

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



December 10, 2007 following Organizational Meeting at 4:30 PM
Council Chambers, Town Hall
703 - 2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta

PRESENT:

MAYOR:

Bryce Nimmo

COUNCIL:

Andrew Berdahl
Blaine McDonald
Don Guidolin
Sharel Shoff
Terry Yemen

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ENGINEER:

Ray Romanetz

ACTING DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:

Steve Huculak

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Michael Roy

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Paul Salvatore

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Linda Handy

ABSENT: Councillor Karen Bertamini

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Presentations for International Human Rights Day

Mayor Bryce Nimmo explained that today, December 10th, 2007 is Human Rights Day across Canada and Canadians have much to celebrate in the field of Human Rights. He stated that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed by member nations of the United Nations in New York on this very day in 1948 and since that time Canadians have achieved many human rights milestones. In Alberta, the legislation was introduced in 1966 and we have a long history of championing human rights, multiculturalism and equity. He further stated that today, the Town is proud to be celebrating this day by honouring

three individuals who are champions for Human Rights in our community. Mayor Nimmo presented a Human Rights Star Pin to Lynn Hemming, Stan Baird and Pat Sparrow as these individuals exemplify the qualities and characteristics for ensuring fair treatment of people in our community.

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

2.1 Mayor B. Nimmo presented a letter from Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing announcing a grant under the 2007 Municipal Sponsorship Program in the amount of \$86,280, which includes the priority bonus supporting the Aquaplex/Spray Park Washroom Construction.

2.2 Mayor B. Nimmo presented a letter from Hon. Luke Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, advising that the Town will see an increase in the grant funding approval for the Rosedale / Cambria Water Supply Project Water Partnership Program from \$1,504,500 to \$1,855,201.27.

2.3 Mayor B. Nimmo presented background information on the Twinning of Highway 575 From 3rd Street SW to Premier Road and a letter of support from Fire Chief, B. Bachynski. He requested Councillors to ask interested parties to write similar letters of support.

2.4 Mayor B. Nimmo advised that at the Council Committee Meeting of December 3rd, he presented the City of Ottawa's One Cent Campaign whereby they are requesting that the federal government transfer one cent of the GST to municipalities across the nation. He advised that one cent will deliver about \$5 billion dollars per year to municipalities and that the Town should support their initiative by writing a letter.

MO2007.225 Yemen, Guidolin that Council authorize Administration to forward a letter of support to the City of Ottawa in support of the One Cent Campaign. Carried.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions to Agenda: 8.1.4 Authorization of Payment for current operating accounts

14.2 Donation from Rotary club for Badlands Ambulance Society

MO2007.226 Berdahl, Yemen for adoption of the agenda as amended. Carried.

5.0 MINUTES

5.1 ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1 Council Regular Meeting – November 26, 2007

MO2007.227 McDonald, Guidolin for adoption of the regular Council meeting minutes of November 26, 2007 as presented. Carried.

5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission – October 30, 2007

5.2.2 Municipal Planning Commission – November 23, 2007

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 15.07 (Lane Closure within Block 19, Plan 1427JK)

R. Romanetz advised that the lane is located north of the Drumheller Composite High School. He further explained that Hunter Survey Systems is making application on behalf of the Golden Hills School Division requesting that the Town consider closing the public lanes within Block 19, Plan 1427 JK and transferring the land to the School Division subject to an easement being in place to protect the street lighting and gas service presently installed in this lane. He further advised that these lands have never been developed for public purposes and have been used by the school since it was first occupied in the mid 1960's. He recommended that Council proceed to first reading to allow for the public hearing and then forward to the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation for his approval.

MO2007.228 Guidolin, Shoff for first reading to Bylaw 15.07. Carried.

8.1.2 RFD – 2008 Funding Request for the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance

R. Romanetz advised that the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance focuses on operational management matters and more immediate issues relating to water quality and environmental impacts. He further advised that this group is complimentary to the Red Deer River Municipal Users Group which focuses on policy, particularly long term sustainability. He stated that there is agreement among municipal representatives that both groups are vital to the well being of the basin. The Watershed Alliance is requesting annual funding support in the amount of 50 cents per capita which equates to \$3,892.50 for Drumheller.

MO2007.229 Shoff, Yemen Council that Council agree to participate in the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance and approve a contribution of \$0.50 capita for their 2008/09 year. Carried.

8.1.3 AUMA Convention Report

R. Romanetz provided an overview of his attendance at the AUMA Convention. He stated that the convention is beneficial in that it allows for networking with other municipalities, sharing of common problems and resolutions, and an opportunity to learn through each other efforts. He stated that through his discussions with other administrators, he was able to attain contact names for engineers and contractors for affordable housing projects. He explained that the Town intends to meet with some contractors to see what can be done to change the scope of our affordable housing project in order to bring the costs into budget. He explained that the Town will meet with Stantec next week to finalize the Waste Water Treatment Plant drawings – the key to the project moving forward is approval from

CAMRIF, as the Town is relying on \$6 million contribution towards this project. If the project is not approved, other options need to be considered. He also had an opportunity to meet with manufacturers relating to an additional bus for Valley Bus Society. He stated that he attended numerous booths at the Trade Show and a number of education sessions which mostly dealt with municipal governance and the need to promote cooperation. He thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the convention.

8.1.4 RFD - Authorization for Expenditures

R. Romanetz advised that pursuant to Subsection 248(2) of the Municipal Government Act, Council must approve a procedure for authorizing and verifying expenditures not included in the budget. He further advised that since the 2008 operating budget has not yet been approved, a resolution from Council is required to authorize the CAO, or his delegate, to pay all current accounts, which are a proper charge of the Town, until the 2008 Operating and Capital Budgets are approved.

MO2007.230 Yemen, Guidolin that Council in accordance with Section 248(2) of the Municipal Government Act authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or his delegate, to pay all current accounts, which are properly charged to the Town, until the 2008 Operating and Capital Budgets are approved by Council. Carried.

8.2 Acting Director of Infrastructure Services

8.3 Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 RFD – Communication Project

M. Roy advised that the Town received grant funding from the 2005 Municipal Sponsorship Grant for \$128,000 for a total project cost of \$156,000. The original project funding was \$128,000 in grants and \$28,000 from operations / reserves. He further explained that as part of the project \$15,215 was used to upgrade radios, leaving \$117,025 of grant funding unexpended. The Town received an extension on the grant to December 31, 2007. On December 3rd, Council reviewed two proposals for upgrading both the Town network and the Centrex phone system: Compugen and Telus. At that time, Council felt that Telus had the greater potential and long term cost savings. With the full system implementation over a 20 year life, the total savings to the Town under Telus is anticipated to be \$998,477 and under the Compugen proposal \$614,477. The difference is due to the need for Compugen to rent tower space with regular maintenance checks at all sites on the system for an annual cost of \$19,200.

MO2007.231 McDonald, Shoff that Council direct Administration to proceed with the Telus proposal.

Clarification on Motion:

Councillor S. Shoff asked for confirmation that the grant funding total was \$117,025 and that \$120,489 would be expensed from reserves /operating funds. M. Roy stated yes.

Vote on Motion: Carried.

8.4 Director of Community Services

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION (next presentations January, 2008)

- 9.1 CAO
- 9.2 Acting 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

14.1 AUMA Convention Reports

Councillor T. Yemen advised that he attended two educational sessions and attended a luncheon meeting with several Ministers. He stated that he feels the Town is not acting responsibility when all Councillors are invited to attend such conventions.

Councillor B. McDonald stated that being new a Councillor, his attendance at the convention was helpful and he found the educational sessions, resolution procedures, and networking to be very beneficial.

Councillor S. Shoff advised she attended the pre convention session entitled Law, Order and Ethics which was very educational. Other sessions attended included Changing Climates for Municipalities, Batteries to Energize; and the resolutions meeting. She stated that she was pleased that the Town's resolution on affordable housing funding was accepted and passed. She enjoyed networking with other Council members.

Mayor B. Nimmo advised that he was impressed with the opening ceremonies and the parade of flags. He found that there were too many resolutions brought forward. He attended two educational sessions entitled No Room At the Inn and Affordable Housing Challenges of Communities (Canmore presentation on their affordable housing project was very impressive). He stated Council needs to review the attendance at conferences at a future Council meeting.

14.2 Councillor D. Guidolin advised that he attended the Rotary Club Meeting today and this group has presented the Ambulance Society with a cheque for \$5000 for the purchase of two pieces of equipment, a defibrillator and a stretcher.

15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS MO2007.232 Shoff, Guidolin to go in camera at 5:10 PM. Carried.

15.1 Land Matter – HillsvieW Phase II Proposal

MO2007.233 Yemen, Guidolin to revert to regular Council meeting at 5:59 PM.
Carried.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER