

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



May 28, 2007 4:30 PM Council Chambers, Town Hall
703 - 2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta

PRESENT:

MAYOR:

Bryce Nimmo

COUNCIL:

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
Councillor Karen Bertamini

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 announcing that Drumheller will receive an unconditional municipal grant of \$23,960.

2.2 Mayor B. Nimmo presented a letter from Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing advising that the Municipal Sustainability Initiative will provide municipalities with an additional \$400 million in funding assistance this year. This is the first step in fulfilling Premier Stelmach's commitment to provide predictable, sustainable funding for Alberta's municipal governments.

2.3 Mayor B. Nimmo presented a letter from Hon. Guy Boutilier, Minister of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations advising that Alberta and British Columbia have signed the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) on April 28, 2006. In his letter, Hon. Boutilier explains that TILMA is a landmark agreement intended to ease the movement of goods, services and investments between the two provinces. Several consultation sessions are being held across the Province.

2.4 Mayor B. Nimmo presented a letter from Jo-ann Burton, District Coordinator, Prairies, Muscular Dystrophy Canada acknowledging the efforts of the Drumheller Fire Department, whose hard work on behalf of MDC in 2006/07 resulted in a contribution of \$3,880.00 to help their organization achieve it's goals.

2.5 Mayor B. Nimmo proclaimed World Elder Abuse Day on June 15, 2007.

2.6 Mayor B. Nimmo proclaimed Seniors' Week from June 4 to 10, 2007.

2.7 Mayor B. Nimmo proclaimed World No Tobacco Day on May 31, 2007.

2.8 Mayor B. Nimmo stated that he had the privilege of attending the 2007 Drumheller Composite High School graduation ceremonies. He reported that of the 90 graduates, 23 were international students. As well as, he stated that he attended the grand opening of Realty Bites.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions: 8.1.3 Bylaw 10.07; 14.1 Councillor J. Sparling - Beethoven in the Badlands Concert

MO2007.117 Shoff, MacKinnon 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 – May 14, 2007

MO2007.118 Shoff, Yemen moved the adoption of the regular Council meeting minutes of May 14, 2007. Carried.

5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission – May 3, 2007

5.2.2 Municipal Planning Commission – May 10, 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 RFD – Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF) Application for the Badlands Community Facility

R. Romanetz advised that Leanna Mohan, Fundraising Coordinator provided an overview of the Badlands Community Facility CAMRIF Application to Council at their Committee meeting of May 22nd. The project includes two phases: Phase 1 (Stand Alone Facility) – Field House, Meeting Rooms, Administration Area, Running Track and General Fitness Area; Phase 2 (Future Connected Facility) – Future Curling Rink and Future Ice Surface. Phase 1 is estimated to be \$22,280,000. Drumheller will be able to attract regional and international events and conferences with a new facility bringing increased revenue for the Town and the Downtown Core. The deadline for the application for funding under the CAMRIF is May 31, 2007. All applications for funding under this program require a formal motion from Council approving the request for grant funding.

MO2007.119 Sparling, Shoff that Council direct Administration to submit the detailed grant application for the “Badlands Community Facility” under the Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund as presented.

Councillor K. MacKinnon asked if the project manager was identified properly on the application. R. Romanetz stated that as a result of bringing this to his attention at the Committee Meeting of May 22nd, the front page of the application has now been changed to identify Leanna Mohan as the Fundraising Coordinator and himself as the Project Manager however the Steering Committee as a whole now oversees the project. Councillor T. Yemen asked when the plebiscite question would be put forward. Mayor B. Nimmo stated that the plebiscite will be held prior to the formal approval of the project to determine the location and if the people want the project. He further stated that he would like Council to discuss a plebiscite date at their next Committee of the Whole as well as identifying a strategy for the next steps.

Vote on Motion: Carried.

8.1.2 RFD – Sunshine Lodge Request

R. Romanetz advised that the information for this Council Meeting has not been forwarded. Councillor T. Yemen, board representative to the Drumheller & District Seniors’ Foundation, advised that the Foundation anticipates a 20% increase for their project which equates to an increased borrowing of \$3.5 million. He further noted that they will be able to service the debt however with the additional borrowing they have reached their debt limit.

8.1.3 Bylaw 10.07

R. Romanetz presented the 2007 Business Tax Bylaw which is an annual requirement under the Municipal Government Act, Section 377. This bylaw establishes various rates charged for business on assessable land and allows for a 10% discount on all payments of business taxes on or before July 31, 2007.

MO2007.120 Shoff, Sparling for first reading to Bylaw 10.07. Carried.

MO2007.121 Yemen, Shoff for second reading to Bylaw 10.07. Carried.

MO2007.122 MacKinnon, Shoff moved no objection to third reading of Bylaw 10.07. Carried.

MO2007.123 Yemen, Shoff for third reading to Bylaw 10.07. Carried.

8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

8.2.1 Update on Resubmission of CAMRIF Application for the Wastewater Treatment Application

W. Yeoman provided an update on the resubmission of the CAMRIF application for Drumheller's Wastewater Treatment Plant. He stated that after receiving correspondence from the CAMRIF office on whether to withdraw or resubmit a modified version of the July, 2006 application, a modified version was prepared which now includes more details. He stated that the Town is expecting to hear from the CAMRIF office by October, 2007.

8.3 Acting Director of Corporate Services

8.4 Acting Director of Community Services

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 J. Sparling announced that Beethoven in the Badlands will be held on June 9th and he encouraged the public to attend.

15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS MO2007.124 Shoff, Sparling to go in camera at 5:09 PM.
Carried.

15.1 Land Matter – Legal Plan 9710916 Block 13 Lot 8

15.2 Hillsvieview Phase 2 Proposals

MO2007.125 MacKinnon, Shoff to revert to regular Council meeting at 6:01 PM.
Carried.

15.1 Land Matter – Legal Plan 9710916 Block 13 Lot 8

MO2007.126 Sparling, MacKinnon that Council grant an extension to December 31, 2007 to the Offer to Purchase and Interim Agreement dated September 25, 2006 for Plan 9710916 Block 13 Lot 8 subject to the development and building permits being issued and the offsite levies being paid by this date. Carried.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER