

# Town of Drumheller



## COUNCIL MEETING

### Minutes

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

#### **PRESENT:**

MAYOR:

Bryce Nimmo

#### COUNCIL:

Andrew Berdahl – arrived 4:38 P.M.

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:

Corinne Macdonald

### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER – 4:30 P.M.**

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

#### 2.1 Alberta Municipal Affairs – Regional Partnership Initiative Grant

Mayor B. Nimmo presented a letter from Minister Ray Danyluk, approving the grant of \$75,000. The grant will be used to enhance Palliser Region Information Systems Management through completion of a long-term action plan for the regional delivery of Geographic Information System (GIS) and Information Technology (IT) services. He commended all of the partners that worked on this project.

## 2.2. Alberta Housing & Urban Affairs – Increased Rental Rates

Mayor B. Nimmo presented a letter from Marcia Nelson, Deputy Minister advising the approval to increase the rental rates in the affordable housing apartment complex. The rental rates for a one-bedroom unit will be \$423 and for a two-bedroom unit \$483.

## 2.1 Alberta Health Services Event

Mayor B. Nimmo advised he attended the Alberta Health Services Event on March 26<sup>th</sup>, in Red Deer. There were 110 in attendance, including Mayors, Reeves, past DHA Directors, Steven Duckett, Australia. Some topics discussed were on Ambulance and stream lining dispatch services. Their hope is that a couple of areas they are working on will correct deficiencies in the Health area.

## 3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Terry Yemen – Chamber of Commerce Report

Karen Bertaimini – AUMA Awards

**MO2009.73** McDonald, Guidolin moved adoption of the agenda with additions. Cd.

### MINUTES

#### 5.1 ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

##### 5.1.1 Council Regular Meeting – March 16, 2009

**MO2009.74** Shoff, McDonald moved adoption of the minutes of March 16, 2009. Cd.

#### MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

##### 5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission – February 26, 2009

#### 5.3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

## 6.0 DELEGATIONS

### 6.1 Communities in Bloom

Patricia Parker and Chris Marion from the Badlands Community Gardens Society were present to provide some information on their group. C. Marion reported that Communities in Bloom have been active in Drumheller since 2004, earning the town a reputation for community engagement and winning a few Blooms along the way. They have done this with the support of Council, Infrastructure Services, and many individuals, organizations and businesses in the community. CIB are planning to build a network of community gardens throughout the valley for people who may not have enough land to grow vegetables and flowers. They are ready to start building their first garden on land leased from DARTS in Newcastle (914 Newcastle Trail). This required the creation of a Society separate from CIB, which will allow the society to qualify for various Government grants. The purpose of this Society is to provide accessible spaces where people can grow their

own food, beautify neighbourhoods and promote a sense of community pride, opportunities for exercise, and friendship.

Councillor A. Berdahl arrived at 4:38 P.M.

Work will commence as soon as weather permits. The garden will be able to start building vegetable beds made of concrete blocks, donated by the Warden, with the help of Inmates as soon as the lot is cleaned and graded. A community meeting will be held at Newcastle Hall on April 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00-9:00 P.M. to present the project to the neighbourhood and invite their ideas and comments. There will be a ground breaking ceremony in early May. Their request to Council would be to have Town crews grade the site, install the water and to contribute the cost of providing water to the garden during this summer until they have access to funding. Councillor B. McDonald noted he had heard that the food bank would be involved. P. Parker advised that is their intention and there will also be some space for this to be carried out. Mayor Nimmo inquired if people will go to the Society and ask for a space. P. Parker advised that there will be memberships sold and they will purchase the plot. Councillor B. McDonald asked for clarification on the water. P. Parker advised that the water will run from garden hoses; one would work but two would be better. Councillor K. Bertamini noted that she can see problems with the water, should have it metered. P. Parker noted that it can be metered. Councillor K. Bertamini asked if they could make arrangements with DARTS. P. Parker advised that they already asked DARTS and they said they were not interested. They have a five year lease with DARTS and there will be nothing put on the lot that can not be moved. A. Kendrick, Director of Infrastructure Services will take a look at the site to see how it could be serviced. The delegation left the meeting.

#### 6.2 Ron Zuke, Golden West Broadcasting – New FM Station 95.5 in Drumheller

Ron Zuke, Amber Mohl and Greg Garbutt were in attendance to provide an overview on the new FM Station. R. Zuke advised that they have completed the construction phase of the facility, they are located on a busy thorough fare and will have 10 staff working at the station. They will be launching a community [drumhelleronline.com](http://drumhelleronline.com) site that will have the local weather, sports, free job ads and local events, which will be launched before the end of the week. News staff will be updating the site up to three times a day. R. Zuke advised that the station will have a large range of music. Councillor T. Yemen asked if the station is going to be live 24/7. R. Zuke advised that they will be on 24/7, however because of the digital era, all of their music is on hard drive. The 6:00 to 9:00 AM morning show will be live, there will be weather updates and some other live programs throughout the day. R. Zuke advised that this Station is their 30<sup>th</sup> license; they have stations in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Their main footprint would be about ½ hour drive outside of Drumheller; Carbon, Delia, Hanna might be a stretch. The target start date is early May.

As part of their Marketing Plan they will be looking at linking to the Town website and will be working with businesses on their sites as well.

## **7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS**

#### **8.1 CAO**

8.1.1 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) - Engineering Agreement  
R. Romanetz advised that the TILMA between Alberta and British Columbia will be implemented on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2009. Under the requirements of TILMA, all purchases relative to consulting engineering services in excess of \$75,000 must be electronically posted and advertised in order to allow for submissions from any engineering firms in BC or Alberta. He advised that MPE Engineering Ltd. as stated in their letter dated March 17, 2009, has been providing quality engineering services for the Town of Drumheller since 1995 and they wish to continue the long standing relationship with the Town into the future. Over the past several months MPE has attended several workshops relative to TILMA in order to specifically understand the requirements of the agreement. At a provincially sponsored conference regarding the implementation of TILMA they were informed that should communities have existing long term agreements with their engineering consultants, prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2009, the requirements under TILMA will not apply until the engineering agreement has expired. R. Romanetz explained that MPE is suggesting the execution of an engineering services agreement between MPE Engineering Ltd. and the Town of Drumheller for an agreed upon term (five years). He further explained that it is not MPE's intent to bind the Town into an agreement which does not provide the Town with flexibility to retain other engineering firms in the future. The agreement has been structured in such a way that Council could, at their discretion, still solicit proposals from other engineering firms. He further explained that the agreement has been reviewed by the Town Solicitor and he did not have any concerns. If Town enters into the agreement with MPE, the Town has the flexibility of posting and advertising all purchases relative to consulting engineering services in excess of \$75,000 on TILMA. R. Romanetz advised that the motion could refer to MPE but at the same time could include other firms that the Town works with, such as AECOM and Stantec, but the agreement must be signed prior to TILMA being implemented on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, which does not allow for sufficient time to contact these other firms.

**MO2009.75** Yemen, Shoff that the Town of Drumheller enter into the Engineering Services Agreement with MPE Engineering Ltd. and to extend the same agreement to other engineering firms that the Town works with.

Discussion held on motion:

In response to a question from Council, R. Romanetz reiterated that the agreement applies only to the consulting engineering services not the contractors' tenders.

Motion carried.

Councillor K. Bertamini stated that a policy should be developed that addresses when the agreement should be utilized. R. Romanetz stated that a policy will be prepared for Council's review.

## **8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services**

### **8.2.1 RFD Valley Bus Proposal**

A. Kendrick reported that the Town in co-operation with VBS have been working with iTRANS Consulting to update the Transportation Study and other related transportation issues. The Proposal for the Drumheller Transit Feasibility and Review Study contains the project objectives and scope of work to be completed. The study will assist the Town and VBS with transportation planning, budgeting and the development of future plans to meet the needs of our residents.

Councillors T. Yemen and B. McDonald excused themselves at 6:05 PM from deliberation and voting on the matter as they are employed with the Valley Bus Society.

**MO2009.76** Berdahl, Shoff that Council approve \$25,968, including GST to complete the study prepared by iTrans Consulting Inc. as submitted with funding from a reduction to the Street Improvement Program.

Discussion held on motion:

In response to a question from Council, A. Kendrick advised that the Study will provide choices on restructuring VBS operations, funding options, and what different models are being used in other communities. Council members agreed this Study is necessary for VBS efficiencies as well as an integrated Transportation Plan. R. Romanetz noted that during budget discussions the Town asked VBS to develop a sustainable Business Plan. The Study should be completed in about 90 days.

Motion carried.

Councillors T. Yemen and B. McDonald returned to the meeting at 6:12 PM.

## **8.3 Director of Corporate Services**

### **8.3.1 By-Law 08-09 Drumheller Housing Administration Loan**

M. Roy noted that the Drumheller Housing Administration have asked the Town for a Loan and presented a draft of Bylaw 08-09. Councillor K. Bertamini advised that the Drumheller Housing Association are experiencing a cash flow problem for the short term due to Provincial funding not being received as of yet. She further explained that normally the Provincial dollars have been received by this time however it is expected in May. Their

request is for \$34,000 however the bylaw has been prepared for a loan of \$50,000 with repayment to the Town in one hundred and twenty (120) days from the date of third reading. M. Roy advised that the deficit funding is invoiced by the Province and paid by the Province. Councillor K. Bertamini stated that the loan must be repaid within 120 days, with interest however she was hopeful that Council would waive the interest payment. Council agreed to waive the interest rate. R. Romanetz advised that the issue of untimely payments to Drumheller Housing Association has been discussed with the Province however this is suppose to be an isolated incident.

**MO2009.77** Bertamini, Yemen first reading of Bylaw 08/09 as amended. Cd.

#### **8.4 Director of Community Services**

### **9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION (April 27, 2009)**

CAO

Director of Infrastructure Services

Director of Corporate Services

Director of Community Services

### **10.0 PUBLIC HEARING DECISIONS**

### **11.0 DELEGATION DECISIONS**

### **12.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **13.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

### **COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

14.1 Councillor T. Yemen advised that Motorcycle Madness event will hosting several bands / musical groups at the Drumheller Arena on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

14.2 Councillor K. Bertamini advised that the awards for AUMA need to be in by the first part of June. Mayor B. Nimmo has received a package from AUMA for Council's review.

**15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS MO2009.78** McDonald, Shoff to go in camera at 6:23 PM.  
Carried.

15.1 Personnel Matter

15.2 Land Matter

15.3 CAO / Council Organizational Success Session

**MO2009.79** McDonald, Berdahl to revert to regular Council meeting at 8:08 PM.  
Carried.

**MO2009.80** Shoff, Guidolin that Council approve a 5.0% increase for out of scope employees, to be retroactive to January 1, 2009. Carried.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER