

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



March 19, 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

Terry Yemen

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 Karen MacKinnon

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

2.1 Mayor Bryce Nimmo provided an overview of the May 16, 2006 Federal Census Information released recently. He noted that Alberta's population passed the 3 million mark and has tripled in the past 50 years. Drumheller's population went from 7785 to 7932 which equates to a 1.9% increase.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions to the agenda:

Councillor S. Shoff – 14.1 Communities in Bloom; 14.2 Stampede and Ag Society; and 14.3 Drumheller Public Library; Councillor J. Sparling 14.4 Red Deer River Municipal Users Group

MO2007.68 Sparling, Bertamini 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 – March 5, 2007

MO2007.69 Shoff, Cunningham moved the adoption of the regular meeting minutes of March 5, 2007 as presented. Carried.

5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

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 Transportation Master Plan – 2nd Meeting on March 22nd from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Drumheller Arena Lounge

R. Romanetz advised that discussions have been ongoing regarding the proposed changes as it relates to elimination of the left turn off of the Gordon Taylor Bridge. Alberta Transportation and the consultant will present revisions which will include signage and proposal to address concerns that have been raised by the business owners and residents.

It is hopeful that these proposed changes will address the concerns being raised from the residents and business owners in the area. A further public information meeting will be held on March 22nd at 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Drumheller Arena Lounge. All individuals who raised a concern either at the public information meetings or by letter will be notified of the meeting date and location. He also advised that others that may have concerns are invited to attend.

8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

8.3 Director of Corporate Services

8.4 Director of Community Services

8.4.1 RFD – Curling Rink Lease

S. Blevins presented a lease as agreed upon by the Curling Club. He explained that the former lease agreement stated that all repairs were the responsibility of the Curling Club however the new lease states that the Town, as owner of the facility, will be responsible for major repairs in excess of \$4,000. He further noted that Council has agreed to support the Club's CFEP application upon signing the lease. The application will be completed in the near future. The maximum grant allocation is \$125,000 which must be matched. The Town will assist with the Curling Club's portion of the matching fund. He also provided a copy of David Edmunds review of the existing Drumheller Curling facility. In his report, Edmunds recommends that the Town budget \$319,000 for these upgrades. S. Blevins stated that the Town will now have to prioritize the list for ongoing replacements.

MO2007.70 Sparling, Yemen that Council approve the Lease Agreement between the Town of Drumheller and the Drumheller Curling Club as presented.

Discussion on Motion:

Councillor S. Shoff asked where the matching funds would come from. S. Blevins stated that discussion was held with Council and that these funds have been allocated under the capital budget. R. Romanetz stated that part of the equation will be the amount of funds the Curling Club can offer. Councillor T. Yemen asked if by signing the lease the Town commits to completing the repairs within a specific timeframe. S. Blevins stated that the repairs would be prioritized based on the funds available.. He further noted that the Fire Chief has carried out an inspection of the facility and he had provided input into the list. R. Romanetz further explained that the electrical problems have been fixed – any other repairs dealing with fire code concerns were repaired prior to the facility being opened for public use.

Vote on Motion: Carried.

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION (next presentation date April 16, 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

14.1 Councillor S. Shoff stated that the Drumheller Public Library met on March 8th. She stated that their business plan will be completed shortly and presented to Council in April. She extended an invite to Mayor and Council to attend the volunteer recognition supper to be held on April 13th. The Library Gala is scheduled for October 6th. The board is also working on updating the library policies. The Library received a donation from the Royal Bank in the amount of \$7500 for the Summer Reading Program.

14.2 Councillor S. Shoff stated that a copy of the Stampede and Ag Society's unaudited financial statement to December 31, 2006 is available. Two new board positions include: Treasurer - Dallas Hoff and Sponsorship Coordinator for the Chuck wagons - Wendy Benson. Invitations were delivered to businesses for the Tarp Auction which will be held on March 27th at Frank Sissions Cassino in Calgary.

14.3 Councillor S. Shoff advised that Communities in Bloom met on March 15th – their action list includes flower beds in parks, hanging baskets downtown, implementation of a Town's spring and summer park schedule, waste bins to be located in parking lots (some areas in the downtown are untidy and should be emptied more), a pruning workshop will be held on March 28th, continuation of the Weed n' Wednesday program (committed to pull weeds on Wednesday may result in a T-shirt if seen by one of the Committee members), south and north entrances to be spruced up – the north entrances with flowers and the south median with flowers.

14.4 Councillor J. Sparling stated that the Red Deer Municipal Users Group met on March 15th. He stated that 2/3 of the 37 member municipalities were represented. He stated that the membership motioned to prepare terms of reference for a RFD to deal with the issue of transfer between sub-basins, costs and method to approach this matter dealing with the questions of transfer of water within sub basins and the water needs of municipalities. A report would then be prepared that would be presented to the Minister of Environment and the Alberta Water Council.

15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS MO2007.71 Cunningham, Sparling to go in camera at 5:07 PM. Carried.

15.1 Personnel Matters

15.2 Balzac Water Project

15.3 Land Matter

MO2007.72 Yeman, Sparling to revert to regular Council meeting at 5:55 PM. Carried.

15.3 Land Matter

MO2007.73 Sparling, Cunningham that Council accept the proposal from Stevenson Homes, dated March 19, 2007, regarding the purchase of Lots 50 to 54, Block 6, Plan

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0512635, with the condition that the house construction on all five lots commence no later than December 31, 2007. Carried.

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

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER