

Town of Drumheller COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2010 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

- 1.1 Councillor Karen Ann Bertamini was sworn in as Deputy Mayor for the months of January and February, 2010.

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK

- 2.1 Mayor Bryce Nimmo presented a letter from Lloyd Bentz, General Manager, Alberta Lottery Fund announcing the 2009 Municipal Recreation / Tourism Area annual operating grant in the amount of \$8,000 for the Newcastle Beach Recreation Area.
- 2.2 Mayor Bryce Nimmo proclaimed January 17 - 23, 2009 as "National Non-Smoking Week".

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- 2.3 Councillor Don Guidolin excused himself from deliberation and voting on this matter. He left the meeting at 4:32 PM.

Mayor Bryce Nimmo advised that Councillor Don Guidolin has requested medical leave for surgery from January 21st to March 5th, 2010. He further advised that a motion is required under Section 174(1)(d) of the Municipal Government Act to cover this period of absence.

MO2010.10 Shoff, Bertamini that Council authorize the absence of Councillor Don Guidolin from February 1st to March 31, 2010 for medical reasons. Carried unanimously.

Councillor Don Guidolin returned to the meeting at 4:33 PM.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

ADDITION: 13.2 Councillor Terry Yemen - Drumheller Ag Society Report

MO2010.11 Shoff, Yemen 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 January 4, 2010

MO2010.12 Yemen, Berdahl moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2010 as presented. Carried unanimously..

5.2. MINUTES OF MEETING PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

- 5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2009

5.3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.0 DELEGATIONS

- 6.1 Drumheller Olympic Torch Run Committee Report - Chair John Sparling thanked the Committee for their involvement in organizing an exceptional event held on January 16th at the Canadian Badlands Passion Play. He introduced the Committee as follows: Elaine Piwin, Andy Newman, Mike

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Hanley, Sue Backs, Jay Garbutt, Linda Traquair, Doug Wade, Luigi Vescarelli, Becky Kowalchuk, Mike Dooley, Liana Mohan, Ron Zuke, and Mayor Bryce Nimmo. He thanked the following companies and organizations: RBC, The Royal Tyrrell Museum, The Canadian Badlands Passion Play Society, The Drumheller Institution, Atco Electric, Encana and the Town of Drumheller who provided assistance in many areas, including the site preparation and fire works. He thanked the local entertainers and the community as a whole for their support and enthusiasm. He recognized the excellent efforts of Ray Telford as the liaison with the Olympic Committee and the many hours he spent organizing the Olympic mits and national television coverage as well as many other duties. He stated that through the coordinated efforts of all involved, the many volunteer hours, the many community minded corporate leadership and professional skills and the manpower resulted in an event that was phenomenal. He stated that the Master of Ceremonies commented on the uniqueness of the site, the overwhelming turnout of residents, the excellence in planning, the volunteer spirit of the community and the community pride. Mayor Nimmo and Council thanked the Committee for all their efforts and hard work. He presented the Olympic Torch 083, the Provincial pins and noted that a plaque will be forthcoming from the Federal Government - all of which will be on display at the new community facility. Elaine Piwin of the RBC presented the Town of Drumheller with a cheque for \$5,000 under their Olympic Torch legacy funds for the new community facility as well as a painting by Artist "Fritz" which was painted in eight minutes. She stated that a painting is given to each of the celebration communities of which Drumheller was one. Mayor Nimmo thanked Elaine for RBC's donation to the new facility and stated that the painting will be displayed at the facility.

7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS

8.1. CAO

8.1.1 Bylaw 02.10 being a bylaw to provide a loan to the Drumheller Housing Administration - 2nd and 3rd readings

R. Romanetz advised that Bylaw 02.10 received first reading on January 4th and was advertised for two consecutive weeks with no concerns or objections received from the public. He recommended that Council proceed to second and third readings.

MO2010.13 Bertamini, McDonald for second reading to Bylaw 02.10.

Discussion on Motion:

Councillor K. Bertamini expressed concern that the repayment timeframe of 180 days from the date of third reading may not be suitable. She asked that the bylaw be amended to reflect the loan repayment prior to year end.

Councillor McDonald agreed to the amendment.

MO2010.14 Bertamini, McDonald moved the amendment for the repayment date to be 330 days from the date of third reading.

Councillor B. McDonald asked if the amendment would require the bylaw to be readvertised. R. Romanetz stated that the repayment period for 330 days does not materially change the context of the bylaw and it would not have to be readvertised.

Vote on MO2010.14 Carried unanimously.

Vote on MO2010.13 as amended. Carried unanimously.

MO2010.15 Shoff, Guidolin for third reading to Bylaw 02.10 as amended .

Carried unanimously.

8.1.2 Bylaw 03.10 being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw (Applicant: Yavis) - 1st reading

R. Romanetz advised that the applicant wishes to construct a kennel on his property which is located on an area of land between Cambria and East Coulee adjacent to the river. He further advised that the parcel of land is developed as a campground. He stated that currently the Land Use Bylaw does not allow this use under CR - Country Residential and an amendment is required. He recommended that Council proceed to first reading to allow for the public hearing process to be held on February 1st.

MO2010.16 Yemen, Bertamini for first reading to Bylaw 03.10.

Councillor B. McDonald asked if the proposed amendment was reviewed by the Municipal Planning Commission. R. Romanetz stated that the proper procedure for hearing any comments, including the MPC's, is at the Public Hearing. He further explained that in the past, the MPC has provided their comments in advance however all comments should be presented at the Public Hearing and this will become the practice for all future land use amendments. Councillor A Berdahl asked that the adjacent neighbors be notified. R. Romanetz advised that notification to the adjacent neighbors is a requirement under the Municipal Government Act.

Vote on Motion: Carried unanimously.

8.1.3 Bylaw 04.10 being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw 10.08 (Applicant: Bosch) - 1st reading

R. Romanetz advised that the applicant wishes to subdivide a parcel of land located in the Nacmine area. He further explained that the proposal is to split an existing duplex with the construction of a firewall for the creation of two properties. He further explained that the land use change from a R-1 to R-2 Residential District would allow the property owner to sell half of the property. He recommended that Council proceed to first reading to allow for the Public Hearing process to be held on February 1st.

MO2010.17 Bertamini, Shoff for first reading to Bylaw 04.10. Carried unanimously.

8.1.4 Bylaw 05.10 being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw 10.08 (Applicant - Verado Ridge Homes Inc) - 1st reading

R. Romanetz advised that the applicant wishes to reclassifiy property in the Bankview area with the proposal to create seven new parcels and an existing

corner lot will remain. He further stated that one of the conditions of subdivision requires the applicant to reclassify the property from CR - Country Residential to R1a - Residential District. He recommended that Council proceed to first reading to allow for the Public Hearing process to be held on February 1st.

MO2010.18 Berdahl, Guidolin for first reading to Bylaw 05.10. Carried unanimously.

8.1.5 Bylaw 06.10 Road Closure Bylaw - 1st reading

R. Romanetz advised that the applicant wishes to close the undeveloped road allowance for consolidation with his adjacent property. He stated that the parcel of land is located at the east end of Nacmine. He stated that the road closure will be advertised for two weeks and a Public Hearing will be held to hear any concerns of the proposal as outlined in the Bylaw. He explained that following the Public Hearing the document is referred to Alberta Transportation for their review and approval of the Minister.

MO2010.19 Shoff, Yemen for first reading to Bylaw 06.10. Carried.

8.1.6 Bylaw 07.10 Utility Rate Bylaw

R. Romanetz presented Bylaw 07.10 being the new utility rate bylaw. He explained that the rate proposal as prepared by Administration was based on direction from Council. He stated that the bylaw contains a fixed minimum water rate of \$10.00 monthly plus \$1.54 per cubic metre (increase from \$1.50 per cubic metre) and a fixed monthly charge for sewer of \$10.00 plus \$1.60 per cubic metre (sewage volume is calculated at 80% of water consumption). He further explained that there will be a wastewater rate rider for 2008 of \$0.1001 per cubic meter for another month or two to collect revenue deficiency identified in 2009. R. Romanetz further explained that apartment blocks and manufactured homes will now be included under "Dwelling Unit". He stated that institutional properties and secondary suites are excluded.

He referred to the capital contribution of \$1.8M as part of an agreement with Kneehill Regional Water Services Commission and stated that although the cash was paid to the Town the contribution is considered to be a liability (\$75,000) to be amortized over 25 years which reduces the cost of water to KRWSC. The \$75,000 per year had previously been placed in a reserve however with the introduction of full cost recovery this annual contribution becomes part of the Town's annual revenue requirements thereby reducing the amount required from our ratepayers.

He further explained that the Town will offer an average bill payment for utilities in the near future - this will be done through a policy as opposed to insertion in the Bylaw.

MO2010.20 Bertamini, Berdahl for first reading to Bylaw 07.10. Carried unanimously.

MO2010.21 McDonald, Guidolin for second reading to Bylaw 07.10. Carried unanimously.

MO2010.22 Bertamini, McDonald for no objection to Bylaw 07.10. Carried unanimously.

MO2010.23 Berdahl, McDonald for third reading to Bylaw 07.10. Carried unanimously.

8.1.7 RFD - 2010 Strategic Business Plan

R. Romanetz presented the 2010 Strategic Business Plan as established at Council's Annual Retreat held on November 26 & 27 and facilitated by Gord Faciliator. He stated that Council has identified the 2010 Corporate Priorities as: Municipal Sustainability Plan, New Tourism Strategy, Main Street Feasibility Role, Downtown Traffic Study, Capital 10 Year Multi Plan, and Post Secondary Institute. He stated that updates on the work priorities will be provided to Council throughout the year.

MO2010.24 McDonald, Yemen to adopt the 2010 Strategic Business Plan as presented. Carried unanimously.

8.2. Director of Infrastructure Services

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 Sharel Shoff provided an update on the Drumheller Library Meeting held on January 14th. She advised that the board is preparing their budget which will be presented to Council shortly. She highlighted the Society's fundraising activities which include the Real Alternatives movies, soup and bun at the Farmers Market, selling cloth library bags, and a wine tasting event. She stated that the Library will issue free youth memberships in 2009. She also advised that they will be conducting a needs assessment survey - asking six library users and six non users for their opinions. She stated that

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the Library is recruiting for two new board members. She noted that there were 54217 entrances to the library in 2009.

13.2 Councillor Terry Yemen provided an update on the Drumheller Ag Society's Annual Meeting held on January 12th. He stated that elections were held with results as follows: President - Larry Duxbury; 1st Vice President - Mike Hanson; and 2nd Vice President - Gordon McKinnon. He stated that the WPCA has been moved to June 18 - 20 (the Ag Society were promised a reduction in cost and assistance with more with sponsorship). He stated that the July timeslot went to Bonnyville. He further noted discussions are ongoing with the RCMP for a musical ride to be held on July 12 or 13 with two performances each 1/2 hour in length. He stated that for the remaining events they are looking at similar events as last year: Dirt Track, Demo Derby and Tractor Pull. He stated that the Ag Society is working with the Drumheller Gymnastics for a long term lease from October to May of each year.

14.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER