

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



May 25, 2009 4:30 PM Council Chambers, Town Hall
703 - 2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta

PRESENT:

MAYOR:

Bryce Nimmo

COUNCIL:

Andrew Berdahl

Karen Bertamini

Don Guidilin

Blaine McDonald

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 proclaimed June 1 – 7 as Seniors' Week.

2.2 Mayor Nimmo presented a letter from Hon. Ron Stevens, Deputy Premier and Minister, International and Intergovernmental Relations advising that effective April 1, 2009 new provisions took effect under the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TIMLA). In his letter, Hon Stevens further advised that in response to the Government of Alberta's consultation with the MASH sector, the TILMA was amended in three significant ways with the most notable being the introduction of special procurement thresholds for the MASH sector. He further advised that a new website has been launched www.tilma.ca with

up to date information on TILMA.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition to Agenda: 8.1.3 DCT New Age Promotions Ltd.

MO2009.127 Berdahl, McDonald moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Carried unanimously.

4.0 MINUTES

5.1 ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1 Council Regular Meeting – May 11, 2009

MO2009.128 Shoff, McDonald moved to adopt the regular Council meeting minutes of May 11, 2009 as presented. Carried unanimously.

5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission – April 30, 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 RFD – Drumheller Recycling Association – Resolution

R. Romanetz presented the resolutions which propose to form a regional recycling program that will serve the Town of Drumheller and surrounding communities.

MO2009.129 Guidolin, Bertamini that Council agrees that the Drumheller Recycling Association be dissolved and to transfer its business, assets and obligations to the Drumheller & District Solid Waste Management Association effective January 1, 2010; on the condition that the Drumheller & District Solid Waste Management continues the operation and honours all obligations of the Drumheller Recycling Association.

Discussion on Motion:

Councillor K. Bertamini asked if the regional recycling program will be operated by the DDSWM or by a different board. R. Romanetz stated that the regional recycling program will be operated by the DDSWM Association with membership from municipal representation.

Vote on Motion: Carried unanimously.

MO2009.129A Guidolin, Shoff that Council agrees that the Drumheller & District Solid Waste Management Association hereby establishes a Regional Recycling Program for the collection, hauling and processing of household recyclable materials and further that the Town of Drumheller participate in the Regional Recycling Program and pay such levies to the Association for the operation of the Regional Recycling Program as may be directed by the Association from time to time.

Discussion on Motion:

Councillor A. Berdahl asked the process if a municipality did not wish to participate. R. Romanetz stated that the bylaw allows for a municipality to provide a Notice to Withdraw from the Association. Councillor S. Shoff asked for clarification on the per capita cost. R. Romanetz advised that the approximate \$10.00 - \$12.00 per capital fee will be requisitioned to the membership however the per capital fee may vary slightly as it is dependant on whether the full municipal membership will participate and the amount of the contract awarded. He explained that the monthly recycling fee currently charged to residents may be increased by \$1.00-\$2.00 per month / capita.

Vote on Motion: Carried unanimously.

8.1.2. Update on Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program

R. Romanetz advised that he and Michael Roy attended a meeting on grant submissions where a new grant program was announced, Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program (RINC) and the grant dollars are to be used for renovations to existing recreational facilities. He further advised that Administration is recommending that the grant dollars be accessed for improvements to the arena (new refrigeration system to be tied into the existing building and expansion for a second ice surface) and aquaplex (new HVAC system (1975) which would resolve the humidity problem and a new water slide). He explained that the key consideration is energy savings and efficiency for long term savings. The total cost for the improvements would be in the range of \$2 - \$3M. There will be \$50M grant dollars disbursed across Alberta. Applications must be submitted by May 29, 2009. He stated that this is a matching grant and if approved, the Town will have to spend \$1M which could be achieved through MSI borrowing or reserves. Council recommended other items such as the tennis courts and dry land training area at the outdoor pool to be included in the application.

MO2009.130 McDonald, Berdahl that Administration move forward with the application with the components as outlined.

Discussion on Motion.

Application to be sent to Council in draft form. R. Romanetz advised that Council will have an opportunity to determine what work is carried out on a priority basis as there may be a two year scope to complete the improvements.

Vote on Motion: Carried unanimously.

R. Romanetz presented information on a second grant program, Community Adjustment Fund, however it mainly relates to non profit organizations and those communities who have lost significant employment in a single industry. It was agreed that Council would review to determine if there is a fit within the Town.

8.1.3 DCT New Age Promotions Ltd.

R. Romanetz presented information from Darcy Thompson, DCT New Age Promotions Ltd. requesting permission to erect an electronic 9' x 12' LED free standing sign which will serve as a message board for advertising special events and promoting tourism in the Valley. The sign would be located on the west side of the Drumheller and District Chamber of Commerce building, facing the fountain. He explained that the land is owned by the Town of Drumheller and leased by the Chamber. He stated that originally the sign was to be placed on the Chamber's building however it is to be a free standing sign. He stated that the MPC were generally in favour of the application however they felt approval would have some potential for setting precedent for third party signs on park land.

MO2009.131 Shoff, Bertamini moved that DCT New Age Promotions Ltd. be permitted to erect a sign as per a lease agreement with the Town of Drumheller.
Carried unanimously.

8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

8.2.1 RFD (Direction) – CB District Transportation Study

A. Kendrick advised that Council has heard comments on the CB – Central Business District Transportation Study from business owners and the public at large at two open houses held on April 30th and May 20th. He asked Council for direction on the alternates presented.

Council agreed that recommendations from the public input should be considered and there was need for improvement on directional signage along 2nd Street and to upgrade traffic signals at the intersection of 2nd Street and 3rd Avenue. Discussion held on the 2nd Avenue West intersection problems, and the need for long term planning to include additional parking.

MO2009.132 Bertamini, Guidolin go in camera at 5:42 PM to discuss the land matter.
Carried unanimously.

MO2009.133 Guidolin, Shoff to revert to regular Council meeting at 6:00 PM. Carried unanimously.

Council agreed that a meeting be arranged with Hon. Jack Hayden to discuss the problems at the 2nd Avenue West intersection.

Mayor Bryce Nimmo asked to speak to the matter and gave the chair to Deputy Mayor McDonald. Mayor Nimmo stated that there has been good discussion on the matter and that he does not feel the tourists are impacting our downtown traffic but it is normal regular traffic. He stated that from his observations, there is sufficient parking in the downtown core and he understands that the merchants want parking in front of their businesses. He stated that he is not certain how traffic will flow once the construction on the bridge is completed. He recommended not to move forward at this stage. Mayor Bryce Nimmo resumed the chair.

Council agreed to table the matter until their next Council meeting.

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

15.1 Land Matter (discussed under 8.2.1)

Council congratulated Administration on the efforts in preparing a successful Building Canada Fund application for the Badlands Community Facility.

Mayor Nimmo adjourned the meeting at 6:16 PM.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER