

Town of Drumheller COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 2011 at 4:30 PM
Council Chamber, Town Hall
703-2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta



PRESENT:

MAYOR:

Terry Yemen

COUNCIL:

Andrew Berdahl

Jay Garbutt

Lisa Hansen-Zacharuk

Sharel Shoff

Doug Stanford

Tom Zariski

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 REMARK

2.1 Mayor Terry Yemen proclaimed May 31, 2011 as World No Tobacco Day.

2.2 Mayor T. Yemen proclaimed June 6 – 12, 2011 as Seniors' Week.

2.3 Mayor T. Yemen presented a letter from Brian Reid, Infrastructure Manager, Alberta Transportation advising that a grant in the amount of \$475,920 was transferred to the Town of Drumheller. This amount represents the total grant payment under the 2011 Basic Municipal Transportation Grant (BMTG).

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MO2011.198 Garbutt, Shoff moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

5.0 MINUTES

5.1. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2011

MO2011.199 Shoff, Hansen-Zacharuk moved to adopt the minutes of May 9, 2011 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

8.1.1 Bylaw 10.11 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw (Education Facility - HWY C)

R. Romanetz presented Bylaw 10.11 being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw 10.08 Section 32 Hwy-C – Highway Commercial District by adding Education Facility – Unconventional to the list of discretionary uses. He recommended that Council proceed to first reading to allow for the public hearing process.

MO2011.200 Shoff, Berdahl for first reading of Bylaw 10.11.

In response to a question from Council, R. Romanetz explained that although the addition would impact all of the Hwy-C Districts within the Town of Drumheller, the applicant is proposing to use the vacant office space (Q91 building) for this purpose.

Vote on Motion: Carried unanimously.

8.1.2 RFD - Strategic Business Plan

R. Romanetz provided an overview of the Strategic Business Plan as developed by Council and Administration at their workshop held on

March 3 and 4, 2011.

MO2011.201 Shoff, Zariski that Council approve the Strategic Business Plan as presented. Carried unanimously.

- 8.1.3 RFD - Marigold Library System - Amendment to Schedule C
R. Romanetz advised the Schedule C forms part of the Agreement between member municipalities and the Marigold Library System. It sets the levy for municipalities and library boards. Since 2007, the Town of Drumheller has paid \$4.70 per capita (\$37,280.40). Marigold Library Systems is proposing an increase for each of the next three years: 2012 - \$4.90 per capita; 2013 - \$5.25 per capita and 2014 - \$5.60 per capita. He further stated that Marigold Library System will need 60% of the parties to agree in order to move forward.

MO2011.201 Hansen-Zacharuk, Shoff approve an Amendment to Schedule C of the Agreement between the Parties comprising the Marigold Library System for 2012, 2013 and 2014.

In response to a question from Council, it was understood that both the Library and the Town of Drumheller would pay a per capita fee.

Vote on Motion:

In favour – Zariski, Garbutt, Yemen, Shoff, Berdahl, Hansen-Zacharuk
Opposed - Stanford
Carried.

- 8.1.4 Information - Proposed Streetlight Group Standards
R. Romanetz advised that about two years ago, the Town of Drumheller agreed to go with the AUMA Program in terms of retailing of power and gas. One of the concerns at that time was the Town had 1000 street lights and was billed a monthly charged for each of the identifiers for the streetlights, which amounted to \$20,000. This charge was not consistent throughout the Province. He explained that the former Council chose to request AUMA to lobby the Alberta Utilities Commission on behalf of the municipalities to treat streetlights in a consistent manner across Alberta. The letter advises that the change has been made which will now provide the flexibility for streetlight customers to customize the grouping of streetlights to better align with their operating and accounting requirements which will be a cost savings to the Town of \$20,000.

8.2. Director of Infrastructure Services

8.3. Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 Bylaw 09.11 Tax Rate Bylaw - third reading
MO2011.202 Shoff, Zariski for third reading of Bylaw 09.11. Carried unanimously.

8.3.2 RFD - Council Retirement Plan
M. Roy presented information to Council on retirement plans. He asked for Council to select their preferred option.

Councillor J. Garbutt abstained from deliberations and voting on the matter due to a conflict of interest. He stated that Sunlife Financial is his employer. He left the meeting at 6:05 PM.

MO2011.203 Berdahl, Hansen-Zacharuk that Council direct Administration to establish a group RRSP with AMSC at 3% matching with immediate eligibility, and employee portion withdrawal at the discretion of the employee and employer portion withdrawal is at the discretion of the employer.
Carried unanimously.

Councillor J. Garbutt returned to the meeting at 6:12 PM.

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

14.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer