

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



September 19, 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

2.0 MAYOR AINSCOUGH'S OPENING REMARKS

2.1 Mayor P. Ainscough provided an update on the meeting with Hon. Shirley McClellan held on September 15th as follows: 1) Private / Public Flood 2005 Claims – Hon. Shirley McClellan explained that the scope / eligibility of federal government funding is limited and she will review other options with the Province to provide additional funding to those individuals who encountered extreme difficulties or suffered exceptional circumstances due to flooding; 2) Gordon Taylor Bridge - Council's concerns relating to the bridge upgrade not being to standards were voiced to Hon. Shirley McClellan and she agreed to speak to Alberta Transportation; 3) 2005 Water and Wastewater Grant Application – Hon. Shirley

McClellan agreed to speak to the Minister of Infrastructure Services to obtain regional cost sharing; 4) Community Facility – update on the progress to date was provided to Hon. Shirley McClellan; 5) Dyke System – Hon. Shirley McClellan agreed to discuss the urgency for dyke upgrades and new dyke construction for those areas that need flood protection with Alberta Environment and 6) Twinning of SH575 – Hon. Shirley McClellan recommended that the Town prepare a supporting document to be presented to Hon. Oberg for his consideration and she will discuss this matter with the Minister as well. R. Romanetz commented that if the Water and Wastewater Grant funding is not increased for the Water Treatment Plant upgrade, there is another grant program, “Water for Life Strategy” that may provide regional funding for Drumheller’s WTP.

2.2 Mayor P. Ainscough presented a letter from Hon. Shirley McClellan, Deputy Premier and Minister, advising that Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program (ICAP)’s has approved funding for the Rosedale Sanitary Sewer Forcemain project.

2.3 Mayor P. Ainscough presented a letter from Hon. Rob Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs advising funding approval for the Regional Partnerships Initiative in the amount of \$150,000 to Palliser Regional Municipal Services. The dollars will be used to assist the partnership’s municipalities in developing a regional Geographic Information System base platform, municipal infrastructure database using the Municipal Infrastructure Management System, and regional mapping.

2.4 Mayor P. Ainscough proclaimed October 5th as the Canadian Union of Public Employees Communities Day.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider Bylaw 21.05 being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw by redesignating Part of the NE ¼ Sec 3-29-20-4 from UT to M-2 (Prehistoric Parks).

Mayor Ainscough called the public hearing to order at 4:35 PM.

Mayor Ainscough asked if there were any written submissions. Recording Secretary, L. Handy advised there were no submissions.

Mayor Ainscough asked if anyone was present to speak in favour or against the proposal. There were no speakers from the public.

Mayor Ainscough asked if there were any questions from Council. There were no questions from Council.

Mayor Ainscough closed the public hearing at 4:36 PM.

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor P. Ainscough explained that Council has been asked to be at a Press Conference at the High School at 5:00 PM this evening. The following items were tabled until Council’s

next meeting: Delegation: Ray Telford, Economic Development Report and all incamera matters.

MO2005.186 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 - September 6, 2005

MO2005.187 Davidson, Bertamini moved the adoption of the regular Council meeting minutes of September 6th, 2005 as presented. Carried.

5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission – August 11, 2005

5.2.2 Municipal Planning Commission – September 1, 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 RFD – Local Calling Exchange Area

R. Romanetz advised that Council has reviewed the matter in detail at previous meetings. He explained that the intent is to provide the same local calling exchange area across the entire valley. He further noted that all affected municipalities must be contacted to determine whether they will support Drumheller's request to CRCT by passing a motion.

MO2005.188 Sparling, Bertamini that Council authorize Administration to contact affected municipalities requesting the affected municipalities to pass a motion supporting changing the Drumheller's calling area to include East Coulee. Carried.

Councillor L. Davidson requested that a separate letter be forwarded to CRCT expressing concerns that rural areas are charged additional costs for their services.

8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

8.3 Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 Report on GFOA Conference, Whitehorse, Yukon

M. Minchin advised that he attended the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)

in Whitehorse last week and he noted one area of interest – government accounting standards are moving towards the private sector standards which will take effect January, 1st, 2008. He advised that there will be a requirement to inventory all the Town's capital assets - including roads, facilities, water and sewer for the purpose of calculating depreciation values. He also advised that the Town is well ahead of many municipalities as the Town recently compiled a detailed inventory of our sewer and water assets.

8.4 Director of Community Services

8.4.1 Community Facility Update

S. Blevins advised that the Steering Committee met on September 13th and notes from that meeting have been provided to Council. The needs assessment household survey will be mailed next week. As well, a needs assessment student survey for Grades 6-12 will be delivered to the schools for students' input. A report of the survey results will be presented to Council.

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION

(Quarterly Reports due October, 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

10.1 Bylaw 21.05 being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw by redesignating Part of the NE ¼ Sec 3-29-20-4 from UT to M-2 (Prehistoric Parks) – Second and Third Readings

MO2005.189 Davidson, Shoff for second reading to Bylaw 21.05. Carried

MO2005.190 Davidson, Shoff for third reading to Bylaw 21.05. Carried.

11.0 DELEGATION DECISIONS

12.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

14.0 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

14.1 Councillor Larry Davidson advised that he met with Palliser Regional Municipal Services Board and the new manager, David Amos to review work priorities. It was agreed that PRMS will hire an administrative assistant. A planning retreat has been scheduled for October 21st – Ray Romanetz, Jay Slemple, Ross Rawluyk have been asked to participate.

14.2 Councillor John Sparling advised that he attended the official opening of the Art

Gallery which is located on 3rd Avenue (downtown) and displays the works of local artists. As well, he advised that he attended a service at the Legion to commemorate the "Year of the Veteran".

15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER