

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



November 24, 2008 at 4:30 PM

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ENGINEER:

Ray Romanetz

DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:

Allan Kendrick

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 information on CN Rails' announcement that it will discontinue a portion of the Drumheller Rail Line and a portion of the Oyen Line which will affect service in the Drumheller region. This announcement was part of the CN-Three Year Rail Network Plan. He stated that the decision to put these lines on the discontinuance list is the first step in the process to close the line and more discussion will be held between affected municipalities and Palliser Regional Municipal Services to review options.

2.2 Mayor's Report on 2009 Strategic Business Plan

Mayor Nimmo stated that as part of the 2009 Strategic Business Plan held in October, Council also held the Organizational Success Session. Its purpose was to discuss how each member of Council felt about how Council and the organization were doing and to discuss ways to improve governance and organizational effectiveness. He presented information for Council's review and approval at a later date.

2.3 Appointments to the Steering Committee for the Badlands Community Centre

Mayor Nimmo presented applications from those members of the Steering Committee who have served on the Committee for the past year plus two additional names who are interested to serve in this capacity, Tom Dooley and Jay Garbutt. He further advised that although Council has adopted the Terms of Reference at their October 14th meeting, each member to the Steering Committee and the Sub Committee should be formally approved by Council.

MO2008.246 Yemen, Berdahl moved that Tony Lacher, Mike Stefanishion, Blair Christenson, Bill Herman, Tom Dooley and Jay Garbutt be appointed to the Badlands Community Facility Steering Committee.

Discussion held on Motion:

Councillor K. Bertamini stated that although the individuals involved at an earlier stage had their names brought forward, an advertisement should be published for members for two consecutive weeks as it is Council's policy. She further stated that the public at large should have an opportunity to submit their names to serve in this capacity. She further stated that individuals have expressed an interest to her to serve on the Committee(s) and she advised them to watch for the advertisement in the newspaper when it was time to broaden these Committees. R. Romanetz advised that the one vacancy on the Steering Committee and remaining positions on the Sub Committees will be advertised.

Vote on Motion: Carried.

2.4 Mayor Bryce Nimmo presented a letter from Jo-ann Burton, Muscular Dystrophy Canada advising that the efforts of the Drumheller Fire Department, whose hard work on behalf of MDC in 2007/08 resulted in a contribution of \$3,500 to help the organization achieve its goals. Mayor Nimmo and Council recognized the firemen's efforts in this regard.

2.5 Mayor Bryce Nimmo advised that on November 21st Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation announced that the Town of Drumheller was selected as a Celebration Community for the Olympic Torch Relay. He stated that hosting the Olympic Flame in our community is a huge honour. He recognized Ray Telford for arranging the special announcement and the numerous people from the private sector who came out to support this wonderful opportunity.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MO2008.247 Shoff, Guidolin 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 – November 10, 2008

MO2008.248 Shoff, McDonald moved the adoption of the regular meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission – October 22, 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 Bylaw 34.08 being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw 10.98 by redesignating Sec 8 Twp 29 Rng 20 W4M (Nacmine) from “A – Agricultural” to “R-1 – Residential” on the north side and “A - Agricultural” to “CR – Country Residential” on the south side – first reading

R. Romanetz advised that the property is located on the east end of Nacmine and the reclassification is a requirement for the subdivision approval through Palliser Regional Municipal Services. He recommended that Council proceed to first reading to allow for the advertising of the public hearing.

MO2008.249 Bertamini, Yemen for first reading to Bylaw 34.08. Carried.

8.1.2 Bylaw 35.08 being a bylaw to amend the Land Use bylaw 10.98 by redesignating Plan 8111856 Block 5 Lot 2 (Wayne) from “CR – Country Residential” to SCR – Suburb Community Residential” – first reading

R. Romanetz advised that the property is located in Wayne and the reclassification is a requirement for the subdivision approval through Palliser Regional Municipal Services. He recommended that Council proceed to first reading to allow for the advertising of the public hearing.

MO2008.250 Yemen Shoff for first reading to Bylaw 35.08. Carried.

8.1.3 RFD – 2009 Strategic Business Plan

R. Romanetz presented the 2009 Strategic Business Plan and advised that the document reflects the discussions held at Council's Retreat. He recommended that Council review the document and that it be referred to during the 2009 budget deliberations. He recommended that Council consider formal approval at the next regular meeting of December 8th.

8.1.4 RFD – Amendment to Water Supply Agreement (Kathryn Development)

R. Romanetz advised that the purpose of the amendment to the Agreement is to allow Kneehill Regional Water Services Commission to include the Kathryn development as a party to whom the Commission may resell the Town water outside of the Commission's boundaries, as provided for in Schedule "F" of the Water Supply Agreement, dated June 15, 2004. He further explained that the Commission intends to resell the Town's water to the Hamlet of Kathryn in an amount not exceeding 2,200 m³ per day. He referred to the letter from the Town's Solicitor in response to the Commission's concern with the cap placed on the water amount to be sold to Kathryn. In his letter, Mr. Kloot advised that the Town does have the right to control how much water is sold.

MO2008.251 Yemen, Berdahl that Council approve the amendment to the Water Supply Agreement between Kneehill Regional Water Services Commission and the Town of Drumheller dated June 15, 2004 as presented.

Discussion held on Motion:

Councillor K. Bertamini asked if the Town of Drumheller would be responsible for any water liability issues outside of the Town's boundaries. R. Romanetz advised that the Town's liability ends with the current boundaries as long as the Town produces water in accordance with requirements of Alberta Environment. Councillor K. Bertamini asked the length of the contract. R. Romanetz advised the agreement is for a term of 25 years with 21 years remaining.

Vote on Motion: Carried.

8.1.5 RFD – Funding Request for 2009 for the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance

R. Romanetz advised that the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance focuses on operational management matters and more immediate issues relating to water quality and environmental impacts. He further advised that this group is complimentary to the Red Deer River Municipal Users Group which focuses on policy, particularly long term sustainability. He stated that there is agreement among municipal representatives that both groups are vital to the well being of the basin. The Watershed Alliance is requesting annual funding support in the amount of 50 cents per capita which equates to \$3,966.00 (based on population of 7932) for Drumheller. He stated the Red Deer River Municipal Users Group requisition will be presented to Council shortly.

MO2008.252 Shoff, Yemen that Council agree to participate in the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance and approve a contribution of \$0.50 capita for their 2009 year.

Discussion on Motion:

Councillor A. Berdahl asked the municipal representation on the Watershed Alliance. R. Romanetz advised that Dug Major from Special Areas and Bill Shaw represent municipalities.

Vote on Motion: Carried.

8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

8.2.1 RFD – Pretender Purchase of Materials for UV Disinfection

A. Kendrick advised that there is a need to pre-order key components for the UV upgrade project to ensure that the project is completed while demands to produce water are at the lowest level. He further advised that certain components have a longer than expected delivery times. He presented the recommendations from Stantec Consulting Ltd. showing the proposals to supply the key components for the project. He advised that the capital costs for the materials is \$381,688.65. R. Romanetz advised that there is also a need to go through an advertising phase to allow for public comments.

MO2008.253 Bertamini, McDonald that Council approve the pre ordering of key components as per Stantec's Report.

Discussion held on Motion:

Councillor B. McDonald asked how this amount reflects the costs identified in the 2008 budget and if this amount is removed from the tender. A. Kendrick advised that this is outside of the tender scope however the tender would include the installation of the materials. He further advised that it is hoped that the award of the tender will be completed prior to year end. R. Romanetz advised if the project is not awarded in 2008, it will become a carryover project. However, the Budget approved by Council includes the UV Tender and material supply costs.

Vote on Motion: Carried.

8.3 Director of Corporate Services

8.4 Director of Community Services

M. Roy advised that Administration has been working on the budget and they are 2/3 complete on taxed based expenses. He further advised that the draft 2009-2011 budget binders will be available for Council's review this Friday. He further advised that self funded accounts such as water and sewer may not be ready for review.

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION (January 19, 2009)

9.1 CAO

9.2 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

Mayor B. Nimmo advised that it is necessary for himself and Administration to attend a meeting with the Ministers of Education and Infrastructure on December 1st at 4:00 PM in Edmonton. He further advised that the Council Committee Meeting scheduled for this date is cancelled.

15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER