

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



October 27, 2008 at 4:30 PM (following Organizational Meeting)

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 @ 4:55 PM

Councillor Andrew Berdahl was sworn in as Deputy Mayor for November and December, 2008

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

2.1 Mayor Bryce Nimmo presented a letter from Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs advising that cameras for the RCMP Cells have been accepted as a qualifying project under the MSI capital funding guidelines.

2.2 Mayor Bryce Nimmo reminded citizens of the Plebiscite vote on November 3rd and

the Advanced Vote on October 30th.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition to the Agenda: 14.3 Councillor B. McDonald – RCMP CAC Report

Deletion to the Agenda: In camera – 15.2 Land Matter

MO2008.221 McDonald, Shoff moved the adoption of the agenda as amended. Carried.

5.0 MINUTES

5.1 ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.2 Council Regular Meeting – October 14, 2008

MO2008.222 McDonald, Yemen moved the adoption of the regular minutes of October 14, 2008 as presented. Carried.

5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission – October 8, 2008

5.3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.0 DELEGATIONS

Trina Innes – Section Head, Conservation and Education Branch of Alberta Environment provided an overview of the *One Simple Act Program* launched in June, 2008. She explained that Alberta's EcoAction Teams assist communities to make changes with a focus on promotion, education and implementation of action programs. Simple changes include: reducing fuel consumption, saving on water use, generating less garbage and shopping more sustainably. She further explained that the program focuses on conservation. T. Innes offered to provide the Town with additional information on programs implemented by other communities and to provide her assistance, if required. Mayor and Council thanked Trina for her presentation.

7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS

8.1 CAO

8.1.1 Bylaw 31.08 being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw 10.08 by redesignating the area in Lot 3 Block 4 in Plan 0412557 from "A" – Agricultural Land Use District to "R-CH" – Residential – Cottage Housing District – first reading

R. Romanetz explained that the property is Hoodoo RV Resort located along Highway 10 and the applicant wishes to allow for some year round location for parked model units and select parking of RV's. A portion of the area is located within the flood plain. He recommended that Council proceed to first reading to allow for the public hearing to be

held on November 10th.

MO2008.223 Yemen, Shoff for first reading to Bylaw 31.08. Carried.

8.1.2 Bylaw 32.08 being a bylaw to establish the Municipal Planning Commission
R. Romanetz explained Bylaw 32.08 proposes an amendment that would allow for the term of membership at the discretion of Council. He further explained that currently members are permitted to serve for two consecutive three year terms. He stated that the five vacancies were advertised for one month with five applications being received of which four were appointed at the Organizational Meeting. He further stated that the fifth application is from Gerhard Schwarz who has served two terms on the MPC and would like to be considered for a third term.

MO2008.224 Shoff, Bertamini for first reading to Bylaw 32.08. Carried.

MO2008.225 Yemen, Guidolin for second reading to Bylaw 32.08. Carried.

MO2008.226 Bertamini, Shoff for no objection to third reading of Bylaw 32.08. Carried.

MO2008.227 Guidolin, Shoff for third reading to Bylaw 32.08. Carried.

8.1.3 Bylaw 33.08 being a bylaw to establish the Airport Commission

R. Romanetz advised that Bylaw 33.08 has a similar amendment to the terms of membership at the discretion of Council. He explained that over the years, the members have been comprised of only those who have an interest in the airport and those same members have served for several years, beyond what is permitted in the bylaw. He stated that the bylaw would allow for flexibility in appointing members to serve in this capacity.

MO2008.228 Bertamini, McDonald for first reading to Bylaw 33.08. Carried.

MO2008.229 Guidolin, McDonald for second reading to Bylaw 33.08. Carried.

MO2008.230 Bertamini, Guidolin no objection to third reading of Bylaw 33.08. Carried.

MO2008.231 Shoff, Berdahl for third reading to Bylaw 33.08.

Discussion on Motion:

Councillor A. Berdahl asked why there was no consistency on board appointments and if the bylaws affecting membership could be worded in the same manner. R. Romanetz advised that in some cases, Council has direct control over boards but others operate under their own bylaws or under the requirements of the Municipal Government Act. He also indicated that over the years Council has modified bylaws to reflect the differing roles of boards.

Vote on Motion: Carried.

8.1.4 Acknowledgement of Staff Member

R. Romanetz announced that Linda Handy recently completed the Information Access and Protection of Privacy (IAPP) Certificate Program through Government Studies Division at the University of Alberta. Mayor, Council and Administration extended congratulations to Linda for her commitment in obtaining the IAPP Certificate.

8.1.5 MPC Appointment

MO2008.232 Shoff, Yemen to appoint Gerhard Schwarz to the Municipal Planning Commission for a further three year term. Carried.

8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

8.2.1 RFD – Grader Tender – MSI Approval

A. Kendrick advised that the approved 2008 Capital Budget provides for the replacement of the 1991 JD 770-BH grader in the amount of \$250,000. He explained that the existing unit is approaching the point of needing major repairs that could exceed \$20,000.00. He further explained that the overall 2008 Capital Equipment provides for funding the purchase from the Municipal Sustainability Initiative grant fund.

MO2008.233 Bertamini, Guidolin that Council approve tendering for the supply of a new grader. Carried.

8.3 Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 RFD – Tax Recovery

M. Roy advised that as part of the tax recovery process under the Municipal Government Act, properties with a tax caveat registered against them must be offered for public auction one year after the date of the tax caveat. He further explained that the properties due for auction now had caveats registered against them in 2007. As part of this process Council must set the terms and reserve bids for the properties in question. He stated that in the past, the terms have been cash and the reserve bid for each property has been equal to its current year's assessment.

MO2008.234 Yemen, Guidolin that Council set the reserve bid price for properties for the January 28, 2009 tax recovery auction based on the current assessed values. Furthermore, the successful bidder must pay via cash, or money order. Carried.

8.4 Director of Community Services

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

14.1 Councillor S. Shoff provided an overview of the Communities in Bloom meeting held on October 16th. The Board is looking for volunteers from each sector of the community, i.e. East Coulee, Nacmine, Wayne, etc. The Board is working on a grant for a community garden with a possible location to be along North Dinosaur Trail. She advised that the Chamber and Communities Future is offering a \$5,000 interest free loan for the beautification of a business exterior – she encouraged businesses to apply. She advised that the grid report from the judges has been received and copies are available for Council's information.

14.2 Councillor S. Shoff provided an overview of the Drumheller Public Library meeting. The Board held their election of officers with Terry Beaupre elected as Chair, Ingrid Thorton as Vice-Chair and Joe Jensen as Treasurer. She stated that the library has one vacancy on their board with the resignation of Ann Howell. The Board discussed the closure of the library from January 1st until the 9th to change their software system. She stated that the Library Board will submit their budget to the Town by mid-November.

14.3 Councillor B. McDonald provided an overview of the RCMP's CAC meeting held on October 23rd. He stated that there will be a crossover of membership between the CAC and the Police Committee as two individuals have agreed to serve on both committees – one rural member and one public at large. He stated that the RCMP released their quarterly report for crime details and a copy is available for Council's information if they so wish. Victim Services will be heading up a campaign on installing strips in stores to prevent shoplifting – businesses will be contacted and asked if they wish to participate. The Committee recommended that there be more dialogue between the CAC and the Interagency Groups. The Committee discussed the concern that the Crime Stoppers telephone number is being transferred to an operator in Toronto to handle after hour calls and the quality on the tips being received. The Committee discussed the new provincial SCAN legislation and how this will impact local bylaw officers. Victim Services is encouraging individuals to host neighbourhood barbeques for the purpose of getting to know your neighbour – funding is available for such barbeques.

15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS MO2008.235 Shoff, Bertamini to go in camera at 6:05 PM. Carried.

15.1 Land Matter - Legal Description: Lot 11 Block 12 Plan 9710916

MO2008.236 Yemens, Guidolin moved that Council agrees the conditions of the offer to purchase dated October 3, 2007 for Plan 9710916 Block 12 Lot 11 have not been met and that the purchaser has forfeited the 10% deposit of the purchase price in the amount of \$3,200. Carried.

MO2008.237 Yemens, Berdahl moved that Council agrees to sell property legally described as Plan 9710916 Block 12 Lot 11 to Barry Ranger subject to no building commitment and payment in full. Defeated.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER