

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



August 8, 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 – arrived 5:13 P.M.

Sharel Shoff

John Sparling

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ENGINEER:

Ray Romanetz

DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:

Wes Yeoman

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Michael Minchin

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Corinne Macdonald

ABSENT:

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Scott Blevins

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – 4:32 P.M.

Councillor John Sparling was sworn in as Deputy Mayor for the months of September and October.

Mayor P. Ainscough welcomed Councillor D. Cunningham back from his recent surgery.

2.0 MAYOR AINCOUGH'S OPENING REMARKS

2.1 Mayor P. Ainscough presented a letter from Honourable Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation re: announcement of grant in the amount of \$345,058.09 to the Town of Drumheller for the Rosedale Forcemain and Lift Station project under the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership.

2.2 Mayor P. Ainscough presented a letter from Honourable Rob Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs re: announcement of grant in the amount of \$15,570 for the Town of Drumheller to reduce the populations of the mosquito species Culex Tarsalis.

2.3 Motion required to change the Council meeting of September 4, 2006 to September 5, 2006 due to the Statutory Holiday.

MO2006.232 Davidson, Shoff that the Regular Council meeting of September 4, 2006 be changed to September 5, 2006. Cd.

2.4 Mayor P. Ainscough proclaimed the Month of September as Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month.

2.5 Mayor P. Ainscough reminded Council members of the Mayors and Reeves Golf Tournament hosted by the Town of Hanna on September 6th.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA MO2006.233 Shoff, Cunningham Cd.

5.0 MINUTES

5.1. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1 Council Regular Meeting - July 10, 2006

MO2006.234 Davidson, Shoff moved adoption of the regular Council meeting minutes of July 10, 2006. Cd.

5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.2.1 Municipal Planning Minutes - May 25, 2006

5.2.2 Municipal Planning Minutes - June 29, 2006

5.2.3 Municipal Planning Minutes – July 6, 2006

5.2.4 Municipal Planning Minutes – July 13, 2006

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 18.06 Borrowing Bylaw for the Transmission Line to Rosedale / Cambria R. Romanetz advised that in order to confirm costs involved for construction of the Transmission Line the project needs to be tendered. First reading to the Borrowing Bylaw

is required to start the process; this will allow the necessary advertising to take place. This process could take from 4 to 6 weeks. The amount of \$570,000 is being borrowed. He recommended that Council pass first reading to Bylaw 18.06 to allow the process for borrowing the \$570,000 to get started.

MO2006.235 Bertamini, Sparling moved first reading to Bylaw 18.06. Cd.

8.1.2 RFD – Drumheller and District Regional Landfill Expansion Project Application to Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF)

R. Romanetz reported that he had brought information to a previous Council meeting on new requirements dealing with the Landfill; projected costs just under \$8 m dollars. The Province had received the letter requesting additional funding sent from DDSWMA, however have advised there is no further money available from them. A CAMRIF Application has been submitted, which would be a 1/3 cost sharing project for all levels of government. The Association consists of 16 municipalities and services a 60 mile area surrounding Drumheller. One concern identified was the Town had applied for a grant as well for the Waste Water Treatment Plant; the concern would be that the two applications may compete with each other. A motion is required with the Application and Mr. Romanetz recommended the motion be passed with the understanding that Wheatland County or Kneehill County would be approached to be the leading municipality however, if timelines did not work and the municipalities were not willing to be the sponsor the Town would remain as the Municipal applicant. R. Romanetz advised that each application must present a solid business case and this application would be considered a rural regional project.

MO2006.235 Cunningham, Sparling that Council supports the grant application for the Drumheller and District Regional Landfill Expansion Project under the Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund as presented. Cd.

8.1.3 2006 Strategic Business Plan Update

R. Romanetz provided a six month overview on the Corporate Priorities.

1. Police College – Town's application was declined. A meeting to be arranged with the Review Committee, to share their thoughts on why Drumheller was not successful; their comments may be valuable for future applications.
2. Community Facility - Needs Assessment Study was carried out and a Public Open House was held. A Fund Raising Co-ordinator has been hired.
3. Bylaw Enforcement – review of bylaws, policies and procedures impacting Bylaw was carried out and the consensus was to be proactive via more information to public.
4. Ambulance Transition – Society assumed responsibility for services from the Health Region as of June 1st. Some staffing and insurance issues have been dealt with. Lease to house ambulances to be resolved shortly with RH5.
5. Utility Rate Model – more work required on percentages of water loss. This matter will come back to Council for direction.

6. Provincial Liaison – one item of update includes SH 575 Twinning – this roadway is provincial property and the Town wants them to recognize the need for upgrading and provide the funding that would be involved. Councillor K. Bertamini inquired if other municipalities are dealing with the Province on cost sharing these types of projects. R. Romanetz reported that some municipalities are cost sharing on a 2/3 - 1/3 basis.

Councillor Bertamini asked if this matter should be raised at the AUMA Conference. R. Romanetz advised that it appears most of the grant dollars are going to Edmonton and Calgary Ring Roads. Dollars are limited to upgrade secondary highways. Councillor L. Davidson asked that a letter be written to obtain a clear understanding of what will be cost shared and what will not.

Councillor K. Bertamini asked the status of the Municipal Development Plan. R. Romanetz advised that the Municipal Planning Commission members are reviewing a draft document. Council will have an opportunity to provide input into the draft before the public process begins.

8.1.4 Letter from Staff Sgt Rene Wells re: Annual Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Fall Convention

R. Romanetz asked if Council wished to meet with K Division at the AUMA Convention to discuss any items. Councillor K. Bertamini advised that although there are no local issues, there may be some initiatives being proposed by the RCMP that Council should be advised of. A letter of response will be prepared by the CAO once input is provided by Council members.

Councillor K. MacKinnon arrived at 5:13 P.M.

8.1.5 Appointment Economic Development Task Force

R. Romanetz reported that a question had been raised as to whether a Councillor had been officially appointed to this Committee and he asked if this appointment should be referred to October's Organizational meeting. Although Councillor L. Davidson was not officially appointed to the Committee, he has been attending the meetings. Councillor J. Sparling noted that this is a matter of proper procedure. This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

8.2.1 RFD – Bulk Water Rates

W. Yeoman reported as part of the 2006 budget a proposal was presented to Council to increase the current bulk water rates from \$1.54/cu.m to \$3.00/cu.m. Council had no objections to the proposal as presented but the increase was not included with the 2006 Service Fee Schedule presented in April. He recommended that Council approve the rates and have the rate added to the Service Fee Schedule.

MO2006.236 Shoff, Davidson that Council approve the new rate of \$3.00 per cubic meter for bulk water sales and have the rate added to the Town of Drumheller Service Fee Schedule. Cd.

8.2.2 RFD – Sewage Disposal Rates

W. Yeoman reported as part of the 2006 Budget a proposal was presented to Council to increase the current sewage dumping fees for sewage hauled by truck and disposed of at the Town Waste Water Treatment Plant. Council had no objections to the proposal as presented but the increase was not included with the 2006 Service Fee Schedule presented in April.

MO2006.237 Bertamini, MacKinnon that Council approve the new sewage dumping fees of \$1.00 per tonne for the Town Commercial/Industrial and all residential and \$2.00 per tonne for all Commercial/Industrial generated outside of Town.

W. Yeoman noted that the increases have not been implemented yet. Councillor L. Davidson clarified that the total cost to the resident is about \$80.00 to \$85.00 per month, the disposal fee charged by the Town contributes to about \$6.00 per month of the total bill.

Vote on Motion: Carried.

8.3 Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 Quarterly Financial Report

M. Minchin provided an overview of the Executive Financial Report for the second quarter. He explained that since approval of the 2006 Budget, expenses have been in line. The Town has not yet received the ambulance or the police grants, which amounts to about \$380,000. Water Agreement contributions from Starland County and Kneehill County are reflected in the budget but no funds have been received. The Town is carrying out capital projects, however, the Province has not issued the grant dollars.

Councillor L. Davidson asked if it is normal that the Province is tardy with payments of their grants. M. Minchin reported that the Province used to advance the money up front, however, they have stopped issuing advanced payments. The Town may be entitled to receive an advance on larger scale projects. The Federal Government does not issue grant dollars until the project is finalized.

8.4 Director of Community Services - Absent

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION **(Presentation of Quarterly Reports September, 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

MO2006.238 Shoff, MacKinnon to go into camera at 5:30 P.M.

15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

15.1 Land Matter – Draft Elgin Hill Area Structure Plan

15.2 Land Matter – South Hill

15.3 SH575 Funding

MO2006.239 Bertamini, Shoff revert to regular Council meeting at 6:37 P.M. Cd.

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

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER