

# **Town of Drumheller**

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **MINUTES**



**April 3, 2006** 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 AINCOUGH'S OPENING REMARKS**

2.1 Mayor Ainscough presented a letter from Hon. Rob Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the 2006 education property tax program. In his letter, Hon. Renner stated that in 2006, the Province will collect \$1.469 billion in education property taxes from Alberta's municipalities. The formula for calculating each municipality's 2006 requisition will be based on the least of: a 12% requisition increase, by class, from the 2005 requisition; or an average of the municipality's 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006 equalized assessment, by class, or the municipality's 2006 equalized assessment.

2.2 Mayor Ainscough announced an invitation for Council to attend the *Action on Smoking on Health Workshop* at the Drumheller Composite High School on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.

### **3.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MO2006.96** Sparling, Shoff moved the adoption of the agenda as presented. Carried.

#### **5.0 MINUTES**

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

###### **5.1.1 Council Regular Meeting - March 20, 2006**

**MO2006.97** Sparling, Bertamini moved the adoption of the minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 20, 2006 as presented. Carried.

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

##### **5.3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **6.0 DELEGATIONS**

##### **Presentation on EnCana Operations**

Mayor Ainscough welcomed EnCana representatives to the Council meeting. Stacey Knull, Vice-President of the Chinook Business Unit, provided an overview of Drumheller's operations. He stated that 52 of EnCana's employees live in the Drumheller area. He further stated that EnCana is actively involved in community investment initiatives with focus on youth and education, health and wellness, environment and community development. EnCana also provides financial support to many service clubs and organizations. He stated that it is EnCana's mandate to carry out their operations with honesty and integrity – they strive for a reputation as a responsible, principled corporation. He stated that EnCana is one of North America's leading independent oil and gas companies and they are focused on the development of unconventional reservoirs, primarily natural gas and Canadian insitu oil sands. Two of EnCana's Business Units operate around Drumheller: Chinook BU and Tyrrell BU. Stacey Knull provided an overview of Chinook's BU and David Mudie, Vice-President of the Tyrell BU provided an overview of their operations.

Mayor and Council thanked the EnCana representatives for their presentation.

#### **7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS**

##### **8.1 CAO**

#### 8.1.1 RFD – Drumheller & District Seniors Foundation – Rural Affordable Supportive Living Program

R. Romanetz advised that Council met with the Drumheller & District Seniors Foundation to review the terms of reference, timeframes and budget for the seniors' housing expansion, which includes the construction of thirty six (36) supportive housing units at the Sunshine Lodge. A letter of support was requested from the member municipalities.

**MO2006.98** Sparling, Bertamini that Council supports in principle, the construction of a 36 unit Designated Supportive Living Facility as outlined by the Board of the Drumheller and District Seniors Foundation; and that Council gives their approval to the Drumheller and District Seniors Foundation to borrow the necessary funds required for the Project up to a maximum of \$2.6 million; and that the Council is fully aware of the requirement to provide financial assistance through the requisitioning process as set out in the Alberta Housing Act. Carried.

#### 8.1.2 For Information – Response to Question re: Police Assistance Grants

R. Romanetz provided information from Bruce Anderson, Solicitor General's Office in response to further clarification on the use of the policing grant dollars. In his response Mr. Anderson states that the grant does not necessarily have to be used for new policing initiative, although they can. He further clarified that pursuant to the grant agreement the funds must be used to ensure that the Town has adequate and effective policing, to assist in implementation of provincial policing initiatives; and / or to enhance policing services to the citizens.

### 8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

#### 8.3 Director of Corporate Services

##### 8.3.1 For Information – Update on the Utilization of Ground Ambulance Services for Hospital Patient Transfers

M. Minchin provided information from David Thompson Health Region on their plans regarding inter-facility transfer agreements with EMS operators and the steps they are taking to incorporate feedback into the strategy to support inter-facility transfer. In their letter, DTHR states that they are prepared to meet individually with municipalities to further explain the overall strategy and to address specific concerns not otherwise addressed through the various stakeholder meetings.

### 8.4 Director of Community Services

## 9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION

(Next Presentation of Quarterly Reports May 1, 2006)

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**

**15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS MO2006.99** Shoff, Sparling to go in camera at 5:58 PM. Carried.

15.1 Community Facility Committee Appointments

**MO2006.100** Bertamini, Shoff to revert back to regular Council at 6:30 PM. Carried.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER