

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



May 14, 2007 4:30 PM Council Chambers, Town Hall
703 - 2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta

PRESENT:

MAYOR:

Bryce Nimmo

COUNCIL:

Karen Bertamini

Karen MacKinnon

Sharel Shoff

John Sparling

Terry Yemen

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 Don Cunningham

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

2.1 Mayor Bryce Nimmo presented a letter from Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the Alberta government's recently announced Municipal Sustainability Initiative. In his letter, Hon. Danyluk states that this commitment is part of Premier Stelmach's promise to provide new funding of \$1.4 billion to municipalities, phased in from 2007 through 2010. In fiscal year 2007-08, municipalities will see an additional \$400 million in financial support and includes incentives to encourage collaboration and cooperation between municipalities. CAO, R. Romanetz stated that Town Council and Administration will develop a list of potential projects.

2.2 Mayor Bryce Nimmo presented a letter from Brian Quickfall, Assistant Deputy Minister,

Municipal Affairs and Housing in response to the Town's request for a time extension to complete and submit the 2006 financial reports. A copy of the Ministerial Order granting an extension of time to July 3, 2007 was attached.

2.3 Mayor Bryce Nimmo presented a letter from Neil Malloch, President of the Board of Directors, Alberta Standardbred Horse Association. In his letter, N. Malloch stated that he is deeply concerned about the activities that are currently affecting the progress and the completion of the Equine Facilities. He further requests that the goal be facilitated to expedite the process to permit a timely opening of the Equine Facilities.

2.4 Mayor Bryce Nimmo announced that the next Council Committee Meeting will be held on May 22nd at 4:30 PM due to the Statutory Holiday on May 21st

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MO2007.108 Shoff, Yemen moved the adoption of the agenda as presented. Carried.

5.0 MINUTES

5.1. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1 Council Regular Meeting – April 30, 2007

MO2007.109 Shoff, Yemen moved the adoption of the minutes of the Regular Council meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission - March 29, 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 Mill Rate Bylaw 09.07

R. Romanetz presented the Mill Rate Bylaw and advised that a detailed review was held at Council's Committee meeting of May 7, 2007. He stated that the bylaw shows a split mill rate which equalizes the municipal increase. He further stated that the total residential mill rate is 9.3673 and the non residential mill rate is 10.0590 with the education at 3.3131 and 4.7774 respectively. The total combined for residential is 12.6804 and for non residential is 14.8364. He stated that based on these rates, in 2007 on average, a residential property would see a combined municipal and education increase of 2.3%. which equates to \$32.00

per 100,000 in assessment and a non residential property would see an increase of 2.76% or \$59.00 per \$100,000 in assessment. He stated that the bylaw was prepared based on direction from Council and he recommended that Council proceed with all three readings.

MO2007.110 Bertamini, Shoff for first reading to Bylaw 09.07. Carried.

MO2007.111 Shoff, Bertamini for second reading Bylaw 09.07. Carried.

MO2007.112 Bertamini, Sparling for no objection to Bylaw 09.07. Carried.

MO2007.113 Bertamini, Yemen for third reading Bylaw 09.07. Carried

8.1.2 RFD (Direction) – Balzac Commercial Development

R. Romanetz presented correspondence for Council's consideration: Letter from Mr. John Van Doesburg, Manager Kneehill Regional Water Services Commission dated May 3, 2007 re: Forecast of Water Quality, 2008 – 2012; Minutes of Joint Steering Committee Meeting held on May 3, 2007 between the Town of Drumheller and the Kneehill Regional Water Services Commission; and Letter from Mr. Neil Malloch, President of Board of Directors, Alberta Standardbred Horse Association dated May 3, 2007 (read into the record under the Mayor's Item 2.3. He stated that the Town of Drumheller in accordance with the Water Supply Agreement dated June 15, 2004 has received a forecast of water quantity for the period 2008 – 2012 from the KRWSC. The letter dated May 3, 2007 from KRWSC outlines water quantity, cost of water and increased economic growth and potential as viewed by the Commission. This water volume would be supplied from the existing KRWSC water license that they have received from Alberta Environment. The Commission has proposed the increased forecast to reduce rates for Commission members and to provide the Commission the ability to break even. The Town of Drumheller has conducted a due diligence investigation including the preparation of detailed engineering reports, legal and contractual issues were addressed and consultation was held with interested regional partners including the Red Deer River Municipal Users Group. Based on the information provided he asked Council to provide direction to Administration on their position on this matter and next steps to be taken.

MO2007.114 Sparling, Bertamini that Council approve a 2% per annum increase in water allocation as requested in the forecast submitted by Kneehill Regional Water Services Commission under cover of its letter dated May 3, 2007 to accommodate projected growth of the Commission's members for the period 2008 – 2012. And further, that Council declines the forecast increases in water allocation as requested by Kneehill Regional Water Services Commission arising from the proposed water allocation to the agriculture based industry of United Horsemen and a commercial development at Balzac in the M.D. of Rocky View situated outside of the Commission's boundaries.

Mayor Bryce Nimmo stated that both Council and Administration have been taxed to their limits on this matter. He further stated that the Town has reviewed all the information in detail in order to make a proper decision which will impact many individuals, in particular, the KRWSC water users. However, Town Council represents the citizens of Drumheller

and must make the right decisions for them. Council has deliberated this matter for many hours and he thanked the CAO who has spent far too many hours on this issue.

Councillor K. MacKinnon stated that a former motion specifically stating that Drumheller is not interested in supplying water to the Balzac commercial development has been passed and asked why this matter has been brought to the table a second time. Mayor B. Nimmo stated that fundamentally it is the same request however the parties are using a different approach. Councillor MacKinnon referred to the letter from the Horsemen Association and asked what municipal entities have reached an agreement to provide water. Mayor B. Nimmo stated the Horsemen Association may have made an agreement with KRWSC's member municipalities. Councillor S. Shoff referred to the Joint Steering Committee and referred to the Section on the Boil Water Advisory – Costs and Claims and stated that after reading the Commission's comments, the Town has made the right decision in not supplying water to additional areas outside of the existing boundaries.

Vote on Motion: Carried.

8.1.3 RFD – Bill C-417, the Canadian Soldiers' and Peacekeepers' Memorial Wall Act
R. Romanetz advised that Council reviewed the letter from Inky Mark, M.P., Dauphin-Swan River-Marquetter, asking for support for Bill C-417, the Canadian Soldiers' and Peacekeepers' Memorial Wall Act at their Committee Meeting of May 7th. In his letter, Inky Mark, asks that Council support this initiative by way of a resolution and that a petition be circulated to collect signatures in support of this legislation.

MO2007.115 Bertamini, Shoff whereas Canada has yet to properly honour, in a suitable location that is always accessible to the public, the names of all of our fallen in wars and peacekeeping; and whereas over 115,000 Fallen have their graves in seventy-three countries and hundreds of cemeteries; and whereas their remains, by law, cannot be repatriated to Canada; and whereas we must create a suitable national shrine to our fallen; and whereas proper recognition will show our gratitude and respect for their sacrifice; therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Drumheller request that the Government of Canada enact Private Members Bill C-417, the Canadian Soldiers' and Peacekeepers' Memorial Wall Act. Carried.

Councillor K. Bertamini requested that a letter and the petition requesting the collection of signatures be forwarded to the Legion.

8.1.4 Employee Recognition

R. Romanetz proudly announced that Jerry Brett completed his 13 modules for the Applied Land Use Planning Certification Program offered by the Government Studies division of the Faculty of Extension at the University of Alberta. Town Council and Administration congratulated Jerry Brett for a job well done.

8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

8.3 Acting Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 Financial Statement to March 31, 2007

B. Wulff presented an overview of the first quarter financial statements. He noted that the electricity account is under budget due to the current service provider's slow billing process.

8.3.2 Quarterly Investment Report

B. Wulff presented the Quarterly Investment Report and noted that the CIBC stocks are down by \$12,000 over the ending market balance and BMO is down by \$2,000 over the same period. He stated that averaged out over 3-4 years investments are yielding 3-4%.

8.4 Acting Director of Community Services

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION:

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

15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER