agreement between the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and the Town of Drumheller accompanied with a cheque in the amount of \$928.18 for sharing of the costs to hire legal counsel to seek intervener status in the Supreme Court of Canada case: Her Majesty the Queen v. Public Service Alliance of Canada. Carried.

## **8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services**

### **8.2.1 RFD – Transportation Study**

W. Yeoman advised that CAO, R. Romanetz introduced the need for an updated Transportation Study at Council's Committee meeting of November 7<sup>th</sup>. The most current study was prepared in 1985 and has served the needs of Drumheller well over the years but it is now time to re-examine the transportation issues and develop appropriate short term and long term plans. Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation has agreed that a new study would be very beneficial and has agreed to work with Drumheller and contribute their share from their operating budget. He recommended that Administration work with AIT to prepare the Terms of Reference and issue a Request for Proposal in order to establish fees and to select a consulting engineering firm for this project. The estimated cost would be in the range of \$100,000 – \$150,000.00.

**MO2005.222** Davidson, Bertamini that Council authorize Administration to prepare Terms of Reference in conjunction with AIT and to issue a "Request for Proposal" in order to establish fees and to select a consulting engineering firm for this project. Carried.

## **8.3 Director of Corporate Services**

### **8.3.1 Budget Review Discussion**

M. Minchin presented the 2006 preliminary budget for budget deliberations. An overview of the budget will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Council's comments and questions will be addressed at that point. The last component of the budget is the fee schedule which will be presented on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Budget meetings to be scheduled each Monday following Council's Committee and / or Regular meetings – additional dates may be required.

## **8.4 Director of Community Services**

## **9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION**

### **(Tabled from October 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting - Quarterly Reports to be presented)**

9.1 CAO – Presented at Council's Meeting of October 31<sup>st</sup>. Councillor L. Davidson complemented R. Romanetz and W. Yeoman on their recommendations on the Rosedale Industrial Project.

9.2 Director of Infrastructure Services – Councillor L. Davidson queried the status of the request for benches in East Coulee. W. Yeoman advised benches for East Coulee will be ordered in the near future. Councillor S. Shoff asked when Christmas decorations would be erected in North Drumheller. W. Yeoman advised that North Drumheller poses a challenge with insufficient street light voltage – ATCO may resolve this problem for the Town next

year.

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## **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 Sharel Shoff – Stampede Board, Library Board, Valley Bus

Stampede Board meeting – reviewed grants, budget, overall compensation and functions of job descriptions, the WCPA has confirmed dates for the next three years – wagon races will be held July 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006; the prize money has been set for 2006 at \$50,000 and will increase each year thereafter. There is a need for more volunteers to assist with the Drumheller Stampede and Ag Society events.

Valley Bus meeting – she attended the meeting in the absence of Councillor K. MacKinnon - Dawn Finkbinder appointed to the Board brings membership to full complement. Budget reviewed for the next three years, more users with both the Charter Bus and Dial-a-Bus. The cost of fuel and insurance is a concern. Valley Bus made an application to work at the Casino and this process will take one year to receive a response. She thanked Valley Bus for her term on the board and she wished Councillor K. MacKinnon success in her term on the board.

Library Board meeting – stats for October, 2005: 188 opened hours with 5371 checked out items. Budget reviewed and these figures should be presented to Council shortly – proposal to reduce the membership fees for youth. She stated that the Library would welcome a Council Committee meeting to be held at the Civic Centre. The Board extended appreciation to the Mayor for his letter that he forwarded to the Premier and Minister on the topic of the Library Book Rate. Mayor P. Ainscough advised that he received a response from Mr. Kevin Sorensen who has advised that Canada Post reconsidered its decision to cancel this program. However, one key issue that libraries have been pushing for, which is for the Library Book Rate to include more than just books, but CD's and DVD's has not been resolved.

14.2 Councillor J. Sparling advised that the Drumheller and District Seniors' Foundation Chair is Mr. Allan Avramenko. As well, he stated that the Drumheller Regional Chamber of Development and Tourism and Community Futures are now separate entities. The DRCDT does not have a general manager and they will operate with the executive management team at present. Community Futures will be moving to another building in the near future; DRCDT will remain as is. Councillor K. Bertamini asked Councillor Sparling to confirm with Mr. John Vogelzang, CEO, David Thompson Health Region that

the Seniors' Foundation application is for 36 units and not 20 as he mentioned in his presentation at Council's Committee meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup>..

**15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS @ 5:35 pm Cunningham,**

15.1 SDAB Matter

15.2 RCMP Task Force

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER