

# **Town of Drumheller COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**March 1, 2010 at 4:30 PM**

**Council Chamber, Town Hall**

703-2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta



## **PRESENT:**

DEPUTY MAYOR:

Karen Ann Bertamini

COUNCIL:

Andrew Berdahl

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

ABSENT: Mayor Bryce Nimmo

## **1.0 CALL TO ORDER @ 4:30 PM**

## **2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK**

- 2.1 Deputy Mayor Karen Bertamini advised that Drumheller will host AUMA's Board of Directors' Offsite Meeting in August 2010. She stated that this is an opportunity for the Town to showcase our community. She explained that the Town will host members from across the Province for three (3) days - 15 members plus their staff will be in attendance.
- 2.2 Deputy Mayor Karen Bertamini presented a letter from Hon. Hector Goudreau, Minister of Municipal Affairs announcing the 2010 Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) capital and operating allocations, program guidelines and

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project application forms. Drumheller's MSI allocation is \$1,804,403 which includes capital project funding of \$1,449,952 and conditional operating funding of \$354,451.

- 2.3 Deputy Mayor Karen Bertamini presented a letter from Hon. Luke Ouellette, Minister of Transportation regarding Federal Gas Tax Fund (previously identified as New Deal for Cities and Communities). In his letter, Hon. Ouellette advises that "*under the FGTF, the Town's 2010-11 grant amount is \$442,051 and will be the same for each of the years 2010-11 to 2013-14*".
- 2.4 Deputy Mayor Karen Bertamini presented a letter from Hon. Luke Ouellette regarding the cost shared funding under the 2010 Transportation grant program: Street Improvement Program grant in the amount of \$475,920 based on \$60 per capita and a population of 7932.
- 2.5 Deputy Mayor Karen Bertamini presented a letter from Cindy Clark, President, Drumheller and District Chamber of Commerce. In her letter Cindy Clark advises that, "*A recent poll of our membership was conducted to determine if our members were in favour or opposed to changing to parallel parking along 3rd Avenue from Centre Street to 2nd Street West. Of our 231 members, 115 responses were received. 85% of the 115 responses were opposed to parallel parking, with 37 downtown businesses indicating their opposition. 9% (10 out of 115 members) were in favour of parallel parking, while 6% (7 out of 115) were undecided*".

Deputy Mayor Bertamini advised that last week Council agreed unanimously to appoint a Task Force to review parking options. The Task Force will consist of two Councillors (Berdahl and McDonald), 2 members of Chamber (Barry Fullerton and Mike Todor), 2 members of the Downtown Drumheller Merchants Committee (John Shoff and Jerry Schuler) and two members from the public at large (selected from five applications by the above noted appointees). The Task Force will present their recommendations to Council in the near future.

### **3.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

### **4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MO2010.51** Berdahl, McDonald moved that the agenda of March 1, 2010 be adopted as presented. Carried unanimously.

### **5.0 MINUTES**

#### **5.1. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

5.1.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2010

Councillor T. Yemen stated that he voted against the adoption of MO2010.46 municipal heritage options and asked that the minutes be amended as such.

**MO2010.52** Yemen, Shoff moved to adopt the minutes of February 16, 2010 as amended. Carried unanimously.

## **5.2. MINUTES OF MEETING PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION**

5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2010

## **5.3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

## **6.0 DELEGATIONS**

6.1 Wilf Golbeck - Manager / Terry Beaupre - Power Line Technician Team Lead / Bridget Unland - Customer Service Representative - ATCO Electric  
Presenter - Terry Beaupre provided an overview of the Drumheller District System Improvement Projects for 2010 as follows:

- New main line (along North Dinosaur Trail) - new subdivision and St. Anthony school will be fed underground; green boxes installed above ground.
- New main line (Spray Park) - new feeder ability to fed on new circuit as well as existing infrastructure; there will be no issue with capacity; old structures removed in the Spray Park area; three circuits into Town for the next 30 years;
- New main line (Airport) - scheduled to start after tourist season with some initial work proceeding in May but will stop when tourist season starts and restart in September; ;
- Main Line Upgrades and Realignments (Midland Provincial Park) - structure that are unsightly will be replaced with more aesthetically pleasing structures; environmental impacts; work starts this month.
- Rural main line upgrade & realignment- circuit will feed to Carbon and Three Hills (rural) customers; no capacity issue
- Future projects includes Nacmine & Outlying Communities - current issues insufficient clearance and aesthetics; Nacmine area does not meet today's standards for electrical installations - clearance issues and unsightly; relocate lines to alley and some underground installations.

Presenter Bridget Unland provided the following overview:

- 2010 Cleanup of street lights fed by underground - connect temporary overhead lights which may cause some customers grief; sidewalks and grass may have to be dug up; direct approach to the Town and customers when undertaking this work. K. Bertamini asked if the Town would have input on whether or not there is a need for the street light. Bridget stated that the lights would be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- LED Lights - Town has asked to be part of the pilot project. There is increased interest in the use of LED technology with the recognized potential for cost savings. 2010 team to research LED lighting - reliability (timeline for review is the end of March and ATCO will share their findings).
- Timelines and community involvement - number of projects in the queue;

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important that adequate information on requirements are submitted or it will hold up a project and the project is moved to the bottom of the queue.

- Community Involvement - overview of their involvement - Teacher appreciation week. Olympic Torch Replay, Communities in Bloom, Safety Presentations, Community Symposium 2010 (Claresholm May 11th and Stettler May 13th) commend Town for Torch Relay organization.

W. Golbeck thanked the presenters. He stated that although some of the project timelines are lengthy, some issues become extensive that deal with safety and / the land easement process. He stated that their office is working with Town Administration to ensure electrical infrastructure for the Badlands Community Centre is in place on a timely basis. Once the agreement is signed, 6 months completion date. He also advised that there will be extensive upgrades along the Hanna corridor - issue is not capacity but planning for the future.

Mayor and Council thanked Terry, Bridget and Wilf for their presentations.

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

## **8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS**

### **8.1. CAO**

#### **8.1.1 RFD - Appointment to the Drumheller Library Board**

R. Romanetz advised that Terry Beaupre has been a long standing member on the Drumheller Library Board and has indicated an interest to serve for one additional year to assist the library through the transition period of the library move to the Badlands Community Facility. The Board feels that his input will be valuable to the process. The reappointment is in accordance with the Libraries Act which states that the reappointment requires a 2/3 majority vote from Council as his term of service to the Board exceeds the three consecutive terms allowed under the Act.

**MO2010.53** Shoff, Yemen moved to appoint Terry Beaupre to the Drumheller Library Board for an addition one year term to expire on December 31, 2010. Carried unanimously.

### **8.2. Director of Infrastructure Services**

#### **8.2.1 RFD (Direction) - Waste Collection Contract (Exclusive Franchise for Commercial Pickup)**

A. Kendrick advised that past practice has been to include commercial and residential into two separate contracts as exclusive franchises. He further explained that the Town has received requests to compile the tender packages both ways - first one being to just have residential collection under contract and leave the commercial collection for the open market - the second would be to remain as is (two separate exclusive franchise contracts). R.

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Romanetz advised that combining the two contracts may yield a better price. He further explained that some of the commercial operators have expressed a preference to choose their own service provider. R. Romanetz advised a further concern is currently that containers for cardboard collection are provided free of charge (included in commercial bin pickup price). If the commercial contract was eliminated, the Town would have to recover the cost for the collection of this recyclable through the mill rate, or the owner would have to pay for the recycling bin pickup or a specific charge would have to be levied against the commercial operators generating the cardboard. A. Kendrick advised that a solid waste collection survey of similar population communities has been provided for Council's review.

Council directed Administration to prepare the tender based on three separate contract prices: commercial, residential and combined prices.

### **8.3. Director of Corporate Services**

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

#### **8.4.1 Information Item - Municipal Heritage Program**

P. Salvatore presented a letter from Wayne Hove on behalf of Community Futures Big Country Investment Review Committee advising that their group is exciting to hear that the Town is engaging the Municipal Heritage Partnership Program. He further states in his letter that CFBC is pleased to provide a \$10,000 cash contribution toward the completion of the Heritage Inventory component as outlined in the Municipal Heritage Options and Alternatives document (December 2009). P. Salvatore stated that the Town will begin the process of preparing the application.

## **9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION**

## **10.0 PUBLIC HEARING DECISIONS**

## **11.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **12.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

### **12.1 Councillor Sharel Shoff provided Notice of Motion at Council's Meeting of February 16, 2010 which requires a seconder for the purpose of discussion:**

**MO2010.54** Shoff, Yemen that Council delay the implementation of parallel parking for one year, while the Town completes the offsite parking sites, evaluates the effectiveness of offsite parking and facilitate communication with the citizens at large.

Councillor S. Shoff stated that the motion has been brought forward because

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she was approached by business owners who have expressed concern with Council's motion of November 9th, 2010 with the selection of Alternative #1 from the iTRANS Final Report dated September, 2009. She further stated that the Town has time to reconsider their decision as two relevant reports have yet to be considered: MSI Report and the Tourism Study that includes a Transportation component (due September 2010). She further explained that a Downtown Parking Task Force will review the matter and provide their recommendation to Council by April 12th.

Councillor A. Berdahl stated that it is advisable to wait until Council reviews the Task Force recommendations.

Councillor B. McDonald asked for a friendly amendment to delay the vote on the motion until the recommendations of the Task Force have been presented to Council.

**MO2010.55** Shoff, Yemen that Council defer the vote on **MO2010.54** to Council's meeting of April 26th, 2010 to allow the Task Force to present their recommendations to Council.

Vote on Motion:

In Favour - Yemen, McDonald, Bertamini, Shoff, Berdahl

Opposed - Guidolin

Motion Carried.

### 13.0

#### **COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Deputy Mayor Karen Bertamini presented a letter of support from herself to the Friends of Sunshine Lodge which supports their grant application to the Community Initiatives Program for an upgrade to their electrical system in order for the seniors to purchase air conditioning units for their rooms.

#### **14.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS**

MO2010.56 Shoff, Yemen to go in camera at 6:13 PM. Carried unanimously.

14.1 Legal Matter

14.2 Personnel Matter

**MO2010.57** Yemen, Shoff to revert to regular Council meeting at 7:22 PM. Carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the Deputy Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

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DEPUTY MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
OFFICER