

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



June 8, 2009 4:30 PM Council Chambers, Town Hall
703 - 2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta

PRESENT:

DEPUTY MAYOR: Blaine McDonald

COUNCIL:

Karen Bertamini
Don Guidolin
Sharel Shoff
Terry Yemen

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ENGINEER:

Ray Romanetz

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Michael Roy

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Paul Salvatore

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Linda Handy

ABSENT:

MAYOR Bryce Nimmo

DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES: Allan Kendrick

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

2.1 Deputy Mayor B. McDonald presented a letter from Hon. Fred Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security advising that Drumheller RCMP Municipal Police Service has been allocated one position for the 2009-10 fiscal year.

2.2 Deputy Mayor B. McDonald presented a letter from Rick Walters, MCFP Grants Business Officer, Alberta Culture and Community Spirit regarding the Major Community Facilities Program. In his letter, Mr. Walters advises that the Town of Drumheller's application for the Badlands Community Centre has been declined.

2.3 Deputy Mayor McDonald presented an invitation to Council regarding the Grand Opening of Sandstone Manor scheduled for June 19th.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Changes to the Agenda: Item 8.1.6 moved to 2.2; and Items 8.2 and 8.5 will be considered together.

MO2009.134 Shoff, Bertamini moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Carried unanimously.

5.0 MINUTES

5.1 ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1 Council Regular Meeting – May 25, 2009

MO2009.135 Berdahl, Guidolin moved to adopt the regular Council meeting minutes of May 25, 2009 as presented. Carried unanimously.

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 14.09 Borrowing for Community Facility

R. Romanetz advised that the Town was recently approved for \$6M under the Building Canada Fund for the Community Facility. He stated that the next steps (prior to proceeding to the construction stage) is to sign the grant documents, complete the environment assessment if required, and to pass a borrowing bylaw. He presented two bylaw scenarios for Council's discussion at their next meeting of June 15th and first reading of the bylaw at their meeting of June 22nd. M. Roy explained that the decisions to consider are twofold: whether to borrow \$5.2 M or round it up to \$6M; and whether the borrowing is on the smaller scope of the work that includes the library and meeting / community rooms at approximately \$14M or the larger scope of work that includes the library, meeting / community rooms, and field house at an approximate cost of \$23M. He further explained that the municipality needs to front the fundraising pledges until the dollars come through which may be up to five years. A short term borrowing bylaw for this purpose is also required.

8.1.2 RFD – Arena Dehumidifier / RINC Application

R. Romanetz stated due to complete failure of the existing 7.5 HP unit, the purchase and installation of a new dehumidifier is vital to building summer ice. The new unit was originally budgeted for in 2009 however with the number of capitals projects cutbacks were

considered with the dehumidifier being pushed forward to 2010. Since that the decision, the unit has failed and requires replacement immediately. He explained that staff has looked at a unit that would be suitable for future projected needs within the arena and adjacent facilities and with energy savings of about 30% from what the costs are now. He further noted that a new dehumidifier, as well as other much needed equipment such as a new compressor, are included as replacement equipment under the RINC program however there is no guarantee that the Town's application will be approved. R. Romanetz stated that at the time the Town submitted their application the assumption was that the Province would be participating in the program and they have indicated they will not be a partner resulting in the Town's share being \$2M. He further advised that Council needs to consider whether the application remains a high priority with the additional costs to the Town. M. Roy explained that based on the RINC grant application criteria, purchases after January 1, 2009 could be funded out of the grant program and if not approved, fund out of the reserves. R. Romanetz advised that the replacement of the dehumidifier was by invitation tender with three local companies and one company from outside of Drumheller submitting bids with the low bid received from Gateway Mechanical. Staff is recommending that the unit be approved for purchase in order that there are no disruptions to the summer ice programs.

MO2009.136 Shoff, Guidolin move that council approve the purchasing and installation of the dehumidifier from Gateway Mechanical for \$75,159.00 GST included.

Discussion on Motion:

Councillor K. Bertamini stated that the preferred option for funding would be if there is an opportunity to borrow against the MSI capital with the second preference being to take the funds from the reserves. R. Romanetz stated that the 2010 MSI dollars have been designated for the cast iron line replacement based on the program dollars being extended into 2010 at the same level.

Vote on Motion: Carried unanimously.

R. Romanetz presented the RINC application and noted that although the Town's share is considerably higher, the project identified is essential with efficient equipment. Council agreed that the application remain as submitted for replacement of compressors which will be required in 2010 regardless and cost sharing may not be available.

8.1.3 RFD (Direction) – CB District Transportation Study

R. Romanetz advised that a meeting has been arranged with Hon. Jack Hayden on June 22nd to discuss the concerns received from the public on improvements to 2nd St. West as it affects intersections at 1st Avenue, 2nd Avenue and 3rd Avenue West, commencing from the Gordon Taylor Bridge.

8.1.4 RFD (Direction) - Bike Ride

R. Romanetz presented a letter from Jennifer Chow requesting a permit to hold the World Naked Bike Ride in Drumheller on June 13th. He advised that the proposed event requires

a permit as it meets the definition of a parade. He stated that the application was referred to Staff Sgt. RCMP for his comments and he recommended that the event not be held as it is unlawful. R. Romanetz further advised that a letter has been forwarded to the applicant advising that based on the circumstances, a permit is denied due to unlawful purposes. He advised that the refusal of the permit may be appealed through Council.

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 (July, 2009)

9.2 CAO

9.3 Director of Infrastructure Services

9.4 Director of Corporate Services

9.5 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 MO2009.137 Guidolin, Shoff to go in camera at 5:10 PM.

Carried unanimously.

15.1 Land Matter

MO2009.138 Berdahl, Yemen moved to revert to regular Council meeting at 5:56 PM.

Carried unanimously.

There being no further business the Deputy Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at at 5:56 PM.

DEPUTY MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER