

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



April 18, 2006 4:30 PM Council Chambers, Town Hall
703 - 2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta

PRESENT:

MAYOR:

Paul Ainscough

COUNCIL:

Karen Bertamini (arrived at 4:35 PM)

Don Cunningham

Larry Davidson

Sharel Shoff

DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:

Wes Yeoman

ACTING CAO / DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Michael Minchin

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Scott Blevins

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Linda Handy

ABSENT: Councillor Karen MacKinnon

Councillor John Sparling

CAO/ENGINEER: Ray Romanetz

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Karen MacKinnon to be sworn in as Deputy Mayor for the months of May and June, 2006 (Tabled to May 1st)

2.0 MAYOR AINCOUGH'S OPENING REMARKS

2.1 Mayor Paul Ainscough presented a letter from Mr. George Groeneveld, MLA Highwood inviting municipal representatives to participate in the development of the provincial flood risk management strategy. He further states in his letter that Alberta communities have suffered considerably from flood damage in recent years, resulting in the governments of Alberta and Canada paying out hundreds of millions of dollars for flood disaster recovery. Recognizing that this is not a desirable situation, the Alberta government struck a Ministerial Task Force, comprises of the Ministers of Infrastructure and Transportation,

Municipal Affairs and Environment, with the mandate to recommend measure to mitigate the risk to lives and property due to flooding from rivers and major stream. M. Minchin noted that the workshop in Drumheller will be held on May 5th.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MO2006.101 Shoff, Davidson 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 - April 3, 2006

MO2006.102 Cunningham, Shoff moved the adoption of the minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 3, 2006 as presented. Carried.

5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

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

8.3 Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 RFD – Approval of 2006 Operating Budget

M. Minchin stated that at Council's Committee meeting of April 7th, 2006, Administration presented the Town's 2006 Corporate Plan which included the Annual Operating and Capital Budgets as well as updates to the Town's Multi Year Capital Plan and Capital Financing Strategy. The 2006 Operating Budget includes revenues of \$11,248,774, an increase of 12.5% from the 2005 budget and expenses totalling \$11,047,472, an increase of 11.6%. The projected budget surplus is estimated at \$201,302.

MO2006.103 Davidson, Shoff that Council approve the 2006 Operating Budget, with projected revenues of \$11,248,774 and projected expenditures of \$11,047,472 as presented. Carried.

8.3.2 RFD – Approval of 2006 Capital Budget

M. Minchin stated that the capital budget outlines the capital priorities for the Town for 2006 and also identifies how these priorities are funded. The 2006 Capital Budget includes \$14,322,716 in capital spending. Of this amount, \$4,102,037 is for projects from the Town's Multi-Year Capital Plan and \$10,220,679 is for major capital upgrades or additions.

The majority of the capital upgrade and addition projects are also contingent on major grant funding from either the federal or provincial governments and will not proceed until funding has been approved.

MO2006.104 Shoff, Davidson that Council approve the 2006 Capital Budget, totalling \$14,322,716 in expenditures, as presented. Carried.

8.3.3 RFD – Approval of 2006 Capital Financing Strategy

M. Minchin stated that the 2006 Capital Financing Strategy outlines the Town's long term capital reinvestment needs as well as the sources of funding for these capital requirements. In addition to reinvestment needs, the Strategy also incorporates the capital additions and upgrades identified in the Multi Year Capital Plan. Both documents will influence capital decisions for the next ten years. Actual implementation will be subject to annual approval by Council through the approval of the Town's annual capital budget. The Town does not incur any immediate cost by approving the document itself.

MO2006.105 Bertamini, Shoff that Council approve the 2006 Capital Financing Strategy and the 2006 Multi Year Capital Plan as presented. Carried.

8.3.4 RFD – 2006 Service Fee Schedule

M. Minchin advised that Administration is requesting that Council formally approve the Service Fee Schedule in order to formalize the rates that are not formalized elsewhere such as a Utility Rate Bylaw.

MO2006.106 Shoff, Cunningham that Council approve the 2006 Service Fee Schedule as presented. Carried.

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

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER