

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



February 2, 2009 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 Bryce Nimmo advised of the remaining dates for the Drumheller Community Facility community information sessions as follows:

Wednesday, February 4th 2009 from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM at the Drumheller Inn

Thursday, February 5th 2009 from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM at the Drumheller Inn

He stated that the Sunday, February 1st 2009 session held at St. Anthony's School was well attended.

2.2 Mayor B. Nimmo advised that FCM has provided information on the 2009 Federal

Budget. He read the following, "*The 2009 Federal Budget delivers significant new funding for municipal priorities. In the budget released Tuesday, Jan. 27, the Government of Canada committed almost \$9 billion in new funding over the next two years to municipal priority issues, including: \$5 billion for infrastructure: \$2 billion for housing: \$1 billion for hard hit, resource-based communities; \$500 million for recreation infrastructure; \$225 million for broadband Internet; and support for a new economic development agency for southern Ontario*".

2.3 Mayor B. Nimmo presented a letter from Hon. Gary Lunn, Minister of State (Sport) congratulating the Town of Drumheller on the selection as one of the designated communities along the route of the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay.

2.4 Mayor B. Nimmo presented a letter from Hon. Peter Van Loan, Minister of Public Safety concerning the Town of Drumheller's request of one regular member to the Municipal Police Service Agreement. In his letter, Hon. Loan states that he is approving the increase as "K" Division has agreed to pay for this position within current appropriations until the funding is received in April 2009.

2.5 Mayor B. Nimmo presented a letter from Bill Meade, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security advising of finalizing the second year allocation of the 100 officers for the fiscal year of 2009-2010. Mayor Bryce Nimmo advised that the Town of Drumheller has made an application for an officer as outlined in the letter of August 13th, 2008 and it is hopeful that a new officer will be place this year.

2.6 Mayor B. Nimmo presented a letter from Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister Alberta Municipal Affairs advising that the Town of Drumheller's grant application for the Solar energy Project was approved in the amount of \$87,456.00.

2.7 Mayor B. Nimmo presented a letter from Hon. Luke Ouellette, Minister of Alberta Transportation advising that the federal government agreed with the Province of Alberta to extend the Gas Tax Fund (formerly the New Deal for Cities and Communities) for an additional four years to 2013/14. In his letter, Hon. Ouellette states that this extension, part of the Building Canada Plan, will see almost \$200 million per year transferred to Alberta municipalities.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MO2009.32 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 – January 19, 2009

MO2009.33 Berdahl, McDonald moved the adoption of the regular Council meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

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 04.09 Business License

R. Romanetz advised that in accordance with Council's direction changes have been made to the two existing bylaws to ensure business tax was separate from business license as it has caused confusion in the past. He further stated that Administration has also ensured that it is revenue neutral. He explained that Administration and the Town Solicitor reviewed the bylaws line by line with a number changes being proposed. He asked M. Roy to provide an overview of the changes. M. Roy noted the following changes: reference to fee schedule will be by resolution of council, reference to current land use bylaw reflects the new bylaw, business tax reference has been removed in its entirety; businesses with existing licenses do not need an additional license to participate in exhibitions or shows.

MO2009.34 Bertamini, Guidolin moved first reading to Bylaw 04.09.

R. Romanetz noted that certain professions by Provincial Legislation do not have to take out a business license but they have to pay a business tax. He further explained that it is the Town's intention to separate the requirement for a business license from business tax.

Vote on Motion: Carried.

MO2009.35 Bertamini, Shoff moved second reading to Bylaw 04.09.

Councillor K. Bertamini stated that the \$2 million liability is not sufficient for such events as carnivals and midways if they are to be held on Town land. M. Roy stated that the \$2 million is the requirement for other Town agreements, such as assessment. R. Romanetz noted that the Clause is worded "not less than \$2 million and an amount can be set higher for each application at the discretion of the Director of Corporate Services.

MO2009.36 Bertamini, Shoff moved no objection to third reading. Carried.

MO2009.37 Bertamini, Yemen moved third reading to Bylaw 04.09. Carried.

8.1.2 Bylaw 05.09 Business Tax

R. Romanetz advised that the bylaw has been restructured as referenced above. He asked M. Roy to review the changes. M. Roy noted the following changes: deleted reference to annual rental value and changed to 3% of the annual assessment; and

deleted classes established many years ago and as there is no rationale to continue their use. He further advised that the Town will experience a slight reduction in overall revenue (\$3,000).

MO2009.38 Yemen, Guidolin moved first reading to Bylaw 05.09. Carried

MO2009.39 Shoff, Yemen moved second reading to Bylaw 05.09. Carried.

MO2009.40 Bertamini, Guidolin moved no objection to third reading. Carried.

MO2009.41 Shoff, Bertamini moved third reading to bylaw 05.09.

Councillor K. Bertamini asked for clarification for reducing the business assessment from 6% of total assessed value (to determine full annual rental value) to the proposed business assessment equal to 3% of the current annual assessment. R. Romanetz advised that another bylaw, which must be passed annually, will establish the business tax rate and will bring the revenue back up to the same level as in previous years.

Vote on motion: Carried.

8.1.3 Repeal Bylaw 09.06 (New Cemetery Bylaw 03.09)

M. Roy advised that when staff was going through the bylaws, it was noted that Bylaw 09.06 was not included to be repealed in the new Cemetery Bylaw 03.09.

MO2009.42 Bertamini, Guidolin moved to repeal Bylaw 09.06. Carried.

8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

8.2.1. RFD – Indoor Pool Filtration

A. Kendrick advised that the proposal is to accept and approve the installation of a new high rate sand filtration system for the indoor pool. He further advised that the benefits of the system include improve air quality, remove hazards associated with diatomaceous earth filters, higher turnover rate, less backwashing and improved energy efficiency. He advised that there is a need to reallocate portions of this project in order to complete the filtration portion. He stated that there is also the opportunity to reduce costs by doing some of the work in house with the Town's own work forces. The work should be completed within a six day window.

MO2009.43 Bertamini, Berdahl moved to award the project to Master Pools for a total cost of \$170,302.75 plus GST.

Councillor K. Bertamini asked if the project is a carryover from 2008. A. Kendrick advised that the project is a carryover from 2008 and stated that the budget available is \$208,000 however there are other components of the project not included in Master Pools' scope of work. He stated that historically the pool is shut down for the turnaround which is scheduled in March - April.

Vote on Motion: Carried.

8.3 Director of Corporate Services

8.4 Director of Community Services

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION (April 14, 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

15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS MO2009.44 Yemen, Berdahl moved to go in camera at 5:00 PM. Carried.

15.1 St. Anthony's School Development Agreement

15.1 Personnel Matter

MO2009.45 McDonald, Bertamini that Council revert to regular meeting at 5:30 PM. Carried.

15.1 Personnel Matter

MOTION2009.46 Bertamini, Berdahl that Council accept Recommendation C of the Mayor's report, dated February 2, 2009, for compensation for the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) based upon the CAO's performance evaluation. Carried.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:33 PM.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER