

Town of Drumheller COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 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

- 1.1 Councillor Jay Garbutt was sworn in as Deputy Mayor for the months of May and June, 2011.

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK

Mayor Terry Yemen proclaimed May 1st as Miners' Day in the Town of Drumheller.

Mayor T. Yemen advised that the Alberta Recreation Park Association Conference will be held October 27 – 29 in at the Fairmont Chateau. He stated that during the conference, an award will be presented to an individual who has volunteered their time in the area of parks and recreation development. He asked Council to consider nominees from our community who have excelled in this area.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

3.1 Mayor T. Yemen called the public hearing to order at 4:33 PM.

Mayor Yemen stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider Bylaw 06.11 to close a portion of undeveloped Original Road Allowance from use and to sell or hold same (Cambria District - Applicant Sandy Brown)

Mayor Yemen asked if there were any items of correspondence. Secretary, L. Handy advised there were no items of correspondence.

Mayor Yemen asked if there were any speakers in favour of or against the proposed street closure. There were no speakers.

Mayor Yemen closed the public hearing at 4:35 PM.

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MO2011.179 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 April 11, 2011

MO2011.180 Zariski, Hansen-Zacharuk moved to adopt the regular Council meeting minutes of April 11, 2011 as presented. Carried unanimously.

5.2. MINUTES OF MEETING PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.2.1 Municipal Planning Committee Minutes of March 31, 2011

5.3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.0 DELEGATIONS

6.1 Curling Club

Bill Herman (also in attendance Board Members - Mr. and Mrs. Larry Coveney and Ken Olsen) stated that the lease between the Curling Club and Town of Drumheller should be renewed however he questioned the length of the term. He stated that the only amendment to the terms of the lease that the Club is requesting is that the amount the Club is responsible for repairs be reduced from \$4000.00 to \$2000.00. He explained that the Club does not have a great deal of funding and if not for the Casino Funds, they would not be able to support themselves. He

explained that there are substantial immediate repairs that are necessary to the building as follows: the roof is leaking into the bar causing staining and swelling of the gyprock; the ceiling paint is falling onto the ice surface; the urinal in the men's washroom is leaking into the main foyer and mold is throughout the building. He asked the Town to repair these problems. He stated that the Club has done some repairs to fix one urinal and the other urinal cannot be fixed. R. Romanetz stated that Town will undertake for the roof to be inspected. Bill Herman stated that in 2008 the Town had assisted with the preparation of an application to CFEP and it was approved by the Province however the Club did not have the matching funds and the Town did not offer these funds. He stated that the Club receives revenue from the Casino funds and membership fees which these dollars go towards the \$17,000 expense for their share of the ice plant maintenance and utilities. He stated that a new building will give the Club the opportunity to attract the younger crowd to the sport as well as host tournaments, including the Southern Alberta Men's Bonspiel. He stated that the Club does not want to see a break in their curling operations. He further stated that he has seen a recent study that shows a four (4) sheet ice surface and he highly recommended that this be upgrade to six (6) sheets in order to attract the larger bonspiels. He stated that these events will bring revenue for the Town. He stated that a cost of \$4M is reasonable for six (6) sheets building (not \$7M as he has seen in the study). T. Yemen encouraged the Club to recommend the appointment of a member to the Badlands Community Facility Steering Committee as the Committee will change their focus to Phase 2 of the project. R. Romanetz stated that the Fire Inspector has inspected the building and the fire code minimum requirements are in place.

6.2 Gitzel Krjci Dand Peterson - Presentation of 2010 Audited Financial Statements

Eric Peterson provided the following overview:

- The 2010 financial statements have been prepared based on the new rules established by the Public Sector Accounting Boards. He explained that the purchase of capital assets is no longer recorded as expenses but now show the amortization and depreciation of assets.
- Page 1 Auditor's Report describes what was carried out during the audit and the opinion of the auditors which states that the statements are a fair representation of the financial position of the Town of Drumheller.
- Page 2 Assets – Accumulated surplus cash less debts plus the hard assets – total of \$126,511,225. Breakdown summary as follows: Cash and short term investments \$14.5M (cash balance changes as provincial grants come in and these dollars are spent). Investments are \$2.6M. Deferred revenue grants and other dollars received by the end of the year but not yet expensed is approximately \$2.96M. Net financial assets is \$2.86M; non financial assets is \$123.6M.
- Page 3 Consolidated Statement of Operations (revenues and

expenses by type for the 12 months). Add surplus at the beginning of the year \$114,702,339 plus excess revenue equals \$11.8M. Revenue – Net municipal taxes raised is \$6,734,103; Expenses – Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets (non cash expense and has been allocated to the different functions is \$3,324,930 (Note 9). Excess (shortfall) of revenue over expenses is \$26,591 plus government grants of \$11.7M to get excess of revenue at \$11.8M.

- Page 4 Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets (Debt) – excess of revenue over expenses of \$11.8M and additions and reductions of tangible capital assets for a net total of (\$458,210) which is added to the balance at the beginning of the year of \$3.3M which gives the balance at the end of the year \$2.86M.

- Page 5 Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows – Excess of revenues over expenses is \$11.8M with adjustments for items that do not affect cash (non cash transactions). \$15.7M brought in from operations. Total change in cash of \$8M plus \$6.5M on hand at the beginning of the year for the end of year total of \$14.5M.

- Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets (cost at the beginning plus new additions less assets disposed of for a total of \$186M less accumulated amortization \$63M for a net book value of \$123M.

- Schedule of Breakdown of Property and Other Taxes (taxes levied less the portions of requisitions) for the net amount for municipal purposes of \$6.7M.

- Schedule of Breakdown of Government Grants for a total of \$12.8M.

- Notes to the Financial Statements – accounting policies being used.

E. Peterson concluded his report by commending Administration on the careful management of tax dollars. He stated that the capital assets have increased by \$15M as well, the long term debt by \$9M. He stated that this is the second year for the new format and M. Roy will modify the quarterly financial report Council receives so it will serve as a better management tool and the figures will be in line with the financial statements.

MO2011.181 Garbutt, Shoff to approve the 2010 financial statements as presented. Carried unanimously.

7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS

8.1. CAO

8.2. Director of Infrastructure Services

8.3. Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 Bylaw 07.11 (Business Tax Rate for 2011) - third reading

MO2011.182 Hansen-Zacharuk, Zariski for third reading to Bylaw 07.11. Carried unanimously.

8.3.2 Bylaw 08.11 (Joint Assessment Review Board Agreement) - three readings

M. Roy introduced Bylaw 08.11 and the Joint Assessment Review Board Agreement which would allow the Town of Drumheller and neighboring municipalities to form a Joint Assessment Review Board.

MO2011.183 Shoff, Berdahl for first reading of Bylaw 08.11

Discussion on Motion:

Councillor D. Stanford stated that the provincial government should allow more opportunities for training. M. Roy stated that Municipal Affairs offered courses at the beginning of the year and that the Town of Drumheller is on the waiting list for future training courses. Council agreed that a letter should be sent to the Minister advising that more courses need to be offered.

Vote on Motion: Carried unanimously.

MO2011.184 Garbutt, Shoff for second reading of Bylaw 08.11. Carried unanimously.

MO2011.185 Berdahl, Garbutt moved no objection to third reading of Bylaw 08.11. Carried unanimously.

MO2011.186 Zariski, Shoff for third reading of Bylaw 08.11. Carried unanimously.

8.4. Director of Community Services

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION

9.1 CAO's Quarterly Report to March 31, 2011

9.2 Director of Infrastructure Services' Quarterly Report to March 31, 2011

9.3 Director of Corporate Services' Quarterly Report to March 31, 2011

9.4 Director of Community Services' Quarterly Report to March 31, 2011

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 6:15 PM.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer