

# **Town of Drumheller**

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **MINUTES**



**January 23, 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 AINSCOUGH'S OPENING REMARKS**

2.1 Mayor P. Ainscough presented a letter from Hon. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation regarding transfer of first payment of grant in the amount of \$300,000 for the Water Treatment Plant filter upgrade.

2.2 Mayor P. Ainscough presented a letter from Dianna Bordian, Grants & Information Support, Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the signed Condition Grant Agreement for MuniSponsorship Program.

2.3 Mayor P. Ainscough presented a letter from Marina Paarup, Director, MH Enterprises Employment Services requesting a letter of support for their proposal to offer Skills Link

Assessment and Case Management services to the youth in our community.

2.4 Mayor P. Ainscough advised that the Red Deer River Municipal Users Group (RDRMUG) Meeting held on January 19<sup>th</sup> - Bill Shaw provided information on the differences between the Water Shed Alliance Group and the RDRMUG. The main difference between the RDRMUG and the Alliance Group is that only elected officials serve as representatives of the RDRMUG whereas the Alliance is represented by both private and public corporations. The RDRMUG focuses on policy, particularly long term sustainability, while the Alliance members focuses more on operational management matters and more immediate issues relating to water quality, environmental impacts and such. The RDRMUG has access to a number of MLA's for lobbying on the actions the group pursues. The RDRMUG will be advertising for an Executive Director position. In response to a question from Council, R. Romanetz explained that the majority of municipalities being served by the Red Deer River are participating members (10% of the 38 urban and rural municipalities have declined participation for various reasons such as they will be represented by a Water Commission). He also advised that the County of Mountainview and Red Deer recently confirmed membership in the organization.

### **3.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

### **4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MO2006.21** Davidson, Mackinnon moved the adoption of the agenda as presented. Cd.

### **5.0 MINUTES**

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

##### **5.1.1 Council Regular Meeting - January 9, 2006**

**MO2006.22** Cunningham, Sparling moved the adoption of Council's Regular Meeting of January 9, 2006. Cd.

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

##### **5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission – November 17, 2005**

##### **5.2.2 Municipal Planning Commission – December 8, 2005**

##### **5.2.3 Management Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2006**

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

### **6.0 DELEGATIONS**

6.1 Terry Beaupre, Chairman and Linde Turner, Librarian, Drumheller Public Library thanked Council for their support in 2005 and presented their 2006 Budget. T. Beaupre noted that there will be a small surplus of \$1,500.00 for the year ending 2005. He stated that the provincial library operating grant remains at the 1993 level of \$4.23 per capita.

Another issue is that following the upcoming election, the federal government may change funding for libraries. L. Turner thanked the Mayor for his letters to Prime Minister Paul Martin and MP Kevin Sorenson regarding the costs for shipping of non print material between libraries which is significantly higher than the book transfer rate. She further noted that if the library book rate is not expanded to include non print material, the library will have to revisit the library share program – this figure is significant for budget planning. T. Beaupre stated that the Library Board will be asking Town Council for an increase to the annual requisition in the amount of \$10,000.00 for their 2006 library operations. They receive donations from individuals and corporations which help support their operations. L. Turner provided a detail review of the 2006 budgeted revenues being \$219,589.00 and expenditures being \$218,949.00. She explained that membership fees are lower than usual and campaigns are proposed to increase this revenue. Membership are only one way of measurement of use – a traffic counter has been installed that records on average 24-25 people per hour who visit the library. There are three individuals on staff who serve the public.

Councillor K. Bertamini stated that in addition to the Mayor's letter to the Prime Minister regarding the shipping costs of non print materials, AUMA's Community Infrastructure Committee (of which she is a board member) is also requesting AUMA to lobby the Province for an increase in the library operating grant.

Mayor and Council thanked T. Beaupre and L. Turner for their presentation.

6.2 Staff Sgt. Rene Wells presented the 2006 RCMP Annual Report as follows:

- Vandalism – identified as a goal in last year's plan and remains a priority. Stats for 2003 were 223 and up substantially in 2004 to 263 with a decrease in 2005 to 223 - goal 20% reduction and a target rate of 211. COPS is making a difference in the community and the detachment is seeing an increase in applications to serve in this capacity;
- Drugs – through the Badlands Drug Coalition and partnership with ADDAC – youth caught smoking will be given an option of either paying a fine or completing a program through ADDAC; of the 22 infractions to date, 7 youth have completed the program. The purpose of targeting youth for smoking is that stats show that they are more likely to engage in other high risk areas, such as drug activity. This program will be continued in 2006.
- Hydroponics Grow-Ops and Crystal Meth Labs – seen a steady increase since 2001; more information to be available to the public on what to look for so that more tips are reported; Working with rural communities – grow ops and drug use are increasing in rural Alberta, the detachment will be working with Starland County in 2006 to reduce this activity. Drug use is consistently a factor in many crimes the RCMP deal with; Enforcement alone is not sufficient to correct the problems – community involvement is essential.

- Drumheller Institution Assistance – reduction in smuggling of drugs – this program will continue in 2006;
- Badlands Drug Coalition will be hosting a “Cocaine Symposium” in February. The purpose of the campaign is for more awareness on side effects of cocaine use, impact on family, how employers can respond effectively and stories of recovery. Posters are available for businesses and companies to post in their coffee rooms based on awareness. There will be a poster campaign on the effects of cocaine use in the spring. There will also be a focus on drinking and /or use of cannabis and driving campaign in the spring. It is anticipated that there will be a change of attitude through greater awareness;
- 2005 Traffic Stats – fatal and injury incidents have been steady in 2005 with 2 fatal and 22 injuries. There will be an increase in traffic enforcement for 2006; focus will continue to be on seatbelt use, drinking and driving, speed and intersection infractions.

Staff Sgt. Rene Wells thanked Mayor Ainscough and Councillor L. Davidson for their assistance in find support for the Badlands Drug Coalition Campaign. Mayor and Council thanked Staff Sgt. Rene Wells for his presentation.

6.3 Jerry Brett, Development Officer presented the 2005 Building Statistics. He provided the following highlights:

- Commercial construction values in 2005 saw a 184% increase over 2004's figures from just under 10 million to just over 18 million dollars. Wal-Mart, Ramada Inn, Harper Tire and Egan's Irish Pub & Steak House being the most noticeable contributors to the 2005 figures. Only 2003 has seen higher values (IGA and Super 8);
- Residential construction values were also high – the last time the figure was over 4 million dollars was in 1999. Hillview Subdivision being a noticeable reason for an increase in building starts (nine at the end of 2005 and a further four for 2006);
- Industrial construction values saw major increases over 2004 (with 2004 being the previously record high). With 325% increase in new construction over 2004's figures. Construction by such companies such as BJ's Oilfield, Jiro, Syntek, and Weatherford were among those responsible for last year's industrial growth – which also saw Hy-Grade Industrial lots sold out;
- Total value for construction in the Town of Drumheller for 2005 was \$18,328,638 with total permits issued of 140 (this is an 84% increase over 2004 in values and 40% increase in permits themselves).
- He recognized the efforts of Kathy Lima, Safety Codes Clerk, the support of the CAO and Director of Community Services and the leadership of Council and the Municipal Planning Commission.

Mayor and Council thanked J. Brett for his presentation.

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

## **8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS**

### **8.1 CAO**

8.1.1 R. Romanetz presented Bylaw 01.06 being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw 36.98 by redesignating Lots 16, 17 and 18, Block 1 Plan 6495AV from "R-1A Residential" to "R-4 Residential". He advised that the applicant wishes to demolish the existing two single family dwellings and construct a fourplex. He noted that the Municipal Planning Commission does not recommend that this reclassification proceed based on the fact that the entire block is a single family area and the change would create spot zoning. He further noted that if Council proceeds to first reading, the proposed land use amendment would be advertised which would give the neighboring property owners an opportunity to comment on the proposal. He further noted that a subdivision would be required as there are currently three separate parcels owned by the property owner and it is proposed to subdivide out one parcel for a single family dwelling. In response to a question from Council, J. Brett, Development Officer, stated that the existing single family dwelling may not meet the sideyard requirements. R. Romanetz advised that Palliser Regional Municipal Services would not normally approve a subdivision where there is a non conforming sideyard. He further advised that the proposal addresses the need for multi family housing in our community however the development should consider the area in question as well. The Planning Commission felt that opportunities for this type of development existed in areas presently zoned appropriately.

**MO2006.23** Bertamini, Cunningham for first reading to Bylaw 01.06. Defeated.

#### **8.1.2 Bylaw 04.06 Water and Sewer Rate Bylaw**

R. Romanetz advised that Bylaw 04.06 proposes to increase both water and sewer rates by approximately 2% which is the current inflation rate. Administration is recommending Council proceed with all three readings so that the utility bills can be mailed out.

**MO2006.24** Shoff, Sparling for first reading to Bylaw 04.06 carried.

**MO2006.25** Davidson, Shoff for second reading to Bylaw 04.06. Carried.

**MO2006.26** Bertamini, Shoff no objection to third reading. Carried.

**MO2006.27** Cunningham, Shoff for third reading to Bylaw 04.06. Carried.

8.1.3 R. Romanetz advised that a motion is required for a letter of support being requested from MH Enterprises (from Item 2.3).

**MO2006.28** MacKinnon, Bertamini that Council provide a letter of support to MH Enterprises for their proposal to offer Skills Link Assessment and Case Management

services in principal. Carried.

Councillor K. Bertamini clarified that support in principal does not include budget implications. Councillor L. Davidson requested that organizations requesting similar support letters make a presentation to Council.

## **8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services**

### **8.2.1 RFD – Gravel Tender**

W. Yeoman presented the gravel tender for the supply of 13,000 tonnes of 19 mm crushed gravel in stockpile. Two tenders were received for this project with the lower tender from Reg Gallagher Trucking in the amount of \$142,740 (plus GST).

**MO2006.29** Sparling, Bertamini that Council authorize Administration to award the contract for the supply of 13,000 tonnes of 19 mm crushed gravel into stockpile to Reg Gallagher Trucking in the amount of \$142,740.00 (plus GST). Carried.

### **8.2.2 RFD – RipRapping 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue W. Tender**

W. Yeoman presented the tender for the supply and placement of rip rap rock on the south bank of the Red Deer River. This project was identified as a remedial project required as a result of the June 2005 flood and funded by the Provincial Disaster Recovery Program. He advised that awarding the contract this evening is important as the placement of rip rap must take place under conditions pursuant to the approval received from Alberta Environment. The current approval is valid until March 9, 2005. Five tenders were received for this project with the low bid from Chief Construction in the amount of \$231,000 (plus GST) Contract price includes working from the top of the bank should the conditions not be favourable for working on the frozen river. The contractor will be placing mountain rock as opposed to recycled concrete as highly recommended by Alberta Environment.

**MO2006.30** Bertamini, Shoff that Council authorize Administration to award the contract for the supply and placement of rip rock on the south bank of the Red Deer River to Chief Construction Company Ltd. in the amount of \$231,000 (plus GST). Carried.

## **8.3 Director of Corporate Services**

## **8.4 Director of Community Services**

### **8.4.1 RFD – Columbarium Inscriptions**

S. Blevins advised that Council had previously received a request for symbols permanently engraved on the Columbarium Niche doors at the Drumheller Municipal Cemetery. Council asked for research to be carried out from other communities. He stated that based on the research, three options were presented for Council's consideration: 1) Keep the current bylaw and specifications that currently govern niche doors; 2) Allow logos and designs to be incorporated into the current columbarium by changing the Town's bylaw and specifications; and 3) Keep the current columbarium following the Town's current bylaw and

specifications but allow another columbarium to follow different standards and specifications. He advised that Administration is recommending that the current bylaw remain in place and deny the request.

**MO2006.31** Sparling, Cunningham that the Town of Drumheller's current bylaw and specifications that govern niche doors on Drumheller's Columbarium remain as is.

Discussion held on Motion:

In response to a Council's question, it was confirmed that there were 80 niche doors on the existing columbarium with 12 being sold. It was suggested that the current engraving contractor, Remco, be given the discretion as to what is suitable. R. Romanetz stated that Remco would put as much detail as the family wishes however costs would be a factor and Council would lose control. It was clarified that the matter at hand is engraving and not attachments.

Vote on Motion: Defeated.

**MO2006.32** Bertamini, Cunningham that the current columbarium governed by the Town of Drumheller's bylaw and specifications be followed that Council consider allowing another columbarium to follow different standards and specifications.

Discussion held on Motion:

Councillor K. Bertamini stated that two columbariums with different specifications would give the public a choice. R. Romanetz stated that the second columbarium would be a long term solution because there is no need for a second columbarium at this time. It was clarified that if engraving was permitted, Administration would approve the choice of engraving with an appeal provision through Council.

Vote on Motion: Defeated.

**MO2006.33** Shoff, Davidson to allow engraved logos and designs to be incorporated into the current columbarium by changing the Town of Drumheller's bylaw and specifications. Carried.

Administration was directed to prepare an amendment to the current Bylaw for consideration by Council.

#### 8.4.2 RFD – Vendor Carts

S. Blevins advised that each year Council gives direction to the Community Services Department for the number of sites, guidelines and approval of the vendors. He presented the guidelines for mobile vendors. He asked for Council to approve the locations and the number of sites at each location and for Administration to facilitate the process and approve the vendors. One cart would be allowed in the downtown core with an additional fee and

subject to the specifications. The location at the Hoodoos would be the camp kitchen area.

**MO2006.34** Bertamini, Sparling that Council approve the attached Guide for Mobile Vendors; and further that Council approve the maximum of two sites in Centennial Park and a maximum of one site at the Hoodoos; and further that Council authorizes Administration to administer the request for proposals and approve the vendors. Carried.

## **9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION**

**(Quarterly Reports and Annual Reports to be presented February 6, 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**

12.1 Bylaw 24.05 – (to include definitions for minor and major animal services)

R. Romanetz advised that Bylaw 24.05 was given first reading at Council's meeting of December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005. As a result of presentations from J. Brett and PRMS, Council asked for further considerations. He further noted that rather than leaving vet clinics with no definitions, Administration was requested to include definitions for minor and major vet services. Three separate options to incorporate the minor and major vet services were presented for Council's consideration. As a result of further discussions with Dr. Lehman, he indicated that at different times a full livestock trailer may come on site, for instance, a farmer with 15 or 20 livestock requiring service. He noted that was not the norm but to start restricting the number of livestock would be difficult for his operations. In their discussions, Dr. Lehman stated that he would like to operate his business as he does currently.

**MO2006.35** Bertamini, Shoff for second reading to Bylaw 24.05.

Discussion on motion:

Councillor L. Davidson stated that a highway commercial designation should only permit small animals. R. Romanetz advised that when looking at a planning issue, Council should consider if the proposal is a good fit for the area. Outside animal storage may not be an appropriate use for highway commercial as health, odour, noise should be considerations as well. Development Officer, J. Brett noted that under the current Land Use Bylaw fencing is only required if a commercial development is adjacent to a residential area.

Vote on Motion: Defeated.



**13.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**14.0 COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS MO2006.36** Davidson, Cunningham to go in camera at 6:50 PM. Carried

15.1 2005 Property Tax Cancellation – Plan 9011310, Block 1

15.2 West Bankview Subdivision Proposal

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER