

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



March 3, 2008

Council Chamber, Town Hall

703 - 2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta

PRESENT:

MAYOR:

Bryce Nimmo

COUNCIL:

Andrew Berdahl

Karen Bertamini

Blaine McDonald (arrived at 4:38 PM)

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

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

2.1 Mayor B. Nimmo presented a letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing advising that the Town of Drumheller has been approved for a one time grant of \$29,537 under the Municipal Sustainability Initiative to assist the municipality with the Tangible Capital Assets (TCA) Project.

2.2 Mayor Nimmo presented a letter from Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation advising that the Town of Drumheller will receive the first payment for the process / engineering upgrade project in East Coulee, under the Alberta Municipal Water /

Wastewater Partnership, in the amount of \$23,000.

2.3 Mayor Nimmo presented a letter from Hon. Hector Goudreau, Minister of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture extending an invite for the Town to consider submitting a bid for the right to host the 2011 Alberta 55 Plus Winter Games.

2.4 Mayor Nimmo referred to a letter from Mr. Bill Herman regarding a proposal for a multi-use community complex. Council agreed to the Mayor's suggestion that he and the CAO met with Mr. Herman to discuss the proposal and provide a report back to Council.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions: 14.2 Councillor T. Yemen – Drumheller & District Seniors Foundation; 14.3 Councillor Andrew Berdahl – Animal Humane Society

MO2008.41 Shoff Guidolin 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 – February 19, 2008

MO2008.42 Yemen, Berdahl moved the adoption of the regular meeting minutes of February 19, 2008 as presented. Carried.

5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission Minutes – February 1, 2008

5.3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.0 DELEGATIONS

6.1 Motorcycle Madness

Lisa Hansen provided an overview of the Motorcycle Madness activities. On July 12th, the Downtown Merchants are proposing to turn the event into a full day of activities which will include a tattoo event, fashion shows, kid's activities, street vendors, beer gardens, family street dance, all day music and bands, lawnmower racing and the Hwy 9 South Merchants have proposed dyno machine events, pig roast and a burn out pit to be held on Westerguard's property. She advised that the Show & Shine will be held downtown immediately following the Parade. She stated that the Motorcycle Madness would like to work together with the Downtown Merchants and the Hwy 9 South Merchants to lay a foundation on which to grow in the upcoming years. She asked the Town's permission for the closure of Centre Street and 3rd Avenue West and advised that 90% of the Downtown Merchants are in agreement to the closure. She asked if the Town would consider an umbrella license for the street vendors for this day's events. She concluded by stating that Motorcycle Madness is an important event for the local merchants, and they are not willing

to leave the downtown core and as such will do what they can to see the event stays where it has always been.

Councillor K. Bertamini stated that a blanket business license fee of \$500.00 for street vendors was put in place two years ago. Councillor T. Yemen expressed concern with the burn out pit close to a residential area. R. Romanetz recommended that further discussions on this concern be held at Council's next Committee of the Whole meeting after staff has clarified the details regarding their proposal. A response will then be forwarded to Motorcycle Madness.

Mayor and Council thanked Lisa Hansen for her presentation

7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS

8.1 CAO

8.1.1 CAO and Directors provided an overview of the 2008 Budget as follows:

- Budget 2008 includes the Council's Strategic Directions Plan, Operating Budget, Capital Budget and the Capital Financing Strategy.
- The 2008 Operating Budget includes total revenues of \$12,903,039 and total expenditures of \$12,869,886 for an operating surplus of \$33,153.
- The budget proposal provides for the delivery of services at levels similar to 2007.
- A 5.5% increase in municipal tax revenue of which 0.54% of increase for ambulance service.
- Service fees will increase.
- \$111,292 Municipal tax revenue increase due to new assessment growth.
- The 2008 Capital Budget includes expenditures totalling \$4,694,257.
- The capital reinvestment expenditures includes annual cost of capital required to maintain infrastructure as its current condition. For 2008 (9 year average) the amount is \$4,421,106 which will be funded by capital grants (Street Improvement Program, Municipal Sustainability Initiative, etc.) and dedicated reserves.
- The 2008 Capital additions and upgrades identifies major capital additions and / or upgrades that fall outside of the reinvestment schedule which will be funded by special new funding from the Federal and Provincial government (Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program, Municipal Sustainability Initiative and Federal Gas Tax Program (New Deal for Cities), reserves, fundraising, long term borrowing and other sources.
- Capital additions and upgrade projects include Water and Wastewater Treatment Upgrades, Drumheller Affordable Housing Project with a total 9 year expenditure of \$22,419,368.

8.2 Acting Director of Infrastructure Services

8.2.1 Newcastle / Midland Dyke Project – Tender Update

S. Huculak advised that the majority of work on the tree removal has been completed. He advised that based on concerns expressed from adjacent neighbors, about four or five large trees that do not interfere with the dyke construction will remain. In discussions with Alberta Environment, they intend to retender the Midland / Newcastle Dyke Project in two phases: Phase 1) March 27th - Dirt Work and Phase 2) April 3rd Flood Wall Construction and Utilization of Relocation of Barriers. The Province is hoping for more interest to be expressed in this tender and for more competitive bidding. R. Romanetz explained that the dyke functionality will not change and for the most part what was originally proposed will be constructed. He further stated that based on previous discussions, the existing barriers will be removed after the flood peak has passed.

8.2.2 Wastewater Treatment Plant - Tender Update

S. Huculak advised that the tender was advertised on the CoolNet and the Alberta Purchasing Connection with a closing date of April 10th.

8.3 Director of Corporate Services

8.4 Director of Community Services

8.4.1 Mobile Vendor Carts

P. Salvatore presented the 2008 Request for Proposal for Mobile Food Vendors for Council's consideration. He advised that based on previous Council approval, Council has identified the vending areas to be included as: Two sites at Centennial Park, one site at the Hood Doo's and one site at the Swinging Bridge. All proposals must be submitted by March 28th with inclusion of the description of food items being sold and the hours of operation, etc. He also presented the Guide for the 2008 Mobile Vendors which references Bylaw 15.06 as it establishes the rules for mobile street vending in Drumheller, requirements for business license, appropriate attire and conduct, health authority compliance, and insurance.

Councillor K. Bertamini stated that she would prefer only one vendor in the Centennial Park due to the adjacent businesses operating in this area. Councillor T. Yemen recommended that the proposal be extended to two years.

MO2008.48 Shoff, Guidolin that the mobile vendor cart proposal be called for a two year period. Carried.

MO2008.49 Bertamini, Shoff that the number of mobile food vendor sites be reduced from two to one at Centennial Park and the one site at the hoodoos and one site at the Swinging Bridge to remain.

Discussion held on only one vendor operating in the park last year. R. Romanetz clarified that although two vendor cart locations were approved for one vendor, the vendor cart owner choose to rotate between the two approved site locations throughout the summer

months.

3 in favour
4 – against
Defeated

MO2008.50 Shoff, Berdahl that the number of mobile food vendor sites be two at Centennial Park, and the one site at the hoodoos and one site at the Swinging Bridge to remain.

Discussion held on competition and availability of products to the tourists, and hours of operations.

Vote on Motion:

Councillor K. Bertamini asked for a recorded vote.

In favour – Berdahl, Shoff, McDonald, Nimmo, Guidolin

Opposed - Bertamini, Yemen

Carried.

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION (next presentation April 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

11.0 DELEGATION DECISIONS

12.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

14.0 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

14.1 Councillor D. Guidolin presented a letter addressed to the Badlands Ambulance Services Society which provided clarification on the request to move Badlands EMS to an ALS service. He stated that although the Society encompasses several municipalities, Drumheller is the largest population and would see a significant increase on their requisition if the level of service is upgraded. He explained that the level of service would change from a basic life support to an advanced life support. He further stated that the Society is not certain what the liability issues would be with such a move. He stated that an

ambulance meeting is schedule for March 20th and a report on the staff potential to move into paramedic service will be provided to the group. He further explained that the ALS service could be phased in depending on the availability of staff and increased costs.

Councillor K. Bertamini stated there are inequalities among other communities in Alberta on the costs and level of ambulance services being provided. She stated that some communities are not paying for ambulance services. She stated that the municipal tax dollars should not support this service, it is a provincial service, and a letter should be written to the Province stating such.

14.2 Councillor Terry Yemen provided a report on the Drumheller & District Seniors Foundation. He noted that the waiting list for placement is 43 for the Lodge, 10 for the Manors, 7 for the Villas and 7 for the Cottages. Construction on the Lodge expansion is 30% completed. On behalf of the Board, he extended appreciation to Steve Huculak and Keith Russell for their cooperation and assistance on this project. He explained that the Foundation will be taking over DSL (Designated Supportive Living) on April 1st as the contractor did not renew her contract. The Foundation is presently in negotiations with DTHR for funding and the municipalities will not be requisitioned for these costs.

14.3 Councillor A. Berdahl advised that the Animal Humane Society fundraiser went well. He advised that the Society will need assistance from the Town to prepare their grant applications, help to find a home for their operation, and in the long term offer a better alternative care for animals (such as options for kennelling). Councillor K. Bertamini stated that Community Services is providing support to the Society.

14.4 Councillor K. Bertamini advised the Drumheller Housing Administration has a waiting list of 24 families. She advised that some families living in the low income housing units are now able to rent at the current market values and will be asked to leave to find alternative housing. This will allow for the low income families to move into the units. She explained that there are now more apartment and housing rentals listed in the paper and those required to leave the low income housing units should be able to find suitable accommodations.

She further advised that the Affordable Housing Project tender will be advertised within the next few weeks as well as the Town will personally contact contractors and encourage them to bid.

15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER