

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



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

PRESENT:

ACTING MAYOR:

John L. Sparling, Q.C.

COUNCIL:

Karen Bertamini

Larry Davidson

Karen MacKinnon

Sharel Shoff

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

ABSENT: Councillor Don Cunningham

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Karen Ann Bertamini was sworn in as Deputy Mayor for the months of November and December, 2006

2.0 ACTING MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

2.1 Acting Mayor J.L. Sparling presented a letter from Hon. Denis Ducharme, Minister of Community Development, regarding the new initiative, the *Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination*.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

3.1 The purpose of the public hearing is to consider Bylaw 20.06 (Elgin Hill Area Structure

Plan)

Acting Mayor J.L. Sparling Q.C. called the public hearing to order at 4:40 PM.

Acting Mayor asked if anyone was present to speak in favour or against the proposal.

D. Fleming, Palliser Regional Municipal Services, provided an overview of the area structure plan which is to provide a future planning direction to the upper bench land known as Elgin Hill. He stated that in 1985, the Elgin Hills Area Structure Plan (Bylaw 2-85) was adopted and this new plan proposes to replace it. He stated that there are three different landowners of the nine parcels of land involved in the study area of 19.38 acres – Town owns six lots (Lots 1-6); J. Goudy owns two parcels (Lots 7 & 8); and Ed Lehn owns one parcel (Lot 9). He further stated that the new plan provides overall direction that will allow the area to be developed in a cohesive and coordinated fashion. He explained that the development concept will provide for a variety of housing types ranging from duplexes, townhouses to three storey apartments, which will create a higher density area. To facilitate this type of development it is recommended the majority of the site be classified “R-3” Medium Density Residential District. The majority of the study area is currently classified UT – Urban Transitional with the exception of some land along 1st Street that houses the former Drum Bodyworks which is M-1 – Light Industrial District. An access road will be created up the escarpment of the hill off Elgin Hill Road. As well, the Town intends to fill the area at the north end of the site to create a trail connection from this site to SH575 (South Railway Ave.)

Speaking in favour of the proposal:

Mr. Bernie Blieske, representing Mr. James Goudy, stated that the former Area Structure Plan was never acted upon. He stated that it was a team effort by all the landowners to update the Area Structure Plan, which now provides an improved concept for development of the area. He stated that the plan also provides a suitable location for the access road which has good sight distances from Elgin Hill Road. He stated that the best use of the land would be a residential district. He further noted that for the area to develop it will be necessary for the Town and some of the landowners to negotiate the exchange of lands. He stated that the reclassification of land to R-3 with the exception of Mr. Lehn's land would allow for more affordable high density multi family housing.

Speaking in opposition of the proposal:

Mr. Ed Lehn stated that he applied to reclassify his property to R-3 a few years back however he felt shafted at the lack of progress. He stated that the current proposal is good for everyone but himself as his property would be the last to be developed. He requested that Council not reclassify his property at this time. He stated that the top part of his land is currently zoned UT and he is permitted to build single family home without rezoning to R-3. As well, he did not want to have increased taxes on this land by rezoning it to R-3. He stated that the bottom part of his land is currently zoned M-1 and he wishes it to remain as

is. He questioned whether the Town would work with a larger developer or will local residents have an opportunity to develop the lots on an individual basis. He questioned the need for a large setback at the back of the hill.

Pat Bobra, representative for adjacent neighbors - Alex & Vicki MacKinnon, Brad & Debbie Nahnybida, Morelle & Nikki Piecowye, Chris & Pat Bobra, Ron Thornborough, Terry Casey & Anne Morgan, presented a letter to Council which she read into the record. Summary of their concerns are as follows:

- Safety – only one proposed entrance and exit on the plan for approximately 150+ new dwelling units atop Elgin Hill; the Elgin Hill Road adjoining with 7th Avenue SW is already very dangerous, very congested, too narrow with a steep blind slop both east and west. Truckers use 7th Avenue SW adjoining with Elgin Hill Road as a regular route rather than Hwy 575. Speeding is a factor and one local school will not allow their bus to stop on 4th Street because it is too dangerous. Lack of street signage is a concern.

- Taxes and property values – questioned what the rezoning will do to property values. Their preference is to see single family homes. Their view of wildlife and fireworks from the hill will be impacted. Questioned how the developments on top of Elgin Hill would be maintained – i.e. through a corporation and to what standards.

- Water Flow – current water flow to houses on Elgin Hill Road and adjoining 7th Avenue SW are not adequate. Concerned that the new water pump building will be only for the new developed area and what noise will be created.

Noise and congestion during construction – noise, dirt and dust from the possible levelling of certain portions of Elgin Hill is a concern. Many residents on Elgin Hill Road and a few from the adjoining 7th Avenue SW work shift work. Questioned the timelines on the construction, the hours and the impact on their quality of life.

- Lack of correspondence from Palliser Regional Municipal Services and the Town of Drumheller on this proposal since February 2, 2005

Pat Bobra concluded that the adjacent neighbors are more than happy to work with the Town on this project if the concerns as stated can be addressed in a written letter.

Secretary, L. Handy advised that was one item of correspondence from adjacent neighbour Brad Nahnybida which was read into the record and reiterates concerns as stated above.

CAO, R. Romanetz responded to the concerns as follows:

Safety – The Town proposes widening the road from the existing thirty six (36) feet to a collector's roadway standard being four (4) feet wider when required by the development. A road of this width should handle the traffic volumes and allow on street parking on the south side of the roadway.

Water – To maintain acceptable water pressures for the site, a booster pump is required. The Town will ensure that water pressures to the adjacent neighbors are not reduced. He also advised that a water distribution master plan recommends increases to water pressure

in the Bankview / Elgin Hill area.

Signage – The Town will work together with the developer to ensure that appropriate signage has been posted, i.e. crosswalk signs, etc.

Construction – A development agreement will address issues of noise, access, the route to the construction site, etc. so that the impact will be minimal to the neighboring properties.

Property Values – M. Minchin stated that houses are assessed based on other single family dwellings in the area and not by apartments or town houses so there should not be any impact on property values. He further noted that market values and professional appraisals affect property taxes.

R. Romanetz stated that the Town looked at options for a roadway to accommodate Mr. Lehn's property however no solutions were found to meet his expectations.

Questions from Council:

Councillor L. Davidson asked the development timelines. B. Blieske stated that the current development timelines are open at this time. R. Romanetz stated that the economy is strong now and the Town has seen significant residential development in the last year. He further noted that the R3 will provide for more affordable homes and advised that the Town may call for development proposals shortly. Councillor L. Davidson further asked how the lots will be accessed. B. Blieske explained that the lots will be accessed from the lane. Councillor K. Bertamini stated that she recalls previous discussions regarding the proposed development behind Mr. Lehn's property and that due to the grade of the hill, an access road was cost prohibitive at that time. B. Blieske stated that an access from Mr. Lehn's property would be costly due to the grading and an access from 1st St. SW would not be approved by Alberta Transportation. R. Romanetz confirmed that an access road to Mr. Lehn's property is not viable and that the roadway as presented with the Area Structure Plan is the best option.

Councillor S. Shoff asked if the 7.5 m set back from the edge of the escarpment for new development was sufficient. D. Fleming noted a correction to page 4 of the document for escarpment and reserves. R. Romanetz advised that the developer would be required to provide the Town with a geotechnical report confirming the stability of the slope prior to any development. Councillor S. Shoff further questioned how the increased traffic flow will be controlled on the access road. D. Fleming stated that the location of the access road onto Elgin Hill was designed to meet at the crest of the hill which provides good visibility both ways. He further stated that the road could be extended further onto Ed Lehn's property however the Planning Act only requires legal access. He noted that the apartment site would have a private access road.

Councillor K. MacKinnon asked if the Town considered building into the slope of the hill with walkout basements. R. Romanetz stated that this would be a very costly option involving engineered studies. Councillor K. MacKinnon noted that with an increase in residential density (150+ households), Mr. Lehn's property would be a good location for a convenient store.

Councillor S. Shoff stated that she recalls correspondence from Palliser in 2005 regarding

James Goudy land. D. Fleming confirmed that Palliser had sent correspondence to adjacent residents advising that the subdivision application was proceeding however the application did not move forward. As well, he did have conversations with some of the residents at that time. He further noted that no correspondence was sent out advising that the application was not proceeding. R. Romanetz stated that because of the review at that time, more issues were raised regarding the access, water pressure, etc and more review was required. Since that time, all parties including Town Administration and Palliser have reviewed the plan in more detail and are now bringing it to the public for their comments. Councillor K. Bertamini stated that the any concerns with traffic and speed can be researched by Bylaw Enforcement.

Councillor L. Davidson asked Mr. Lehn if he would support the plan if his land is excluded. Mr. Lehn stated yes. R. Romanetz stated that Mr. Lehn is currently using his land for light industrial and he wishes the use to continue as such. D. Fleming stated that the landowner can initiate the reclassification of his property. R. Romanetz reiterated that the proposal does not reclassify Mr. Lehn's property at this time – Mr. Lehn can continue his current use if it is a permitted or discretionary use and has the appropriate permit. He explained that the proposal recommends the area be reclassified to R3 for future development at a later date.

Acting Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:45 PM.

3.2 The purpose of the public hearing is to consider Bylaw 21.06 (Wayne) by redesignating Lots 2 & 3, Block 5, Plan 8111856 from SCR – Suburb Community Residential District to CR - Country Residential District.

Acting Mayor J.L. Sparling called the public hearing to order at 5:46 PM

There was no one present to speak in favor or in opposition to the proposed reclassification.

Acting Mayor Sparling closed the 5:47 PM.

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions / Deletions 6.1 Drumheller Rotary Club - removed

MO2006.286 Shoff, MacKinnon 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 - October 16, 2006

MO2006.287 Davidson, Shoff moved the adoption of the regular Council meeting

minutes of October 16, 2006 as presented. Carried.

5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission – October 5, 2006

5.2.2 Municipal Planning Commission – October 20, 2006

5.2.3 Management Committee Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2006

5.3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.0 DELEGATIONS

6.1 Drumheller Rotary Club – removed from the agenda

6.2 Nicky Sereda – Representative for the Petitioners for the protection of John Anderson Park stated that from Council's Committee Meeting of October 23rd, he understood that the petition was accepted and that a plebiscite will be held. He stated that he was not certain if the plebiscite would be held at the by-election in January or at the next election thereafter. He stated that the 900 plus Drumheller voters have signed the petition and they are asking the Town not to build on this site for a number of reasons. He asked if alternative sites as well as the John Anderson site will be mentioned in the plebiscite. He said that if alternative sites are chosen, there is not enough time to look at other sites for them to be included within the plebiscite in the upcoming by-election. He stated that it makes sense for the plebiscite to be put forward in the January by-election so the Town could find out from the citizens if they want the proposed community facility to be located at the John Anderson Park. He stated that a second concern is whether the wording of the plebiscite would be straight forward and understood by all voters. He asked if he could participate in the wording of the plebiscite question.

Acting Mayor asked the CAO, R. Romanetz to provide comments based on his recommendation provided at Council's Committee meeting of October 23rd. R. Romanetz stated that the petition was determined to be sufficient in accordance with Section 225 of the Municipal Government Act. He stated that a recommendation was presented to Council that they pass a resolution to hold a plebiscite regarding the question of where the community facility would be sited once all necessary studies concerning all sites have been undertaken and future more that the plebiscite will be held before the Town finalized its plans for construction of the facility.

N. Sereda asked if the plebiscite would be held in January, 2007. Acting Mayor J.L. Sparling stated the plebiscite will not be held in January. Councillor L. Davidson asked N. Sereda, as a long time resident of Drumheller, where he perceived the community facility should be located. He stated that during the information meeting held in June, 2006 regarding the proposed community facility, he was invited to participate in the survey however when he reviewed the Master Plan none of his recommendations were included in the document. He further stated that only 17% of the population is represented in the Plan.

Acting Mayor asked N. Sereda to address the question. N. Sereda stated that if the School Division is going to carry out renovations at the high school, it would be an opportune time for the Town to work together with the School Board to develop a facility that could serve all parties - to include a gym and meeting rooms and used year round by both the school and the community population. He stated that other properties for the community facility may include the Midland area or next to the Badlands Motel (former Antler Museum). He stated that the general public probably may have suggestions as well.

Acting Mayor thanked N. Sereda for his presentation.

6.3 Staff Sgt. Rene Wells, RCMP Detachment provided an overview of the Community RCMP Detachment Performance Plan which highlights specific areas of the policing focus in the next three years. They include visibility of rural policing and other rural policing components, drug abuse – drinking and driving, thefts of vehicles and thefts from vehicles, cocaine and crack cocaine working with the Badlands Drug Coalition. He further noted that quarterly reports will be provided to Council on the progress of the plan.

Acting Mayor thanked Staff Sgt R. Wells for his presentation.

7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS

8.1 CAO

8.1.1 RFD – By-Election Dates

R. Romanetz stated that Acting Mayor J.L. Sparling has forwarded a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting that the requirement for a by-election for the vacant office of Mayor be waived in accordance with Section 166 of the Municipal Government Act. The Minister has replied in writing that an election for Mayor should be held and he permitted the by-election to occur in January 2007 rather than in 2006. R. Romanetz asked M. Minchin to provide an overview of the recommended dates. M. Minchin stated that Administration recommends that Council hold the by-election on January 16, 2007 with the nomination day set for December 19, 2006. He also presented alternate dates for Council's consideration.

MO2006.288 Bertamini, MacKinnon that the by-election date be set for January 24, 2007 for the office of Mayor and nomination date be set for December 27, 2006 and that the advance poll date of be set for January 16, 2007 subject to Ministerial Order approval and further that Council appoint Michael Minchin as the returning officer. Carried.

8.1.2. RFD - Recommendation to hold Plebiscite for the Community Facility

R. Romanetz recommended that Council pass a resolution to hold a plebiscite regarding the question of where the community facility should be located, once the scope of the project and other considerations have been finalized.

MO2006.289 Bertamini, MacKinnon that Council agree to hold a vote of the electors regarding the question of where the community facility would be sited once all necessary studies concerning all sites have been undertaken and furthermore that the vote would take place before the Town finalizes its plans for construction of the facility. Carried.

Councillor L. Davidson asked Council to consider that the Community Facility be on the agenda at their next Committee Meeting.

8.1.3 RFD – Sale of Land to Dale and Suzanne Sands (Lots 1 & 2), Pauline Doel (Lot 3) and Janice Hardy (Lot 4) all of Plan 8911896 and Lot 5, Block 1, descriptive Plan 0513422 (Old Railway Bed) and a portion of the original road allowance (Drumheller – Rosedale Camp District)

R. Romanetz advised the purpose of the sale of land is to close a portion of the original road allowance, subdivide the old railway bed into four parcels and consolidate these parcels and the closed road allowance with the adjacent lots. He further noted that an appraisal of the property was conducted by Perry Appraisals and the report indicates that comparables in this area are \$600. per acre. He further noted that the property is isolated and has little or no value to the Town. The property owners have been asked to pay for the entire costs of the consolidation.

MO2006.290 Shoff, MacKinnon that Council approve the sale of land legally described as Lot 5, Block 1, descriptive Plan 0513422 (Old Railway Bed) and a portion of the original road allowance (Drumheller – Rosedale Camp District) to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sands, Ms. Pauline Doel, and Ms. Janice Hardy in the amount of \$9,912.80.

Discussion held on the Motion:

Councillor K. Mackinnon asked if there was any use for the road allowance. R. Romanetz stated that the west end of the development shows a portion of road allowance already closed and the proposal is to include a further portion of the road allowance for consolidation with the property. The existing road allowance does not appear to be needed to service adjacent properties. R. Romanetz stated that the properties are now sufficient in size to install a public sewage disposal system. Councillor L. Davidson asked if there were any encroachments on Ms. Hardy's property. R. Romanetz stated that once the new parcels are created, any known encroachments would be eliminated. Councillor L. Davidson stated that the parcels are currently serviced by one central well system and would they now need to provide their own water. R. Romanetz stated no - only if the existing well was no longer operational then they could drill their own wells.

Vote on Motion: Carried.

8.1.4 Bylaw 23.06 Local Improvement Tax (Rosedale Cambria Water Line)

M. Minchin advised that Bylaw 23 gives authority for the municipality to charge for the work

against the properties affected by the installation of the Rosedale Cambria Water Line. He further noted that the bylaw is in addition to the local improvement plan that Council approved in May, 2006 and gives the municipality the legal authority to tax the properties. He stated that the tax bylaw is levied once year and that the bylaw does not take effect until the construction of the water line is completed. If the construction is completed in 2007, the bylaw will not be in effect until 2008. He recommended that Council proceed with all three readings.

MO2006.291 Davidson, Shoff for first reading to Bylaw 23.06. Carried.

MO2006.292 Davidson, Shoff for second reading to Bylaw 23.06. Carried.

MO2006.293 Bertamini, Davidson no objection to third reading. Carried.

MO2006.294 Shoff, Davidson for third reading to Bylaw 23.06. Carried.

8.1.5 Bylaw 24.06 Local Improvement Borrowing (Rosedale Cambria Water Line)

M. Minchin advised that Bylaw 24.06 is the borrowing component for the Rosedale Cambria Water Line local improvement project. It authorizes the financing and completion of the Rosedale Cambria Water Distribution System as described in the local improvement plan #2006-01 as approved by Council in the amount of \$950,000. He stated that the bylaw does not have to be advertised. He recommended that Council proceed with all three readings.

MO2006.295 Davidson, Shoff for first reading to Bylaw 24.06. Carried.

MO2006.297 Davidson Shoff for second reading to Bylaw 24.06. Carried.

MO2006.298 Bertamini, MacKinnon no objection to third reading to Bylaw 24.06. Carried.

MO2006.299 Shoff, MacKinnon for third reading to Bylaw 24.06. Carried.

8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

8.2.1 RFD – Village of Munson Wastewater

W. Yeoman advised that the Village of Munson has inquired about the possibility of piping their wastewater to the Drumheller Wastewater Treatment Plant. Their lagoon is close to design capacity. He stated that in order for Town of Drumheller to seriously consider such a proposal, a "Feasibility Study" should first be prepared by a qualified consulting engineer. He explained that the study would review and examine the impacts on the existing system and provide estimated costs for such a project to take place. Administration is recommending that the Town provide a letter of support to the Village of Munson for such a study to be prepared.

MO2006.300 MacKinnon, Bertamini that Council provide a letter to the Village of Munson supporting the Village's application for funding under the Alberta Water and Wastewater Partnership Program to complete a "Feasibility Study" to pipe the Village of Munson's wastewater to the Drumheller Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councillor K. Bertamini asked if by supporting their application to the partner on this project, will the Town's applications for our own projects be impacted. R. Romanetz stated that the cost of the study is relatively nominal and the exiting program covers 100% of the cost for the study. He further stated that he did not see it impacting on our applications for funding.

Vote on Motion: Carried.

8.3 Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 RFD – Transfer of 2005 Surplus

M. Minchin stated that as part of the 2006 Corporate Plan adopted by Council on April 13, 2006, Administration is recommending transfers from the 2005 surplus to various reserve accounts.

MO2006.301 Davidson, Shoff that Council authorize Administration to transfer \$547,070 from the operating surplus to the capital reserves based on the 2006 Corporate Plan and the 2005 Audited Financial Statements. Carried.

8.3.2 Third Quarter Capital Investment

M. Minchin presented a line by line analysis of the Town held bonds as of September 30th for Council's information. The analysis also identifies inherited risks with the investments. He explained that regulations allow municipalities to invest in certain short term investments that can be of higher risk. He further noted that all investments are bonds and are in compliance with the Municipal Government Act.

8.3.3 Response to 2005 Auditor's Report

M. Minchin stated that Administration has provided a response to the items identified in the Management Letter provided by the Town's auditors, Gitzel Krejci Dand Peterson. Administration is requesting that Council's approve the action steps recommended in the Report.

MO2006.302 Bertamini, Davidson approve the recommendations included in the response to the Town of Drumheller's 2005 Auditors' Report, dated October 25, 2006 as presented. Carried.

8.4 Director of Community Services

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION

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 19.06 Land Use Amendment in N ½-08-29-20-W4M from RE-1 River Edge Estates Residential District to R-1 Residential District – (Wes Chung)

R. Romanetz advised that Council gave first reading to Bylaw 19.06 on September 5th, 2006 and two hearings have been held on this matter – September 18, 2006 and October 16, 2006. He stated that Council has received copies of four letters from the adjacent neighbors who are now in support of the proposed reclassification from RE-1 to R-1. He stated that Council may proceed to second and third readings or only second reading if amendments are proposed to the bylaw. Council would then have an opportunity to view the written amendment prior to giving third reading at the next Council meeting.

MO2006.303 Bertamini, Mackinnon for second reading to Bylaw 19.06.

Councillor L. Davidson stated that both parties indicated to Council at their meeting of October 16th that the Nacmine Subdivision remain as a RE-1 designation if a resolution was not reached.

Vote on Motion Defeated

10.2 Bylaw 20.06 (Elgin Hill Area Structure Plan)

R. Romanetz recommended that a response be prepared on the concerns raised by the adjacent neighbors before consideration is given to second and third readings.

MO2006.304 Davidson, MacKinnon that Bylaw 20.06 be tabled for further discussion at Council's Committee of the Whole meeting of November 6th, 2006. Carried.

10.3 Bylaw 21.06 to amend the Land Use bylaw 36.98 by redesignating Lots 2 & 3, Block 5, Plan 8111856 from SCR Suburb Community Residential District to CR Country Residential District

MO2006.305 Shoff, Bertamini for second reading to Bylaw 21.06.

Councillor L. Davidson asked the number of hens permitted in the CR District.

Acting Mayor recessed the meeting at 6:55 PM.

Acting Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

S. Blevins advised that presented Table A for the CR District and noted that the number of livestock permitted is dependent on the size of the parcel. He stated that in accordance with the definition "Keeping of Livestock" the number of livestock permitted shall not exceed 1 livestock manure equivalent per acre, which is 125 hens. He stated that the size of the

parcel in question is .44 acre. Councillor Davidson asked how the odor and handling of manure waste would be controlled in a residential area. R. Romanetz explained that the parcel is somewhat removed from other properties and the impact should be minimal – both matters would be dealt with under the Nuisance Bylaw. Councillor Davidson stated that the reclassification was discussed at the Wayne Community Association meeting and they wanted to know the implications of the change. R. Romanetz stated that the applicant wished to continue an existing use.

Vote on Motion: Carried.

MO2006.306 Bertamini, Shoff for third reading to Bylaw 21.06. Carried.

11.0 DELEGATION DECISIONS

12.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

14.0 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

14.1 AUMA Convention Reports

Councillor K. MacKinnon stated that she attended informative sessions on land use planning – the key issues were Alberta's challenges in sustaining prosperity, regionalism - a trend towards inter-municipal development plans - demography, aging society, informed future development and whether developers should be continue to build four bedroom houses, environment trends – drought impacts water shed alliances are some considerations for planners.

Councillor L. Davidson stated that he attended a session on governance and municipal finance as well as the PC Leadership Forum and the Ministers' session. He was able to speak with Hon. Iris Evans regarding the ambulance transition, as well as with Bob Hawkesworth, President AUMA on the need for urban municipalities to work with rural neighbors re Balzac development, as well as with Municipal Affairs representatives on a variety of issues with PRMS and Safety Codes.

Councillor S. Shoff stated that she attended the resolution session as well as discussions on the AUMA's 8 km proposal to freeze developing land around rural municipalities, and further that the government should be more involved in land use planning however the resolution did not pass. She attended sessions on the PC leadership Forum and with Minister Rob Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs. She stated the Bob Hawkesworth returned as the AUMA President with Dorothy Moore as Vice President. She attended a session on Bill 206 – Domestic Violence and how it is being handled as well as sessions on the manpower of the RCMP in rural communities, the Premier's farewell lunch, Provincial land use framework and the Tradeshow.

Councillor K. Bertamini stated that she attended sessions on site contamination and the issue with the bank selling off assets – the Province took the banks to court and won the injunction for the banks not to sell their assets. She stated that in the past most municipalities use financial benchmarks for comparison purposes however there is now the

new term “social infrastructure” of the community, such as library, schooling, and there is a shift taking place where communities are now using more social infrastructures benchmarks. She attended a session on good governance and the five key areas one should know – the history of the community; know the rules, know the ropes or process, know your role, show respect for all people at the table.

Councillor J. Sparling stated that in addition to attending different sessions, such as the safe water presentation and the crystal meth and cocaine presentation, he enjoyed the opportunity to network with other municipalities

14.2 Councillor Karen Bertamini, Vice President for the Canadian Badlands Ltd. representatives met on October 24th in Brooks. Minister Clint Dunford, Alberta Economic Development, was in attendance and stated that there is provincial support for this initiative, in the amount of \$70,000.

14.3 Acting Mayor J.L. Sparling stated that at his last meeting as Acting Mayor, he stated that there is a good group of people working at the Council table - there are different opinions from time to time, and when the new mayor is selected this group will work together. He thanked Council for working with him during these interesting times with stress placed upon both Council and Management as well as front line staff. He stated that the Town has an excellent public service that serves the community from front line to management, and the Town is fortunate to have the callabor of staff that is here.

14.4 Motion required to change the next Council meeting:

MO2006.307 Bertamini, Shoff moved to change the next regular Council meeting from November 13th to November 14th due to Remembrance Day. Carried

15.0 **IN-CAMERA MATTERS MO2006.308** Bertamini, Shoff to go in camera at 7:40 PM. Carried.

15.1 Land Matter

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

ACTING MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER