

# **Town of Drumheller**

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **MINUTES**



**May 26, 2008**

**Council Chamber, Town Hall**

703 - 2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta

#### **PRESENT:**

**MAYOR:**

Bryce Nimmo

**COUNCIL:**

Andrew Berdahl

Karen Bertamini

Blaine McDonald

Don Guidolin

Sharel Shoff

Terry Yemen

**ACTING DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:**

Steve Huculak

**DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:**

Michael Roy

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

Paul Salvatore

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Linda Handy

**ABSENT:** CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ENGINEER Ray Romanetz

#### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor B. Nimmo presented the Leaders of Tomorrow awards to:

Chelsea Saltys (Grade 7-9) chosen for her volunteerism at the Drumheller Alliance Church, Drumheller Composite High School and various other community events and endeavors.

Darci Paarup (Grade 10-12) chosen for her excellence in athleticism, school participation and leadership abilities.

#### **2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS**

2.1 Mayor B. Nimmo presented a letter from Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs announcing that the Alberta Emergency Management Agency will be offering a new service, the Alberta Emergency Notification System (AENS) to municipalities

and First Nations. In his letter, the Minister states that *“the AENS will improve our ability to connect with communities, enabling us to provide timely critical information to all emergency managers throughout the province”*.

2.2 Mayor B. Nimmo presented a letter from R.R. Knecht, Deputy Commissioner, North West Region and Commanding Officer RCMP “K” Division announcing funding for 300 new municipal police officers over the course of the next three years. The 100 positions for 2008 were allocated as follows: 41 to Calgary, 35 to Edmonton, 3 to Medicine Hat, 1 to Taber, and the remaining 20 positions were offered to 41 RCMP municipal contract partners.

2.3 Mayor B. Nimmo presented a letter from Kevin Sorenson, MP, Crowfoot in response to his letter asking for a status update on the Town’s request for an additional RCMP member. In his letter MP Sorenson advises that the decision lies within the jurisdiction of “K” Division, and is a budgetary item.

2.4 Mayor B. Nimmo proclaimed June 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 as Seniors’ Week.

2.5 Mayor B. Nimmo proclaimed the month of June 2008 as Proclamation Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month.

### **3.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Additions to the Agenda: 14.1 Councillor S. Shoff – Drumheller Public Library Report; 14.2 Councillor S. Shoff – Community in Blooms; and 14.3 Councillor T. Yemen – Drumheller and District Seniors Foundation Report.

**MO2008.109** Bertamini, Shoff 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 12, 2008**

**MO2008.110** Yemen, McDonald moved the adoption of the regular minutes of Council meeting held on May 12, 2008.

##### **5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION**

###### **5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2008**

##### **5.3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **6.0 DELEGATIONS**

6.1 Rod Vikse, Wildrose Assessment Services provided an overview on the general assessment completed for the 2008 taxation year. He explained that sales from July 2006 – June 2007 were used to determine market value. Sales dating back to July 2004 were also used to confirm market trends. He further explained that the 2008 assessed values

were based on July 1, 2007 market values and that next year's assessment will be based on the same parameters only moving the dates up one year (tax notices go out about 11 months after the assessment analysis is carried out). He stated that assessment is based on mass appraisal and it must reflect typical market conditions for properties. Total assessment should be 95% to 105% of market value.

R. Vikse advised that he will meet with staff to provide a training session on dealing with complaints on increased taxes. He stated that property owners need to know that it is the assessment value they would appeal not the tax amount. Other comments that could be directed to the property owner is for them to ask a realtor what their property would sell for at today's market. He stated that property owners need to realize that the property they have lived in for so many years has gone up significantly in value over the last four years. He explained that market value has been in existence since 1995. He also stated that the Province wants the assessments to be aggressive because 40% of taxes go to education. Province wants to make sure that Drumheller is paying its fair share and that is why the province audits all assessment files yearly. In order for the assessment to meet the Province's statistical testing, their requirements are to use sales dating back to July 1, 2004. Since the market values change from year to year, time adjustments are required to bring all sales to the July 1, 2007 level.

R. Vikse explained that properties that are being constructed but not completed through the 2007 calendar year are assessed on a percentage. The percentage complete date is December 31, 2007.

Mayor thanked Rod Vikse for his presentation.

## 6.2 Scott Seaman Sports Rink Presentation

T. Lacher, Chairman for the Badlands Sportsplex and Community Centre Steering Committee advised that there is an urgency for the Town of Drumheller's response to the Scott Seaman Sports Rink proposal. He explained that Flames Project 75 Hockey Association was formed in 1985 to celebrate Alberta's centennial by Doc Seaman, BJ Seaman and Harley Hotchkiss to assist hockey development. Project 75 is also in memory of Doc Seaman's grandson, Scott. He further explained the Outdoor Multi-Use Concept which is to provide outdoor refrigerated ice surfaces as a cost effective solution to the ice availability issues in communities. It would also bring back quality outdoor ice with lower capital costs, lower operating costs and shorter time frame for construction. He reviewed the proposed costs. Project 75 would like to build 15 rinks over the next five years. At present there are nine (9) committed spots and the Committee would like to see Drumheller be awarded the number ten (10) spot. He stated that there is no requirement for a commitment on location at this point. The proposed construction timeframe would be in 2009. The proposed budget would include \$500,000 seed dollars from Project 75, \$250,000 grant dollars from the Community Facility Enhancement Program with matching in-kind donation from the Town of \$250,000 for a total of \$1,000,000. He advised that a

committee member has stepped forward with a \$250,000 personal donation. T. Lacher explained that following the survey results being carried out during the Municipal Census, a location can be identified at that time. He further stated that it does make sense to keep a second ice surface close the existing arena. He explained that the Town is expected to submit a letter expressing their interest in the building project by tomorrow, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor K. Bertamini asked the size of the rink proposed for Drumheller and asked for clarification on the estimated budget. T. Lacher reviewed the generic list of elements, their parameters and the estimated costs. He advised that engineering costs are provided by Project 75's own team. He advised that the next steps would be to strike a construction committee and start reviewing the list. M. Roy stated that the maximum for the CFEP grant is \$125,000.00. T. Lacher stated that he may have the name of the grant confused as this is the amount Black Diamond received and he would review the appropriate grant name with the team from Project 75. In response to a question from Council, T. Lacher stated that the group will be moving forward with additional fundraising as soon as Council approves the project.

## **7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS**

#### **8.1 ACTING CAO**

8.1.1 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> reading

Acting CAO, M. Roy stated that the former Bylaw 09.08 died on the table due to incorrect advertising and the process is being restarted with a new bylaw, Bylaw 16.08. He stated that the property in question is the former Honeybee Day Care. He explained that a public hearing will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> and the adjacent property owners have been notified.

**MO2008.111** Bertamini, Guidolin for first reading to Bylaw 16.08. Carried.

8.1.2 Bylaw 17.08 being a bylaw to establish a Municipal Policing Committee

Acting CAO M. Roy referred Bylaw 17.08 to Director of Community Services P. Salvatore for comment. P. Salvatore stated that Council reviewed the draft bylaw at their meeting of May 20<sup>th</sup> and provided their recommendations for changes at that time. He reviewed the changes as proposed by Council, and highlighted sections on membership and the Public Complaint Director (as copy taken from the City of Brooks' bylaw). Councillor K. Bertamini stated that one further change should be made to 6.2(b) ceases to be a resident of the Town – the wording "*and / or respective community as identified in 4.1(c)*" should be added.

**MO2008.112** Bertamini, Shoff for first reading to Bylaw.17.08 as amended. Carried.

**MO2008.113** Bertamini, Guidolin for second reading to Bylaw 17.08 as amended. Carried.

**MO2008.114** Bertamini, Yemen for no objection to third reading as amended. Carried.

**MO2008.115** Yemen, Guidolin for third reading to Bylaw 17.08 as amended. Carried.

#### 8.1.3 RFD – Request from the Village of Beiseker

Acting CAO M. Roy advised that Council discussed the letter from the Village of Beiseker at their meeting of May 20<sup>th</sup>. He explained that the Village of Beiseker is asking the Town of Drumheller and five other municipalities to submit an application to AUMA for funding to develop a municipal sustainability plan on a regional basis. AUMA's pilot project on municipal sustainability was successful in its proposal to Alberta's Rural Development Fund for funding in the amount of \$1.48 million. The funding contribution will be divided among the participating municipalities (up to \$4,000). M. Roy advised that R. Romanetz had discussed the request with the CAO from the Village of Beiseker and she had advised that they have not prepared the application as of yet.

**MO2008.116** Bertamini, Yemen agree to participate in a pilot project for sustainability planning on a regional basis with a funding contribution of up to \$4,000.00.

#### Discussion held on Motion:

In response to a question from Council on the requirement for a financial contribution of \$20,000, it was thought that these dollars would be used for the application fee. Councillor K. Bertamini explained that on behalf of municipalities, AUMA has been asking the Province to support sustainable planning – the Province responded with funding of \$1.48 m which is available to municipalities to prepare their plans. She further advised that the Village of Beiseker feels that there are common issues with our neighbouring municipalities within the 45 mile radius, such as RDRMUG group, landfill, EMS, etc. that can be addressed on a regional basis. She stated that Drumheller can benefit from the development of a joint municipal sustainability plan for our community because the Town can not afford to do it alone. She stated that the Province does initiate pilot projects such as the ambulance service. She explained that the purpose would be for the Province to work with a few municipalities to develop a strategy to move forward. She further explained that it is foreseen that the Province will eventually ask municipalities to provide a municipal sustainability plan prior to any grant funding approval. Councillor B. McDonald stated that it is unclear who cashes the cheque. Councillor K. Bertamini stated that the AUMA would be the recipient of the dollars. Councillor T. Yemen stated that there were too many unknowns in the proposal.

Councillor K. Bertamini asked for a recorded vote:

Vote on motion:

4 in favour – Bertamini, Nimmo, Shoff, and Berdahl

3 opposed – Yemen, Guidolin, McDonald

Carried.

#### 8.1.4 RFD – Community Facility(s) Needs Assessment Survey Questions

Acting CAO M. Roy advised Council reviewed the Community Facility Questions at their

meeting of May 20<sup>th</sup> however since that time Administration has met with the Badlands Sportsplex Steering Committee and they would like the Town to include the following question: "*Are you in support of the Steering Committee's proposal to proceed with a multi-use facility which would include but not be limited to a second ice surface, curling rink, community centre, wellness centre and a skateboard park?*". He stated that Administration is recommending that the question not be included in the survey as the existing questions provides the public with the opportunity to identify recreation elements that they feel are needed on a priority basis.

**MO2008.117** Bertamini, McDonald that Council approve the survey questions without the suggested question from the community committee and conduct the survey with the Municipal census. Carried.

## **8.2 Acting Director of Infrastructure Services**

## **8.3 Director of Corporate Services**

## **8.4 Director of Community Services**

## **9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION (next presentation July 7, 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**

**MO2008.118** Bertamini, Berdahl that the Town of Drumheller provide a letter expressing interest to participate in the Scott Seaman Sports Rink Project for 2009. Carried.

## **12.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **13.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

## **14.0 COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

14.1 Councillor S. Shoff provided an overview on the Drumheller Library News: Jolene Kobi from Gitzel Krecji Dand Peterson from Stettler presented the 2007 audit, copies of which will be available to the Town; there is an accumulated surplus of \$5,767. She advised that in April the Library had 148.8 users, there were 284 computer users, staff checked out 5,793 items and handled 1,728 parcels for interlibrary loans. The Summer

Reading Program is being supported by the RBC Foundation again this year with \$5,000 towards staffing and \$500 from the local Order of Royal Purple towards books and supplies for the program. The Library was closed May 14<sup>th</sup> so that staff could attend the 27<sup>th</sup> Marigold Librarians Workshop. At this event, Library Director, Linde Turner was recognized for 20 years of service to the Drumheller Public Library.

14.2 Councillor S. Shoff advised that Communities in Bloom's registration fee has been forwarded to the program office. She advised that DARTS is actively pursuing the garden development. The Town has been asked to plant more shrubs by the Arena and Whistling Kettle area. The Town has hired John Lowry to work with inmates to maintain trails, greenspaces, etc during the tourist season.

14.3 Councillor T. Yemen advised that the Drumheller and District Seniors Foundation has the following waiting list: 42 for the Lodge; 13 cottages; 12 villas; 7 manors. He advised that in honour of Seniors Week a BBQ will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup>. He further advised that the Lodge construction is ahead of schedule and they anticipate an early December opening.

## **15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER