

# **Town of Drumheller**

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **MINUTES**



**April 16, 2007** 4:30 PM Council Chambers, Town Hall  
703 - 2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta

#### **PRESENT:**

**MAYOR:**

Bryce Nimmo

#### **COUNCIL:**

Karen Bertamini

Don Cunningham

Sharel Shoff

John Sparling

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ENGINEER:**

Ray Romanetz

#### **DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:**

Wes Yeoman

#### **ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:**

Bill Wulff

#### **ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

Jerry Brett

#### **RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Linda Handy

**ABSENT:** Councillor Terry Yemen  
Councillor Karen MacKinnon

### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

### **2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS**

2.1 Mayor Bryce Nimmo presented a letter from Mr. Brian Reid, P. Eng. Infrastructure Manager, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation advising that \$467,100 is currently being processed for the Town of Drumheller under the 2007 Streets Improvement Program.

2.2 Mayor Bryce Nimmo proclaimed April 15 to April 21, 2007 as National Volunteer Week.

2.3 Mayor Bryce Nimmo read the Press Release dated April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007, "*Town of Drumheller Issues Boil Water Advisory*".

### **3.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

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

Table Agenda Item: In camera 15.1 Canalta

**MO2007.93** Shoff, Cunningham 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 – April 2, 2007**

**MO2007.94** Shoff, Cunningham moved the adoption of the Regular Council meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

###### **5.1.2 Special Council Meeting – April 3, 2007**

**MO2007.95** Shoff, Cunningham moved the adoption of the Special Council meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

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

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

#### **6.0 DELEGATIONS**

6.1 Brian Reid, P. Eng., Infrastructure Manager, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation provided an overview on the proposed modifications at the intersection of Highway 9 and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. He stated that the joint Transportation Study, which is cost shared 50% with the Province and Town, reviewed both provincial highways and local roads within Drumheller. He explained that three proposals were received and the Town retained the services of iTrans, from Calgary. He stated that an initial public open house was held in order to raise public awareness and identify any concerns with the proposed improvements. He further explained that some issues were raised at the first public meeting on the elimination of the left hand lane closure for the south bound traffic off of the Gordon Taylor Bridge. He stated that following the review of the local issues, some modifications were made to the proposal and a second public meeting was held. At this public meeting held on March 22, 2007, AIT emphasized that closure of the left turn lane would be required prior to any capital investments being made along Highway 9 in that vicinity and further, that the closure was being driven by highway standards and in the interest of improving safety. He explained that the traffic would be encouraged to go down to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West by way of signage and pavement markings. He stated that the north bound traffic has historically accessed Hwy 9 and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue intersection for turning and this will continue. He stated that as a result of the pedestrian traffic accessing Grove Avenue, the south lane merge onto the bridge will now be manoeuvred ahead of Grove Avenue; this will require adjustments to the curb at the southwest corner at the intersection of Grove Ave. and Highway 9. Discussion held on the requirement for a pedestrian actuated signal to be installed. Councillor S. Shoff stated that the existing crossing is used widely not only by

the locals, but the campers from two campgrounds in the area and by many tourists walking in this area, Further added to the need for an actuated signal, is the vehicular traffic accessing South Dinosaur Trail on route to the Royal Tyrrell Museum. B. Reid explained that if the actuated signal is warranted by the Province, they will pay the full cost; if it does not warrant, the Province will cost share. In response to a question on construction timeframe, B. Reid stated his best guess for the improvements to commence is early next year prior to peak tourist season. The improvements may be tendered with the Town's street improvement projects. R. Romanetz stated that one advantage of eliminating the left hand turn off the Gordon Taylor Bridge will assist with the other improvements for the bridge, such as wider sidewalks on both sides of the bridge. However B. Reid clarified that the need for elimination of the left turn onto 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue is based on highway safety and not bridge modifications.

Mayor Bryce thanked Brian Reid for his presentation and congratulated Administration for listening to the concerns of the citizens and developing a proposal that is agreeable for all.

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

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

#### **8.1 CAO**

8.1.1 Bylaw 08-07 being a Bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw No. 36.98 by redesignating Plan 9011528, Block 3, Lot 2 and Plan 9212566, Block 3 Lot 8 from "UT" – Urban Transitional District to "SHR" – Small Holding Residential District - 1<sup>st</sup> reading

R. Romanetz stated that the applicant is requesting an amendment to make the proposed land compatible with the existing SHR zoning for the balance of Block 3. J. Brett, Acting Director of Community Services stated that on March 9<sup>th</sup>, the Municipal Planning Commission recommended to support the application. R. Romanetz recommended that Council proceed to first reading of the bylaw to allow for the advertising and subsequent Public Hearing to be held on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**MO2007.96** Shoff, Cunningham for first reading to Bylaw 08.07. Carried.

#### **8.1.2 RFD – Relay for Life Request for Relaxation to the Noise Bylaw**

R. Romanetz advised that at Council's Committee Meeting of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Meridee Martin, Chairman, Relay for Life provided an overview of the planned activities. At the meeting Council also heard that the 12 hour event being held at the Drumheller Composite High School track would require a relaxation to the Noise Bylaw 25.98. At that time, M. Martin had submitted letters of support from the majority of residents who live adjacent to the event.

**MO2007.97** Sparling, Shoff that Council authorize the CAO to relax the Noise Bylaw 25.98 to allow for the 12 hour Relay for Live Event to be held at the Drumheller Composite High

School track from Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> (7:00 PM) to Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> (7:00 AM). Carried.

**8.1.3 RFD – Proposed Modifications at the Intersection at Highway 9 and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue**  
R. Romanetz stated that in their letter dated April 10<sup>th</sup> and further to the presentation from Brian Reid, P. Eng., Infrastructure Manager, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, AIT is requesting Council's endorsement for the improvements planned on Highway 9 at Grove, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenues. He further explained that Council's endorsement will enable AIT to move forward with a funding request, engineering design, and a construction plan for the above noted improvements and improvements to the Gordon Taylor Bridge.

**MO2007.98** Cunningham, Shoff that Council support the proposed improvement as illustrated conceptually on the iTrans drawings and as presented by Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation planned on Highway 9 at Grove, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenues. Carried.

## **8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services**

### **8.2.1 RFD – 2007 Street Improvement Program**

W. Yeoman advised that tenders closed for the 2007 Street Improvement Program on April 5, 2007 with two contractors attending the pre tender meeting, South Rock Ltd. and Brooks Asphalt and Aggregates Ltd. He stated that only Brooks Asphalt and Aggregates Ltd. submitted a bid for this year's program in the amount of \$1,882,456.50. He further stated that the engineer's construction estimate prepared prior to tendering was \$1,576,560.00. He explained that due to the significant increases in costs from last year, in order to stay within budget for the 2007 program, one of the priority streets would have to be removed from this year's program and deferred to 2008. He stated that it is proposed that the reconstruction of 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue be deferred to be completed in conjunction with the reconstruction of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW from 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW to 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW. He explained that by deferring this road to 2008, a cost savings of \$100,480 would be realized in the 2007 program. He further explained that the estimate allows for a contingency amount of \$61,000 in Schedule A which can also be reduced in order to stay within the allotted budget. As well, the miscellaneous road and concrete repairs 2007 priority list will also have to be significantly reduced in order to stay within the approved budget.

**MO2007.99** Sparling, Cunningham approve the awarding of the tender for the 2007 Street Improvement Program to Brooks Asphalt & Aggregates Ltd. subject to a reduced scope of work including the deletion of 14<sup>th</sup> St. N.W. reconstruction and the reduction of the miscellaneous items in Schedule C in order to conform with the approved budget, and also subject to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation approval. Carried.

## **8.3 Director of Corporate Services**

## **8.4 Director of Community Services**

**9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION (next presentation date May 14, 2007)**

- 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 5:10 PM.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER