

Town of Drumheller COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 23, 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 SERVICE

Allan Kendrick

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Micheal Roy

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Paul Salvatore

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Linda Handy

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK

- 2.1 Mayor Bryce Nimmo presented a letter from Hon. Fred Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security advising that \$75,342 for the 2009-10 Police Officer New Hires Grant was transferred to the Town of Drumheller on September 30, 2009. In his letter, Hon. Lindsay states that this is the first payment for one officer for the period of April 1 to December 31, 2009 and is prorated based on the date of the new hire to a maximum of 275 days.
- 2.2 Mayor Bryce Nimmo presented a letter from Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs advising that together with the Safety Codes Council and Municipal Affairs has undertaken a review of the SCA to consider a

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variety of possible updates and changes. In his letter, Hon. Danyluk states that the next step in their review is to engage municipalities and other key stakeholders in a broad consultation.

- 2.3 Mayor Bryce Nimmo presented a letter from Hon. Luke Ouellette, Minister of Transportation announcing that the 2008-09 Annual Report and Highlights are now available on their website at <http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/601.htm>.
- 2.4 Mayor Bryce Nimmo presented a letter from Mr. John Cantafio, Inspector, RCMP District Commander Southern Alberta District providing an update on the ongoing planning for the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Councillor K. Bertamini questioned if overtime costs incurred from the loss of the officer(s) to the 2010 Winter Olympics will be reimbursed. She stated that Administration needs to request Staff Sgt. to track any overtime costs as such and that Council should lobby to have these costs recovered.

- 2.5 Future CN Rail Continuance Recovery Plan
Mayor Bryce Nimmo advised that he along with the CAO attended a meeting in Hanna where the group discussed the future of the rail line. He stated that Palliser Regional Municipal Services Ltd. has been given the task to develop a recovery plan for the proposed rail line discontinuance announced by CN Railway in November 2008. He further stated that a Steering Committee has been established that includes representatives from communities located along the rail line. Rail West Management Ltd., a short line railway consulting company, has prepared a Business Plan which identifies that it is feasible to acquire the assets of the line before it can be abandoned. The Badlands Railway Company has been incorporated pursuant to the Alberta Business Corporations Act for the purposes of the purchase - lease of the Oyen and Drumheller Subdivisions (near Oyen to Lyalta). Public meetings are being held at Oyen, Hanna, Delia, Morrin, Drumheller, Rosebud and Lyalta to inform the public about the upcoming abandonment and ways to prevent it. Drumheller's meeting will be held on December 3rd at 6:00 PM at the Civic Centre. R. Romanetz advised that the Business Plan indicates that purchasing the rail line is a viable option and that those stakeholders who will benefit the most will need to contribute the necessary dollars. Mayor Nimmo encouraged Council to attend the public meeting to be more informed following which Council will discuss the matter in greater detail. .

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: 13.1 Councillor T. Yemen - Drumheller Chamber of Commerce and 13.2 Atlas Coal Mine

MO2009.207 Shoff, McDonald moved to approve the agenda as amended. Carried unanimously.

5.0 MINUTES

5.1. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2009

MO2009.208 Bertamini, Guidolin moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2009 as presented. Carried unanimously.

5.2. MINUTES OF MEETING 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

8.2. Director of Infrastructure Services

8.2.1 RFD - Solid Waste Services Agreement Extension

A. Kendrick advised that the residential garbage collection contract with H & H Huxted Enterprises Ltd. expires on December 31, 2009. He stated that after reviewing other municipal waste management practices, it is best that the Town's automated cart system be implemented in the Spring of 2010. He explained that this time would allow the contractor time to set up or order carts and other related equipment necessary to carry out the contract. He further stated that this timeframe would allow more time to inform the residents of the changes. Administration is recommending that the contract be extended for six months to June 30, 2010.

MO2009.209 Bertamini, Berdahl moved that the Town of Drumheller extend the existing waste collection contract with H & H Huxted Enterprises Ltd. to June 30, 2010 based on the attached proposal.

Discussion on motion:

Councillor B. McDonald questioned the exclusiveness of the agreement and that he has heard from other businesses that would like to procure this contract. R. Romanetz advised that the contract will be open to the public

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process in six months. Councillor S. Shoff questioned why the contract requires two extensions. A. Kendrick stated that Council has directed Administration to prepare an environmentally responsible waste management strategy of which the best timeframe for implementation is in the Spring 2010. This timeframe is required to allow for the tender and evaluation process and for the contractor to order the necessary equipment. R. Romanetz advised that the previous proposal was for an extension to April 30, 2010 however this is not sufficient time and a 90 day extension is needed to June 30, 2010. Councillor McDonald asked if the contract has extension rates built in. R. Romanetz confirmed that any extensions were based on inflation rates however because the contract has expired this extension was negotiated.

Vote on Motion carried unanimously

8.2.2 Update on the Gordon Taylor Bridge Improvements

A. Kendrick advised that Alberta Transportation has provided an update on the bridge improvements. Their comments state that the rehabilitation work and sidewalk widening on the bridge was completed earlier this fall but the galvanizing of the pedestrian bridge rail failed to meet Alberta Transportation standards. He further explained that the contractor, Concreate USL is now the process of removing and regalvanizing the bridge rail only one side of the bridge rail at a time to allow one sidewalk to remain open and available to pedestrians while the other remains closed in the absence of the steel bridge rail. Temporary bridge rail, barricades and pedestrian signage have been put in place during the sidewalk closure and are being monitored. The contractor will then repeat the same process on the west bridge rail. In their comments, Alberta Transportation states that it is anticipated that the contractor will complete the work by the end of December.

8.3. Director of Corporate Services

8.4. Director of Community Services

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION

10.0 PUBLIC HEARING DECISIONS

11.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

13.0 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

13.1 Councillor T. Yemen advised that the Drumheller Chamber of Commerce has

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decided that they will submit an application to host the 2012 Alberta Chamber Conference (150 - 200 delegates).

13.2 Councillor T. Yemen advised that Atlas Coal Mine has mistakenly reported that 2010 was the 100th coal mining and the year should be 2011. He further stated that their Halloween Little Boo and Big Boo event in partnership with Canalta was successful with over 1200 in attendance.

14.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

MO2009.210 Berdahl, Yemen moved to go in camera at 5:20 PM. Carried unanimously.

14.1 Regional Water Supply Update

MO2009.211 Yemen, Shoff to revert to regular Council meeting at 5:45 PM. Carried unanimously.

MO2009.212 Berdahl, Yemen that the Town of Drumheller accept the proposal from Kneehill Regional Water Services Commission dated November 19, 2009 subject to an immediate payment of \$20,000.00 plus interest charges for the outstanding 2008 deficit of \$38,880.00. Carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:46 PM.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
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