

# **Town of Drumheller**

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **MINUTES**



**January 5, 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**

Councillor Karen Ann Bertamini was sworn in as Deputy Mayor for the months of January and February, 2009.

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

2.1 Mayor Bryce Nimmo presented an application from Hansine Kostecky for the Community Facility Steering Committee.

**MO2009.01** Yemen, Guidolin moved to appoint Hansine Kostecky to the Community Facility Steering Committee. Carried.

2.2 Mayor B. Nimmo presented a letter from Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal

Affairs advising of projects that have been accepted as qualifying projects under the MSI conditional operating funding guidelines as follows: Civic Centre Operations Project - \$59,345; Computer System Upgrades Project - \$81,045; and Asset Video Data Capture Project - \$46,050.

2.3 Mayor Nimmo presented a letter from Hon. Cindy Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation extending an invite to submit a bid for the right to host the 2012 Alberta Winter Games.

2.4 Mayor Nimmo read an announcement from Infrastructure Canada regarding the Building Canada Fund, *“Residents of smaller communities across Alberta can soon apply to a Canada-Alberta Infrastructure fund of \$176 million under the Communities Component of the Building Canada plan. Through the program, eligible Alberta municipalities of less than 100,000 also contribute one-third of project costs, matching the federal and provincial contributions. The Building Canada Communities Component will fund eight categories of infrastructure. They are water, wastewater, solid waste, local roads, culture, sports, connectivity and green energy. In addition, a number of eligible projects that were unfunded under CAMRIF will be considered for funding under this intake of the Communities Component”*.

2.5 Mayor Nimmo presented a letter from Dave Hickie, Greyhound Canada regarding their intention to reduce service to Drumheller. In his letter, D. Hickie advises that they have submitted official notification to Alberta Transportation. Council was advised that a public meeting will be held on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

2.6 Mayor Nimmo announced an upcoming meeting for the Police Committee on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

2.7 Mayor Nimmo announced an upcoming meeting for Community Facility Steering Meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

2.8 Mayor Nimmo announced an upcoming meeting for CN Rail Line Discontinuation on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Palliser Regional Municipal Services Office.

2.9 Mayor Nimmo announced an upcoming Visit to the Drumheller Institution (January 30<sup>th</sup>). This date is in conjunction with a visit from Jack Hayden, MLA.

### **3.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor B. Nimmo advised that the hearing was recessed on December 8<sup>th</sup> and the purpose of the hearing is to consider 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 of Secondary Highway 575.

R. Romanetz advised that a letter of concern was received from Ed Hofman, Senior Wildlife Biologist, Prairies Area, Alberta Sustainable Resource Development opposing the redesignation because of the risks of contamination of the river by silt, construction and waste material if a residence was been built. He further explained that Ed Hofman was not aware of the requirement for an Environmental Reserve as part of the subdivision application and as a result, the hearing was recessed for this date, January 5<sup>th</sup>. He further

explained that since that time Brad Wiebe has corresponded with Ed Hofman and as stated in an Email dated December 9<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Hofman does not have any further concerns and his objections are withdrawn.

Councillor K. Bertamini asked if there is adequate depth to construct a house on this property. R. Romanetz advised that once the development permit is applied for, the Municipal Planning Commission will determine whether a relaxation to the setbacks will be required. R. Romanetz further explained that the subdivision of the property resolves a long outstanding issue with Alberta Transportation and all concerns have now been addressed. Councillor A. Berdahl asked how the size of the ER is determined. R. Romanetz advised that each ER is unique and calculated based on its own merits - it often involves the surveyor relying on his own expertise and training to determine the size. R. Romanetz further explained that in this instance, the surveyor will identify the high water mark and start from that point in determining the requirements for the ER. R. Romanetz advised that both areas (properties on the north and south of the Highway) are to be surveyed and registered.

Mayor Nimmo adjourned the hearing.4:51 PM.

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

**MO2009.02** Shoff, Berdahl moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Carried.

#### **5.0 MINUTES**

##### **5.1 ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

###### **5.1.1 Council Regular Meeting – December 8, 2008**

**MO2009.03** Bertamini, Shoff moved to adopt the regular Council meeting minutes of December 8, 2008 as presented. Carried.

###### **5.1.2 Special Council Meeting – December 11, 2008**

**MO2009.04** McDonald, Guidolin moved to adopt the Special Council meeting minutes of December 11, 2008 as presented. Carried.

###### **5.1.3 Special Council Meeting – December 15, 2008**

**MO2009.05** McDonald, Shoff moved to adopt the Special Council meeting minutes of December 15, 2008 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 RFD – Authorization for Expenditures**

R. Romanetz advised that there is an annual requirement under the Municipal Government Act for authorizing and verifying expenditures not included in the budget until the 2009 operating budget has been approved.

**MO2009.06** Shoff, McDonald that Council in accordance with Section 248(2) of the Municipal Government Act authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or his delegate to pay all current accounts, which are properly charged to the town, until the 2009 Operating and Capital Budgets are approved by Council. Carried.

### **8.2 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 (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**

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 – second and third readings

Councillors McDonald and Yemen abstained from voting as they were absent (in part or whole) at the Hearing of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**MO2009.07** Bertamini, Guidolin moved second reading to Bylaw 34.08. Carried.

**MO2009.08** Bertamini, Shoff moved third reading to Bylaw 34.08. Carried.

## **11.0 DELEGATION DECISIONS**

## **12.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **13.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

#### **14.0 COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

14.1 Councillor K. Bertamini advised that last year the Province commissioned a study on behalf of the Canadian Badlands Ltd. and Drumheller was identified as one of the four hubs in their strategy for development. At that time the Province announced that Canadian Badlands Ltd. will receive \$250,000 per year for two years. She explained that CBL has hired a consulting firm to apply for additional funding through the Rural Alberta Development Fund based on the recommendations in the CBL strategy. Since Drumheller was identified as an area for development, Administration was asked to put together a request for funds through the RADF. The project will be the development of a local tourism master plan for the Town which will include three specific areas of focus: Downtown Transportation Needs; Transportation Sustainability Plan to include trails, open space, streetscapes, possible shuttle services; and Visitor Attraction Power of Community Centre (How will a new facility that includes recreation, community meeting and conference facilities affect tourism in Drumheller?). R. Romanetz explained that the Town of Drumheller's portion will be a combination of in-kind and cash in conjunction with the following projects: Municipal Sustainability Plan (Tourism portion); I-Trans Transportation Project and the Community Center Project. Administration identified the projects which would fall under the criteria of the RADF and portions of costs that can be matched against the RDAF as follows: MSP - \$50,000; Tourism Master Plan - \$75,000, Downtown Transportation Study - \$50,000; Community Facility Study - \$50,000 for an overall total of \$225,000. If Drumheller's application is successful, the Canadian Badlands Ltd./Rural Alberta Development Fund is \$168,750 of which the Town of Drumheller's portion is \$56,250 for a total of \$225,000.

**MO2009.09** Bertamini, Shoff moved that the letter dated December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from the Town of Drumheller be sent to the Canadian Badlands Ltd. in order to be included as part of their Rural Alberta Development Fund's application.

Councillor D. Guildon asked if Drumheller is a shareholder of CBL. Councillor K. Bertamini stated yes with a membership of 57 municipalities of a possible 62 within the region. She stated that CBL has an area that encompasses from Oyen to Hwy 2 and to the US border to the City of Red Deer. Councillor K. Bertamini stated that she is the President of CBL. She further explained that the Province supports the strategy and wishes to make the Canadian Badlands an icon such as the Rockies. In response to a question from Council on the timelines, R. Romanetz stated that there is an urgency to move forward quickly on the Community Facility if the Town wishes to be considered for funding under the Building Canada Funding.

Vote on motion Carried.

#### **15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS**

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There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER