# Town of Drumheller COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



August 5, 2008 at 4:30 PM Council Chamber, Town Hall 703 - 2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta

#### PRESENT:

MAYOR: Bryce Nimmo

COUNCIL:
Andrew Berdahl
Karen Bertamini
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 Blaine McDonald

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

## 2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

- 2.1 Mayor B. Nimmo presented a letter from Hon. Luke Ouelette, Minister of Transportation advising of the cost shared funding under the 2008 Transportation grant program. In his letter, Hon. Ouelette states that the Town's adjusted five year total grant amount is \$7,037,728 based on the 2007 official population of 7932 for AMIP and \$1,118,781 under the New Deal for Cities.
- 2.2 Mayor B. Nimmo presented a letter from Mr. Brian Reid, Infrastructure Manager

advising that the Town will receive a grant of \$475,920 under the 2008 Streets Improvement Program.

#### 3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

3.1 Mayor Nimmo called the public hearing to order at 4:35 PM

Mayor Nimmo advised that the purpose of the public hearing is to consider Bylaw 16.08 being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw No. 10.08 by re-designating the area in Lots 11 & 12 of Block 3 in Plan 5212 JD (210 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE) in Drumheller.

He asked Secretary, L. Handy if there were any written submissions. Secretary, L. Handy advised there was one item of correspondence from Ray Page which was read into the record. In his letter, Mr. Page states, "The reason we ask for your support is that we have invested a large amount of money to upgrade the 4 plex and make it a part of the community. If the building was to be damaged to the extent that we would need a building permit this could be denied as it is not zoned for a 4 plex but only a duplex. As a result of this we may have to tear the undamaged portion down and have to build a duplex."

Mayor Nimmo asked if anyone was present to speak in favour or against the proposal. There were no speakers in favour or against the proposal.

Mayor Nimmo closed the public hearing at 4:40 PM.

3.2 Mayor B. Nimmo called the public hearing to order at 4:40 PM.

Mayor Nimmo advised that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider proposed Bylaw 19.08 to provide a framework for subsequent subdivision and development of land within the Plan area from the Intersection of Highway 9 along the North Dinosaur Trail (SH838) to 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW within the Town of Drumheller, and further that Bylaw 9-83 being the Town of Drumheller North Dinosaur Trail Area Structure Plan currently in effect to be repealed including all amendments thereto and replaced by Bylaw 19.08.

He asked Secretary, L. Handy if there were any written submissions. Secretary L. Handy advised there were two items of correspondence: letters from Gilles Danis, Manager of the Homestead Museum and G. Clozza / S. Clark (residents of 1211 N. Dinosaur Trail). In his letter, G. Danis states, "We are not actually opposed to the rezoning to "P" from "C". However, we understand that the land is scheduled to be used for the relocation of St. Anthony Catholic School. Our concerns are with the safety of the site and the health hazards that may be present." In their letter, G. Clozza and S. Clark state, "We presently have some concerns with the major drainage course that runs through the east side of our property, and we expect that those concerns will increase with urban development as stated in Paragraph 2.1.3 of the N. Dinosaur Trail Area Structure Plan."

Mayor Nimmo asked if anyone was present to speak in favour or against the proposal.

# Speaker in Favour of the Proposal

Michael O'Brien, Superintendent, Christ the Redeemer School Board, introduced those present representing the School Board. He stated that the site was chosen because of its nine (9) acres size, the land is above the 1:100 year flood plain, suitable access to utilities, the site has been geotechnically approved, the site has been approved by Alberta Infrastructure and Alberta Education and it is centrally located within the Town. He explained that alternative municipal land was not available and this land was purchased at a reasonable cost. He stated that the school board has acquired the full amount of funding required to build a new K-Grade 12 catholic school of which 100% of the students will be bussed to the school. He stressed that time is of the essence in order to move forward with the new school because construction costs are escalating quickly. He explained that if the construction of the school is delayed, the costs will go up making the project unaffordable. He asked Council to favourably consider their application for an amendment as the location will work well for their operations.

# Speaker Against the Proposal

Don Chambers, owner of commercial property on N. Dinosaur Trail, commended the Municipal Planning Commission for their accurate assessment of future planning contained within the Area Structure Plan. He stated he agrees with their assessment that this area is a vital tourist corridor and more importantly, that tourism development in this area should depict the unique identity of the Valley. He stated that putting a school between industrial and highway commercial is not appropriate.

#### Mayor Nimmo asked for questions from Council

Councillor S. Shoff asked M. O'Brien if he was informed of the requirement to pass an Area Structure Plan and that the area had to be rezoned prior to purchasing the land? M. O'Brien stated that the process of searching for land began well over two years ago with the involvement of the former Mayor, Alberta Infrastructure, and both School Boards. He further stated that he was aware that the land required a zoning change.

Councillor K. Bertamini asked M. O'Brien if a pedestrian crossing was part of the traffic plan. M. O'Brien stated that students will be crossing the highway and Alberta Transportation has been made aware that a cross walk is required for the safety of the students prior to the school opening. He further stated that the school intends to install a fence along the border of the school property. He stated that the school board intends to lobby extremely hard for a proper pedestrian crossing.

Councillor A. Berdahl asked what guidelines are in place for vehicles turning on and off the highway. M. O'Brien asked Gage Architects to speak to the question. Andrea Vorstermans-Zado explained that there is an existing turning lane from the west to the east in place now. She stated that the Study recommends the addition of two accelerating and

# decelerating lanes.

Councillor D. Guidolin stated that he does recall any marking on the road for the turning lane. R. Romanetz explained that the left hand turn lane is in place but the accelerating and decelerating lanes are not in place. He further explained that the Traffic Study has been approved by Alberta Transportation.

Councillor T. Yemen asked if the current location of the catholic school would accommodate the new school. M. O'Brien stated that the existing school is half the size of what is proposed for the new school and the land is not large enough to accommodate their proposal.

Councillor K. Bertamini asked if the proposal includes playground and / or park structures. M. O'Brien stated that the proposal calls for a playground, football and soccer field, and a 400 metre track. He explained that it is their intention to enter into a joint use partnership with the Town, which would allow the public to access the grounds in the evening. He further stated that they have requested recreational dollars for this purpose from the Province and they are hoping that they will be successful in procuring this funding.

Councillor D. Guidolin asked for clarification on the proposal. M. O'Brien displayed the proposed drawings and showed the areas of interest to Council. He stated that if agreeable to Council, the running / walking track may go beyond the school boundaries for the public access. If the Town is not agreeable, the eight lane track would be reduced to six and retained within their property boundaries. He further explained that the track could be upgraded to a walking track if the funds were raised through the public and / or received from the Province. Councillor Guidolin asked the name of the title holder to the southern area of the track. R. Romanetz advised that track would be located on a future service road and would have to be closed by Alberta Transportation. The recent Transportation Master Plan based on a 25 years horizon for expansion of this road does not identify the need for the land if the two lots are developed as one development.

Councillor S. Shoff asked if gravel trucks and buses would access the same road. M. O'Brien stated yes and that Mr. Schrock has agreed to share the access road, as well as being approved by Alberta Transportation.

Councillor A. Berdahl asked the timeframe under which the Town's planning documents were reviewed. R. Romanetz advised that the process to review the Municipal Development Plan was about six weeks based on a review by both Infrastructure Services and Palliser Regional Municipal Services. Councillor Berdahl further asked what the normal timeframe would be to review a Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan. R. Romanetz advised that a Land Use Bylaw is normally reviewed every five years and the Municipal Development Plan reviewed every ten years, and both reviews would be dependent upon growth within a municipality. He further explained that the Area

Structure Plan was approved in 1983 and changes have occurred along this roadway since that time. Councillor Berdahl stated that he does not feel that a new school is the best use of the land, knowing that this site is the last large highway commercial land within the Town. He further stated that the Town just reviewed the needs for future planning and this site was identified as highway commercial. M. O'Brien stated that he has been working with the government officials for well over a year on this site and he believes it to be a good fit with the residential area to the west. He stated that the new school would serve as a buffer zone for the residential area and industrial land. He further stated that with a hospital in the area, the new school would be a good fit for the area as well.

M. O'Brien displayed a final product picture of the new school, which was designed to mirror the hills and fit with the landscape of the area.

Mayor Nimmo asked for rebuttals. There were no rebuttals.

Mayor Nimmo closed the public hearing at 5:10 PM.

3.3 Mayor B. Nimmo called the public hearing to order at 5:10 PM.

Mayor Nimmo stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider Bylaw 20.08 being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 10.08 (Land Use Bylaw) Schedule A Land Use District Map from HWY-C Highway Commercial Land Use District to "P" – Community Service Land Use District and to consider Bylaw 21.08 being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 11.08 (Municipal Development Plan) Figure 2-1 Future Land Use Map from Commercial development to Commercial / Community Service development

Mayor B. Nimmo stated that unless there were new presentations to be heard on the above application for amendments, the verbal and written comments as heard in the previous public hearing (Agenda Item 3.2) would be considered by Council.

Mayor Nimmo closed the public hearing at 5:11 PM.

3.4 Mayor B. Nimmo called the public hearing to order at 5:11 PM.

Mayor Nimmo stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider Bylaw 22.08 being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw No. 10.08 by re-designating the area in Lots 11 & 12 of Block 3 in Plan 5212 JD (210 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE) in Drumheller from R2 – Residential to R3 - Residential

He asked Secretary, L. Handy if there were any written submissions. Secretary, L. Handy advised there was one item of correspondence from Fredrick Bernhard, who was in attendance and would speak to the matter as addressed in his letter.

Mayor Nimmo asked if anyone was present to speak in favour or against the proposal.

# Speaker in Favour of the Proposal

Enayat Sharafi stated that he purchased the property in January, 2008 with the intention to change the daycare building to a fourplex. He further stated that the property is within a residential and did not feel that there would be opposition to his request for an R-2 to R-4 and now, R-3 rezoning. He explained that he has been working hard to clean the property and has received several positive comments from neighbors about his improvements to the property. He stated that he feels there is only one person against the proposal who is trying to make everyone else go against it. He further stated that one person who spoke against the proposal at the last hearing has since apologized for his comments. He explained that the taxes are due and he needs to proceed with his development in order to receive some revenue from the property. He asked Council to favourably consider his application.

# Speaker Against the Proposal

Fredrick Bernhardt presented a letter to Council outlining his points of opposition which has been summarized as follows:

- Subject property is totally surrounded by developed property consisting of R-2 occupied homes; any rezoning appears to be arbitrary and is a true definition of spot zoning;
- Neighboring property owners were contacted and they are opposed to a higher density;
- R3 is different than R4 R-3 can allow up to 10 units
- The owner has made improvements but this does not mean he will not sell the property and the rezoning goes with the land;
- The building has mildew and a variety of other issues;
- Parking of vehicles will be an issue fifth wheel with power running to the building is in place now;
- There is a commercial garbage bin located in the front of the building; and
- There is minimal landscaping with multi-family housing.

## Mayor Nimmo asked for questions from Council

Councillor A. Berdahl referred to Public Hearing 3.1 and noted that this was a similar situation. R. Romanetz disagreed and he explained that there is a difference between the two reclassifications with one being an existing occupied building and the other being a proposed change in use. Councillor Berdahl stated that in terms of use, it is similar however he feels that spot zoning fits for one and the other it does not. He stated that this proposal for development would be a case of spot zoning.

Mayor Nimmo asked for rebuttals. There were no rebuttals.

Mayor Nimmo closed the public hearing at 5:20 PM.

#### 4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition to Agenda: 14.1 Councillor S. Shoff - Drumheller Public Library Report **MO2008.154** Bertamini, Berdahl 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 July 7, 2008

**MO2008.155** Shoff, Guidolin moved the adoption of the regular meeting minutes of July 7, 2008 as presented. Carried.

- 5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION
- 5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission June 26, 2008
- 5.2.2 Management Meeting Minutes July 21, 2008
- 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. R. Romanetz presented Bylaw 23.08 being a bylaw to set the business tax rate for 2008 which is an annual requirement under Section 377(1) of the Municipal Government Act.

MO2008.156 Yemen, Bertamini for first reading to Bylaw 23.08. Carried.

MO2008.157 Berdalh, Shoff for the second reading to Bylaw 23.08. Carried.

MO2008.158 Bertamini, Guidolin no objection to third reading. Carried.

MO2008.159 Berdahl, Guildolin for third reading to Bylaw 23.08. Carried.

8.1.2 R. Romanetz presented Bylaw 24.08 being a bylaw to provide for the assessment of all businesses and for the payment of a business tax which is an annual requirement under Section 371 of the Municipal Government Act. He further advised that an extension was approved from the Minister.

MO2008.160 Bertamini, Berdahl for first reading to Bylaw 24.08. Carried.

MO2008.161 Yemen, Shoff for second reading to Bylaw 24.08. Carried.

MO2008.162 Bertamini, Yemen no objection to third reading.

Councillor D. Guidolin asked if the business tax would be abolished soon. R. Romanetz explained that during the 2008 budget deliberations, it was agreed by Council to proceed

with the business tax for 2008 and that staff would provide a report to Council as part of the 2009 budget deliberations.

Vote on Motion: Carried.

MO2008.163 Yemen, Shoff for third reading to Bylaw 24.08.

Councillor A. Berdahl asked that some form of communication be provided to the public because he believes that business owners were told that they would not be charged this tax in 2008. R. Romanetz reiterated that during the 2008 budget presentation to Council, it was clarified that the business tax would remain for one further year.

Vote on Motion: Carried.

8.1.3 R. Romanetz presented Bylaw 25.08 being a bylaw to authorize the supplementary assessment for improvements. He explained that a time extension was granted from the Minister.

MO2008.164 Guidolin, Bertamini for first reading to Bylaw 25.08. Carried.

MO2008.165 Shoff, Yemen for second reading to Bylaw 25.08. Carried.

**MO2008.166** Bertamini, Guidolin no objection to third reading. Carried.

MO2008.167 Berdahl, Guildolin for third reading to Bylaw 25.08, Carried.

# 8.2 Acting Director of Infrastructure Services

8.2.1 Update on Cast Iron Replacement Program

S. Huculak advised that the water main replacement program will commence on August 11<sup>th</sup>. He stated that notification has been given to those residents who will be affected as well as advertisements placed in both local newspapers. Councillor K. Bertamini asked if the contractor working on behalf of the Town to replace the main water lines would consider replacing the lines to the houses as well. S. Huculak stated that the homeowners would have to speak to the contractor directly to determine costs and availability.

With regards to the multi-year cast iron replacement program, he explained that a report was expected this week however it has not been provided as of yet and should be received shortly.

# 8.3 Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 RFD – ATCO's Street Lights Conversion from Non Investment to Investment M. Roy advised that ATCO Electric presented a proposal to pay the Town of Drumheller \$437,929 to convert 989 streetlights from the non investment option to the investment option. He explained that this would result in an annual operating cost increase of \$105,493. The revised economic analysis provided by ATCO shows a net cost to the Town of \$904,967 over the next 30 years to switch to the investment option. He further explained that the franchise agreement calls for the lights to be switched to the investment option as they are replaced and once all streetlights are on the investment option Schedule C of the agreement would come into effect. He stated that for the economic analysis to break even for the Town, the existing non investment streetlights would have to be replaced at the rate of 123 lights per year in the next 9 years. He stated that this is not

realistic, even with the advanced age of our system, which ATCO estimates at about 25 years. Depending on various factors the streetlights can last up to 50 years, although the franchise agreed life is 30 years. Every nine years ATCO has all the streetlights tested and evaluated. Part of the evaluation is to identify if the streetlights will last until the next testing. ATCO has recently done this and some lights do need to be replaced at the Town's expense. Based on this information, it does not appear likely that there will be many lights to be replaced over the next several years, but due to the advanced average age of the Town's system we could be looking at a significant number of lights needing replacement at the next testing cycle. He explained that if the Town does not switch to the investment option with their streetlights, it may be prudent for the Town to place funds aside in future budgets to offset the cost of the streetlight replacements.

**MO2008.168** Bertamini, Guidolin that Council directs Administration to continue with the non investment rate option with the existing streetlights converting when they require replacement.

Councillor K. Bertamini asked the criteria and standards for replacement and /or installation of new street lights. R. Romanetz explained that there are lighting standards which ATCO must adhere to. He further explained that if a base of a steel pole corrodes away, ATCO would assess the location and pole stability to determine if it is still acceptable. He further explained that whether the Town has a voice on whether a street light goes or stays is dependant upon a number of factors, such as safety. He explained that the Town has negotiated with ATCO on situations where the area may have been over lit in order to reduce the costs. Councillor D. Guidolin stated asked if the poles can be pulled where the lights are no longer serving a purpose, particularly in the downtown core. R. Romanetz stated that this change will be carried out when the traffic improvements are finalized. The Town expects to complete the change in 2008. Vote on Motion: Carried.

# 8.3.2 RFD (direction) - Water Credits

M. Roy presented options for water credits for Council's consideration due to the recent water clarity issues. He noted that the financial statement of June 30, 2008 shows that the combined water and sewer operating costs are in a deficit position of \$226,640. **MO2008.169** Yemen, Bertamini provide a \$10.00 flushing credit for the next month with an option to review for the following months.

#### Discussion on Motion:

Councillor A. Berdahl stated that he did not feel that offering a credit would resolve the problem when the financial statements show a water and sewer deficit. Councillor K. Bertamini stated that she supported the initiative as residents were given specific directions to flush their lines and they are being charged not only for water but for sewer. Vote on Motion: Carried.

Councillor S. Shoff excused herself from voting and deliberation on this matter at 5:45 PM.

M. Roy advised that the Town Page expired July 30, 2008 and Administration is requesting that the contract be extended until December 31, 2008. He explained that Administration would like to review the current policy for the Town Page and to consider future direction of the Town Page in the local paper.

**MO2008.170** Yemen, Bertamini that Council authorize Administration to extent the current contract to December 31, 2008, at the current contract rates, to allow Administration time to review the existing Town Page policy. Carried.

Councillor S. Shoff returned to the meeting at 5:50 PM.

# 8.4 Director of Community Services

# 9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION (next presentation October 14, 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

10.1 Bylaw 18.08 being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw 10.08 by redesignating Plan 8157GW Block 6 Lot 11 (East 1/2) and 12 from R-2 Residential to R-3 Residential District – second and third readings

MO2008.171 Berdahl, Guidolin for second reading to Bylaw 18.08. Carried.

MO2008.172 Bertamini, Guidolin for third reading to Bylaw 18.08. Carried.

10.2 Bylaw 19.08 to provide a framework for subsequent subdivision and development of land within the Plan area from the Intersection of Highway 9 along the North Dinosaur Trail (SH838) to 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW within the Town of Drumheller, and further that Bylaw 9-83 being the Town of Drumheller North Dinosaur Trail Area Structure Plan currently in effect to be repealed including all amendments thereto and replaced by Bylaw 19.08 – second and third readings

MO2008.173 Yemen, Bertamini for second reading to Bylaw 19.08. Defeated.

10.3 Bylaw 20.08 being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 10.08 (Land Use Bylaw) Schedule A Land Use District Map from HWY-C Highway Commercial Land Use District to "P" – Community Service Land Use District – second and third readings

MO2008.174 Bertamini, Yemen for first reading to Bylaw 20.08.

Discussion on Motion:

Councillor K. Bertamini stated that although the Area Structure Plan provides for future

commercial growth along the North Dinosaur Trail corridor, the Town has limited large sites and the immediate needs of the community must also be taken into consideration. She stated that it is difficult for a Council to forecast the future needs of a community. She stated that the immediate need of the community as a whole is a new catholic school – many students and public can use their facilities. She stated that she supports their proposal.

Councillor S. Shoff encouraged the school board to go back to their drawings and look at the land for the welfare of the students. She stated that North Dinosaur Trail is a high traffic corridor and that the site is not appropriate for the safety of the students.

Councillor T. Yemen stated that he agreed with Councillor Bertamini's and he would be embarrassed as a Councillor if the new school does not move forward for Drumheller.

Councillor A. Berdahl stated that Council should make decisions in the best interest of the entire community and although the proposal is worthy, commercial property is valuable and that is the last large parcel within our boundaries. He stated that he is not convinced that it is the best proposal.

Councillor D. Guidolin stated that he is not in agreement with the site and feels that the existing site is the best location. He stated that the existing site could be made larger. He stated that another alternative site would be Central School in two years.

Vote on Motion: Defeated.

10.4 Bylaw 21.08 being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 11.08 (Municipal Development Plan) Figure 2-1 Future Land Use Map from Commercial development to Commercial / Community Service development - second and third readings

Councillor K. Bertamini asked for a recorded vote.

**MO2008.175** Bertamini, Yemen for second reading to Bylaw 21.08.

In favour: Nimmo, Bertamini, Yemen Opposed: Shoff, Berdahl, Guidolin

Motion Defeated.

Councillor K. Bertamini asked if Council could rehear the arguments with a second hearing due to the absence of Councillor McDonald. M. O'Brien stated that the School Board would be in agreement as they are desirous to obtain the site and have invested a considerable amount of time in their proposal. He stated that as part of the sale, the former school site has been exchanged for the land along North Dinosaur Trail. Mayor Nimmo stated that it would be appropriate for Councillor McDonald to hear the position of the school board.

10.5 Bylaw 22.08 being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw No. 10.08 by redesignating the area in Lots 11 & 12 of Block 3 in Plan 5212 JD (210 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE) in Drumheller from R2 – Residential to R3 – Residential – second and third readings

MO2008.176 Bertamini, Berdahl for second reading to Bylaw 22.08. Carried.

MO2008.177 Berdahl, Bertamini for third reading to Bylaw 22.08

#### Discussion on Motion:

Councillor T. Yemen stated that the Council has set precedent with the refusal of other spot zoning requests, such as the Sheddy application, and he does not see how this is different from the other applications for amendments.

Councillor K. Bertamini stated that she believes in mixed density and supports this application. She stated that each application for amendment must be considered on its own merits. She further explained that the building as it is now is too large for a family home and each of the fourplexes would be 2000 sq. ft. She stated that this is an opportunity to change the zoning so this building can be used for much needed housing rather than leaving it abandoned in a residential area.

Councillor Shoff stated that she does not agree with spot zoning. She further stated that Council should consider the letters of petition received from the neighbors.

Councillor A. Berdahl stated that although he does not recommend spot zoning, in some cases it may be acceptable.

Councillor S. Shoff asked for a recorded vote. In favour – Bertamini, Nimmo, Berdahl, Guidolin Opposed – Yemen, Shoff Vote on Motion: Carried.

#### 11.0 DELEGATION DECISIONS

#### 12.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 13.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

#### 14.0 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

14.1 Councillor S. Shoff provided a report on the Drumheller Public Library with highlights as follows: Summer Reading Program has a record attendance of 109, the average library users is 32.3 people per hour, and the library has partnered with Red Deer Public Library to offer a variety of art programming. Marigold has partnered with three other library systems to migrate to a new library operating system called Polaris effective January 1, 2009. She thanked Public Works for repainting the exterior library sign and improvements to the air circulation. A grand reception was held on July 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the new circulation desk and other service upgrades which was formally opened by Mayor Bryce Nimmo.

#### 15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER