

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



June 11, 2007 4:30 PM Council Chambers, Town Hall
703 - 2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta

PRESENT:

MAYOR:

Bryce Nimmo

COUNCIL:

Karen Bertamini

Karen MacKinnon

John Sparling

Terry Yemen

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ENGINEER:

Ray Romanetz

DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:

Wes Yeoman

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Mike Roy

ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Bill Wulff

ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Jerry Brett

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Linda Handy

ABSENT: Councillor Don Cunningham

Councillor Sharel Shoff

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

2.1 Mayor B. Nimmo presented a letter from Barb Neigum, Sponsorship Chair, Canadian Cancer Society *Relay for Life* thanking all the sponsors for supporting their fundraising event to be held on June 15th.

2.2 Mayor B. Nimmo provided a report on meeting with representatives from the District of Tumbler Ridge who wished to discuss the advantages of having a museum in their area similar to Drumheller's Royal Tyrrell Museum. They presented the Town with a footprint of

a theropod.

2.3 Mayor B. Nimmo stated that this was his first FCM Convention which was held from June 1 to 4 in Calgary and he found it to be a tremendous learning experience. He further stated that this year's convention had the largest attendance on record. He reported that the major proposal brought forward to the federal government is that municipalities want 1% of the 6% GST. He also attended a workshop on "*Dogs, Cats and Bylaw*" and heard how Calgary is running their program on a profit.

2.4 Mayor B. Nimmo Introduced the new Director of Corporate Services, Mike Roy. M. Roy stated that was looking forward to his new position and working together with Administration and Council.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

14.4 Councillor K. Bertamini - AUMA Meeting

MO2007.127 Bertamini, MacKinnon moved the adoption of the agenda as amended. Carried.

15 MINUTES

5.1. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1 Council Regular Meeting – May 28, 2007

MO2007.128 MacKinnon, Yemen moved the adoption of the minutes as presented. Carried.

5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission – May 17, 2007

5.2.2 Management Committee Meeting – June 5, 2007

5.3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor K. MacKinnon referred to the Management Meeting Minutes of June 5th and asked if Council would receive a copy of the letter to AMSC Insurance. R. Romanetz stated that the letter would be discussed in camera this evening.

6.0 DELEGATIONS

7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS

8.1 CAO

8.1.1 RFD – Amendment to the Marigold Library Agreement

CAO, R. Romanetz presented proposed amendments to paragraph 35, 36 and 37 of the

Agreement by and between the parties comprising of the Marigold Library System dealing with ownership of Property and Division of Assets. He stated that the proposed amendments eliminate any Division of Assets when a municipal authority with a "local library operating" ceases participation in Marigold in accordance with the Act. He advised that written notification that Council so authorizes the amendment is required by June 20, 2007.

MO2007.129 MacKinnon, Bertamini moved that Council approve the amendment to paragraph 35, 36, and 37 of the Agreement between the Parties comprising of the Marigold Library System. Carried.

8.1.2 RFD (Direction) – RV Parking

R. Romanetz advised that Council was provided with a letter from the owners and operators of the RV Campgrounds in Drumheller at their Committee Meeting on May 22, 2007 and heard from the same group at their Committee Meeting on June 4, 2007. At that time, they expressed concern with local businesses allowing RV owners to park their units on their business properties after hours and overnight. They feel this is an unfair to the campground owners who are paying taxes and license fees to the Town of Drumheller. Further to this, they feel that this is their livelihood and the camping season is very short and asked Council to take appropriate action to prevent this from occurring on an ongoing basis. Acting Director of Community Services, J. Brett provided information on his research on how other communities deal with this matter and noted that there are a few communities that have a bylaw in place however they are not necessarily enforced. As well, Administration had discussions with the Town Solicitor and he had advised that there are pros and cons that go with each position. The Town Solicitor had advised that under the Parking Bylaw, parking lots can be interrupted as the highway system and there may be options for enforcement or Council can set policy to request voluntary cooperation from the commercial business. Further to this, if an amendment is required to the Land Use Bylaw, this would involve a public review process with non compliance resulting in Stop Orders or fines. R. Romanetz advised that if there are specific directions from Council, Administration would incorporate all options for a presentation to Council at the next Committee Meeting. Councillor K. Bertamini advised that she would like to see an abatement of overnight RV stays at commercial businesses by starting with the issuance of a letter and posting of signage.

8.1.3 FCM Convention Report

R. Romanetz advised that during the FCM Convention, the primary interest to him was the Municipal Expo where there was an opportunity to view many of the exhibits on new innovative technology and dialogue with peers. He advised that one exhibit of interest was the Reverse911. This new technology ties into the municipal GIS software and in case of emergencies, evacuations, or other incidents such as flooding and boil water advisories, the software is able to dial into affected residents' telephones and send an appropriate message of action. The resident in turn, must press 9 indicating that they have received

the message. The new software has been used widely in the USA and is being introduced to municipalities in Canada. From experience to date, the Reverse 911 Program has worked well with only minimal non compliance (residents who do not respond to the emergency message). R. Romanetz advised that he intends to meet with a representative of the company to research the costs and determine whether it has the same advantages for Alberta. He further advised that the Municipal Expo focused on energy savings and other energy sources such as wind power. He reported that the Federal Institution has been approved for a wind unit. He thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the FCM Convention.

R. Romanetz advised that he along with W. Yeoman and M. Roy attended a workshop today held in Red Deer on the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA). He advised that he will be providing a report to Council at their next Committee of the Whole meeting. He further advised that although the Agreement has been signed, implementation at the municipal level will not happen until 2009. AUMA is hoping to have a position paper by the end of June and is asking for Alberta municipalities to provide input on the Agreement as it relates to the MASH sector. Councillor K. Bertamini stated that Hon. Guy Boutilier had sent a letter advising that the Province values the input as it is critical in shaping the final agreement as it relates to municipalities and as it sets the “gold standard” for inter-provincial trade, investment and labour mobility within Canada. She stated municipalities will see AUMA’s umbrella organization overseeing this initiative.

8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

8.2.1 RFD – Nacmine Lift Station

W. Yeoman advised that the Nacmine Sewer Lift Station experienced flooding during the June 2005 flood which caused system failure and several homes in the area that received sewage back up as a result. He further advised that the Province has committed to upgrading the Midland Dyke and the Newcastle Dyke, but has indicated that there are no plans to construct a dyke in Nacmine. He stated that as protecting this facility from flooding in the future is considered to be very important, Palm Engineering was hired to prepare a design, cost estimate and construction specifications to provide flood proofing. The proposal is to construct a concrete retaining wall around the lift station as a standard earth dyke does not work due to insufficient area. He stated that this project is not included in 2007 Capital Plan however grant funding may be available under the Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program or the Alberta Sustainability Fund. The total project cost is estimated to be \$110,800.00. R. Romanetz advised that the flood protection will be tied in with the sanitary manholes, which will be raised to same level where possible. He explained that during the 2005 flood, the initial flooding occurred through the manhole on the river edge. He further explained that the exterior wall finish will be compatible with other structures in the area. Administration is recommending that Council provide the authorization to proceed with tendering the project.

MO2007.130 Bertamini, Sparling that Council approve the construction of the Nacmine

Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Flood Proofing and authorize Administration to proceed with the tendering of project utilizing available Alberta Infrastructure funding. Carried.

8.3 Acting Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 RFD – Town Page

B. Wulff advised that a request for proposal went out on May 23, 2007 for the Town Page. He stated that the RFP covers a one year period starting July 1, 2007 and ending on June 30, 2008. He explained that the previous contract expired on February 28, 2007 and in the interim the Town has been advertising with the previous successful bidder at the same contract price. The RFP asked for proposals for the delivery of a Town Page in two sizes. He stated that the Town received proposals from both local newspapers and he provided a comparison of the rates. He further stated that in comparing the two proposals and given the various similarities of the proposals, the final factor came down to price. He stated that based on the price differences, Administration is recommending that Council award the 2007-2008 Town Page contract to the Valley Times at the stated price of \$180 per week plus GST. He advised that a change in the Town Page format allows the space used to increase as required. Councillor K. MacKinnon asked if the Town has ever received correspondence on whether the residents are happy with the current Town Page location. She further noted that she has received personal comments on the location in the paper. In response to a question from Council, B. Wulff stated that currently the Town does advertise in both newspapers where there is a legal requirement or the advertising dates are such that require the Town to use the Drumheller Mail.

Mayor B. Nimmo called for a motion. There being none, the Mayor deferred the Item until the next Council Meeting.

8.4 Acting Director of Community Services

8.4.1 July 1st Activities

J. Brett provided an overview of the July 1st activities. Councillor J. Sparling commended the efforts of Town staff for hosting the July 1st activities which are always professionally organized for the residents and tourists to enjoy.

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION (next presentation date July, 2007)

9.1 CAO

9.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

9.3 Acting Director of Corporate Services

9.4 Acting 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 Councillor John Sparling congratulated the Rotary Club and those who volunteered and participated for Beethoven in the Badlands. He stated that the funds raised for this event will go back into the community.

He further advised that he attended the FCM Convention and he stated that from the sessions, it was clear that the federal politicians are recognizing more and more that municipalities are the front line government and should be given more dollars to operate as infrastructure debt is increasing for all municipalities. He appreciated the opportunity to attend.

14.2 Councillor Karen MacKinnon advised at the theme for this year's FCM Convention was *Leading Change* - to discover innovative solutions and effective practices and partnerships to help strengthen municipalities. From the annual meeting, the discussions centered around accountability and responsibility in recognizing the duty to the elector. She stated that more and more municipalities are saying, "*we want government structures that are participatory and inclusive*" – and that the provincial and federal governments have a responsibility at the municipal table. She stated that she is proud of Councillor K. Bertamini's participation on the AUMA's Community Infrastructure and how this contribution will lead change. She stated that she enjoyed the convention and hoped that she could attend again. She thanked the citizens for allowing her to attend.

14.3 Councillor Karen Bertamini advised that at AUMA's Community Infrastructure Meeting held on June 7th, the Committee reviewed the strategy for Alberta Small Airports. She stated that it appears that the provincial government are hoping to reduce the number of small airports. The focus of the discussion paper is on community and regional airports. She referred the report to the CAO for his review and then to forward it to the Airport Commission for their input.

In February, 2007, she along with Ray Telford presented an opinion on the state of Housing in Alberta to the Provincial Housing Task Force. She stated that Ray Romanetz, Ray Telford and herself crafted the presentation which focused on innovative solutions and what was seen as barriers in Alberta. She advised that the Housing Task Force has formulated it's report for Premier Stelmach's review and all of Drumheller's points have been included in the final recommendations, including the reintroduction of Multiple Unit Residential Buildings (MURB).

Canadian Badlands retreat was held on May 28 and 29 in Elkwater with Gord MacIntosh as the facilitator. She stated that the group set priorities and it was a very productive two day

workshop. Some of the initiatives included visibility at the next AUMA Convention, signing on boundaries and member communities as well as the development of strategies for signage and membership.

On behalf of Council, she extended deepest sympathy to Councillor Sharel Shoff on the passing of Fred Stockton.

15.0 **IN-CAMERA MATTERS MO2007.131** Bertamini, Sparling to go in camera at 5:20 PM. Carried.

15.1 Boil Water Advisory Claims

MO2007.132 Yemen, Bertamini to revert to regular Council meeting at 6:49 PM. Carried.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER