

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



March 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

Councillor Don Guidolin was sworn in as Deputy Mayor for the months of March and April, 2009.

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

2.1 Mayor B. Nimmo presented a letter from Hon. Luke Ouellette, Minister of Transportation regarding the Building Canada Fund. Mayor Nimmo read his response letter to Hon. Luke Ouellette wherein the Town of Drumheller requests that Drumheller's Application #18239 dated May 18th, 2007 under the former CAMRIF Program be considered as a high priority unfunded project under the new Building Canada Fund –

Communities Component. The letter further advises that *“the Town is making amendments to this application based on the new terms of reference for the BCF-CC. The location for this project has been confirmed and the community based Steering Committee, working closely with Council has finalized the scope for the project which will include sports, culture, tourism and green components. This project is ready to move to the detailed design stage to allow for the tendering of the project.”*

2.2 Mayor Nimmo provided an update on the Canadian Badlands Association Annual General Meeting held in Brooks on March 26th. He noted that the highlight of the meeting was the presentation on the Rural Alberta Development Fund Application by Kent Stewart. The application is for \$5.5m and it is hopeful that the grant submission will be approved in early April. He explained that if the application is successful it would mean that the board can move ahead at a quicker pace to make the Canadian Badlands a major tourist destination. He further advised that Karen Ann Bertamini's one year term as President has expired and she will now assume the position of Past President with the new President being elected from the new board of directors at their next meeting.

2.3 Mayor Nimmo asked Councillors to consider their attendance at the FCM Attendance to be held in Whistler, BC from June 5th – 8th.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MO2009.51 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 – February 17, 2009

MO2009.52 Berdahl, Shoff moved the adoption of the regular Council meeting of February 17, 2009 as presented. Carried.

5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission – February 11, 2009

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 R. Romanetz presented Bylaw 6.09 – 09 being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw with changes to the wording for definitions, accessory buildings and uses, structures,

benches and various signs. He stated that since the Municipal Development Plan and the Land Use Bylaw were amended one year ago, a number of housekeeping issues and other policy issues that have been brought to the attention of Administration and the Municipal Planning Commission which need to be addressed. For instance some definitions did not match the wording of the Provincial Acts and Regulations, i.e. day homes, and the wording has now been changed to match the actual definitions used within the Acts. He further stated that the changes will make the Land Use Bylaw more user friendly. He advised that MPC have reviewed the bylaw and accept the recommendations as proposed. He stated that if Council agrees to first reading, Brad Wiebe will be in attendance at the Public Hearing to explain the changes in greater detail.

MO2009.53 Yemen, McDonald for first reading to Bylaw 6.09. Carried.

8.1.2 RFD – 2009-2011 Budget

R. Romanetz advised that the 2009-2011 Budget Plan, 2009-2011 Corporate Plan, and the 2009-2011 Service Fee Schedule were presented for Council's consideration at their Council Meeting of February 17, 2009. He stated that the three year budget projects a 3% increase in taxes each year. He stated that two separate motions are required.

Councillor T. Yemen asked for a recorded votes on both motions.

MO2009.54 Bertamini, Berdahl that Council approve the 2009 – 2011 Corporate Plan which includes the 2009 Strategic Business Plan and the 2009-2011 Service Fee Schedule.

Discussion on Motion:

Councillor K. Bertamini asked if the Service Fee Schedule could be amended within the three year timeframe. R. Romanetz confirmed yes. Councillor T. Yemen referred to the After School Care wages increase from \$21,000 to \$58,000 and asked for an explanation. P. Salvatore advised that one position was formally funded partially through a grant and that position is now provided through the Town. Councillor T. Yemen referred to the Capital Budget for wastewater and asked if the \$3M borrowing is moving forward. R. Romanetz advised that the borrowing has been advertised with no objections received. He further advised that Council has reviewed the proposed funding sources for the project which include grant funding under the Alberta Municipal Infrastructure, Municipal Sustainability Initiative, CAMRIF and Alberta Water and Wastewater Program.

Vote on Motion:

6 – in favour – Bertamini, Berdahl, McDonald, Shoff, Guidolin, Nimmo

1 - opposed - Yemen

Carried.

MO2009.55 Shoff, Bertamini that Council approve the 2009-2011 budget as presented.

Discussion on Motion:

Councillor McDonald stated that if full Council is hesitant to proceed with the budget approval, further discussions should be held. R. Romanetz stated Council has reviewed the budget in detail at several meetings and unless there are major concerns, he recommended that the budget be approved as projects will be delayed otherwise. He further explained that the millrate bylaw must be prepared based on the budget approval.

Vote on Motion:

5 – in favour – Bertamini, McDonald, Shoff, Guidolin, Nimmo

2 – opposed – Yemen, Berdahl.

Carried.

8.1.3 RFD – 2009 Capital Plan

R. Romanetz presented the 2009 Capital Plan for Council's consideration. He advised that the capital plan outlines the capital priorities for the Town for 2009 and also identifies how these proprieties are funded. He further explained that a very high priority project under the capital plan is the Wastewater Treatment Plant and a report will be presented to Council in two weeks. He stated that Administration has been working with Stantec and the Province and it is hopeful that costs will be reduced on both the capital and the operating side. He stated that the majority of the capital projects are contingent on grant funding from either the federal or provincial governments. He explained that with the exception of preliminary engineering, capital projects will not proceed until funding has been approved.

Councillor T. Yemen asked for a recorded vote:

MO2009.56 Bertamini, Guidolin that Council approve the 2009 Capital Plan, totalling \$28,390,960 in expenditures, as presented.

Vote on Motion:

6 in favour – Bertamini, Berdahl, McDonald, Shoff, Guidolin, Nimmo

1 – opposed - Yemen

Carried.

8.1.4 R. Romanetz provided an update on Operational Priorities as follows:

- Municipal Sustainability Plan - potential of working with AUMA has come to the forefront and it appears to be a good opportunity to take advantage of Provincial dollars with a small portion of the funding coming from Drumheller. He further explained that MSI operating grant dollars can be used in the preparation of MSP's with 70-80% of the costs borne through the AUMA.

- Community Facility - draft of application will be presented to Council, the Steering and Sub Committee members within the week. He explained that the Town will be asking Graham Edmunds Architecture to revise the plans to include the library. The deadline for the application submission is March 15th.

- Transportation Study – change to parallel parking and improved signage will be addressed. It is hopeful that the public will utilize the public parking areas as the number of stalls will be reduced following the change. Downtown Merchants will be notified as per the communication plan outlined in the study.
- Regional Recycling – discussions ongoing with amalgamating the Recycling Association with Drumheller & District Solid Waste Management Association. Cost would be \$10-12 per capita annually.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant – discussions held to reduce the size of the digester as it would still meet the 20 year design, resulting in a reduction in operational and maintenance costs of approximately \$1.4M over 20 years. The shipment of materials for the UV upgrades is on track and the project should be completed by mid-May. The advertisement process is now complete and a new approval will be issued within a short while for the Water Treatment Plant.

8.1.5 Update on Municipal Sustainability Planning Initiative Phase 4 Partnership Agreement

R. Romanetz advised that at a Council meeting last May a request was received from the Village of Beiseker for a joint Municipal Sustainability Planning initiative to develop a regional sustainability plan. He explained that the intentions were that each municipality's development of individual MSP's would be tailored to meet the needs of their own municipality within the framework of Partnership Agreement and would be used to develop overarching policies for a regional plan. He explained that the costs would be split evenly between participants. He stated that the joint application was approved and the first meeting was held in Beiseker last week. At that time, it was announced that David Amos, Palliser Regional Municipal Services would be the consultant on the project. A discussion was held with AUMA and David Amos on the need for flexibility in the time lines and approach to the development of the MSP as Drumheller may be at different stage of completion than other participating communities. Council indicated that they wish to proceed with the development of the MSP working with the AUMA and Palliser Regional Municipal Services however there would have to be flexibility for Drumheller's plan to be completed prior to the 2010 completion date.

8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

8.3 Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 Update on Town Page RFP

M. Roy advised that Request for Proposals, based on the strategy outlined at the Council meeting held on February 17th, close this week and it is hopeful that a report will be presented by at their next Council meeting of March 16th.

8.4 Director of Community Services

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL REPORTS BY

ADMINISTRATION (April 27, 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 presented a report on the Drumheller Public Library noting that their Service Business Plan in relation to the budget will be reviewed and updated based a three year period. She further explained that the Polaris implementation is up and running. A library conference will be held on April 23 to 26 with one member from the board attending. As the Council representative on the Marigold Library System, S. Shoff reported that Drumheller pays about \$98,000 to the Marigold System and receives \$119,000 in services from their system. She stated that the library did a presentation on the new community facility and they are in full agreement that it should be located there. The board are now discussing the requirements that the library would like to have in the new community facility. She further noted that Linda Traquair has submitted an application to be a member of the Design Sub Committee.

14.2 Councillor S. Shoff presented a report on the Communities in Bloom meeting held on February 19th and the main focus of discussion was on the plans for a community garden. She advised the Committee is hopeful that matching grant dollars will be approved for this project. She further noted that Earth Day, which is the one day to pitch in and help clean up Drumheller, is being planned for April 22nd. She further noted that the Committee agreed to compete in the judging this year for the Community in Bloom contest.

15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER