

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



October 31, 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
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

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Karen Bertamini was sworn in as Deputy Mayor for the months of November and December, 2005.

2.0 MAYOR AINSCOUGH'S OPENING REMARKS

2.1 Mayor Ainscough presented a letter from Hon. Harvey Cenaiko, Solicitor General presenting the increased policing assistance grant in the amount of \$262,280. Councillor L. Davidson asked if a municipal census should be conducted in the near future. M. Minchin advised that these costs would have to be budgeted for in 2006 if Council wishes to proceed with a census.

2.2 RFD – CAO Evaluation

Mayor Ainscough presented the 2005 CAO Evaluation which is a requirement under Section 205.1 of the Municipal Government Act. Councillor J. Sparling called a point of order and stated that this matter was already dealt with at their Council meeting of October 17th. Mayor Ainscough explained that the wording of the motion was questioned by a Councillor.

MO2005.209 Sparling, Cunningham that Council approve the evaluation and compensation reports for the Chief Administrative Officer, R.M. Romanetz, as discussed and that the Mayor meet with the CAO to present a copy of the written performance evaluation.

Councillor L. Davidson asked for a recorded vote.

Vote on Motion:

6 in favour, Ainscough, Bertamini, Cunningham, MacKinnon, Shoff, Sparling

1 – opposed, Davidson.

Carried.

2.3 RFD – 2010 Alberta Winter Games Task Force

Mayor Ainscough presented a proposal for Council to appoint a Task Force to investigate the feasibility of hosting the 2010 Winter Games. He recommended that Ossie Sheddy and Bryce Nimmo be appointed to the Task Force along with member(s) of Council to prepare a Business Plan.

MO2005.210 Bertamini, Shoff that Council approve in principal the formation of a Task Force to investigate the feasibility of hosting the 2010 Winter Games in Drumheller.

Discussion on Motion:

Councillor J. Sparling asked what type of costs is associated with this proposal. R. Romanetz explained that the proposal would entail only investigative work to determine the feasibility of hosting such an event. Councillor L. Davidson requested that the Mayor, Director of Community Service and the Economic Development Officer be appointed to the Task Force as well as Mr. Sheddy and Mr. Nimmo. He further stated that the proposal would fit within the plan for a community facility and these opportunities should be explored.

R. Romanetz agreed to have Administration prepare the Terms of Reference including recommendations for Council and Administration participation.

Vote on Motion: Carried.

2.4 Update on Mayors and Reeves Meeting held on October 26th

Mayor Ainscough reported that the Mayors and Reeves Meeting Agenda comprised of updates on the pervious discussions such as Brownfields, regional water treatment funding formula, policing costs, ambulance services, water projects and the Red Deer River

Municipal Users Group. New agenda items included Mayor Doug Jones providing an overview of the Canadian Badlands' organization structure, Rural Development Initiatives Program and Marty Eberth's presentation on "Branding the Badlands".

2.5 Update on Crime Stoppers

Mayor Ainscough advised that at the last Crime Stoppers meeting held on October 7th, the Committee agreed to welcome any community around Drumheller to form the Drumheller & District Crime Stoppers. Signs would be distributed within each community.

2.6 Mayor Ainscough proclaimed the month of November as Family Violence Prevention Month

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition noted: 15.2 Subdivision Development Appeal Board Appointments

MO2005.211 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 Council Regular Meeting - October 17, 2005

MO2005.212 Cunningham, Bertamini moved the adoption of the regular Council meeting minutes of October 17, 2005. Carried.

5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.2.1 Management Committee Meeting – September 27, 2005

5.2.2 Management Committee Meeting – October 25, 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

8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

8.2.1 RFD – Application to Alberta Transportation to reduce the speed from 80 km to 70 km on Hwy 10 East (between 11th and 19th Street E.)

W. Yeoman advised that with the development of the new Walmart at Highway 10, much discussion has taken place with the consultant and with Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation regarding the recommended speed limit on Highway 10. The joint recommendation is to reduce the current speed limit of 80 km/h to 70 km/h on Highway 10 fronting the new development.

Councillor K. Bertamini asked why the speed would not be dropped to 50 km. R. Romanetz advised that the rationale for the reduction to 70 kms is to allow safe traffic flow without creating a speed trap. He noted that there would be only one approach to Case Power along this stretch of highway. 19th Street would be a fully controlled intersection with traffic lights and would include a reduced speed zone from east of 19th St. which would include advance warning lights. Existing 50 km zones include uncontrolled intersection and numerous approaches.

MO2005.213 Bertamini, Sparling that Council authorize Administration to make application to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation to reduce the posted speed limit from 80 km/h to 70 km/h on Highway 10 fronting the new Walmart development.

Discussion on Motion:

Councillor J. Sparling asked the timeframe involved. R. Romanetz advised that the process will be submitted to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation and could take 60-90 days for approval. Walmart is scheduled to open mid-January, 2006. The cost for the new signage is 100% covered by the developer.

Vote on Motion: Carried.

8.3 Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1. Third Quarter Financial Report

M. Minchin advised that generally speaking the surplus is good as the revenue is up in most areas – general, water and sewer, RCMP grant increase, police fines and the franchise revenue is on target for 2005. \$300,000 has been put back into land reserves (Hygrade) - may not have to borrow to service the Hillview Estates Subdivision.

Councillor K. Bertamini requested that Administration resubmit the bill for the RCMP overtime for the Institution incident – according to discussions at the AUMA Convention, there may be an opportunity to recover these costs.

8.4 Director of Community Services

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION

(Quarterly Reports to be presented)

9.1 CAO

9.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

9.3 Director of Corporate Services

9.4 Director of Community Services

CAO, R. Romanetz presented his report however Council tabled questions and the presentation of the Directors' Quarterly Reports to their meeting of November 14th.

10.0 PUBLIC HEARING DECISIONS

11.0 DELEGATION DECISIONS

12.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

14.0 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

15.0 **IN-CAMERA MATTERS MO2005.214** Cunningham, Bertamini to go in camera at 5:00 PM. Carried.

15.1 Land Matter – West Bankview

15.2 Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Appointments

MO2005.215 Cunningham, Shoff to revert to regular Council Meeting at 5:17 PM. Carried.

MO2005.216 Bertamini, Sparling that Council approve three appointments of Mrs. Carol Ludwig, Mr. Trevor Gough and Mr. Don Guidolin to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for a term expiring on the date of the 2006 Annual Organizational meeting. Carried.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER