

# **Town of Drumheller COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

January 3, 2012 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

### **ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:**

Bill Wulff

### **RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Linda Handy

**ABSENT:** DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES: Paul Salvatore

## **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **3.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

## **4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MO2012.01** Hansen-Zacharuk, Garbutt moved to approve 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 December 19, 2011

**MO2012.02** Shoff, Zariski moved to approve the regular Council meeting minutes of December 19, 2011. 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 Letter from Golden Prairie Parent Link Centre regarding space needs  
R. Romanetz presented a letter from Golden Prairie Parent Link Centre dated November 30, 2011 with regards to the need for accommodation for their program if the Town moves forward with the relocation of Town Hall to the Civic Centre. He further explained that the program has operated from dedicated space at the Civic Centre for a number of years with no formal agreement in place. He explained that should the relocation move forward, the Civic Centre may not be available as early as February 1st so that preliminary renovation work can proceed. He further explained that the Town has provided a letter to Golden Prairie Parent Link advising of the tentative date that their program may need to find a new location. Since then Cathy Smoliak, FCSS Coordinator has met with the group and offered space in the new facility however it is not dedicated specific for their use as well as suggesting other options that may be pursued. A further report will be provided to Council once the Golden Prairie Parent Link Program Administrators have finalized their decision.

**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 Jay Garbutt - Bearspaw Proposed Drilling Site  
Councillor J. Garbutt advised that Bearspaw Petroleum proposes to expand their operations at Midland Provincial Park and many residents in the area have expressed concern. He asked what Council's role would be on the matter. R. Romanetz explained

that the initial circulation was received from Bearspaw on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 advising that they proposed to drill three directional wells within the municipal boundaries. Since then he has received correspondence from concerned Nacmine residents. Bearspaw has met with the residents to deal with the concerns raised however the residents are not satisfied with the responses. He further advised that one of the concerned residents has phoned him and asked for his attendance at a meeting scheduled for mid-January. He advised that he agreed to attend as an observer. R. Romanetz advised that a representative from ERCB has phoned him to discuss the Town's concerns. He referred to the letter from the concerned citizens. He further advised that ERCB indicated a willingness to meet with Council directly.

R. Romanetz advised that Bearspaw has met the requirement for circulation. In respect to the Town's involvement, he advised other than expressing our concerns that any proposed drilling on the valley floor is contrary to the Town's land use policies, the decision remains with ERCB. He advised that the Town of Drumheller's Municipal Development Plan Section 11.0 Natural Resource Extraction Clause 11.2 reads as follows: *"Oil and Gas development of well sites and pipelines located at the valley floor within the Town of Drumheller shall be strongly discouraged."* He explained that under Section 619 of the Municipal Government Act, oil or gas well operations do not require a development permit and falls under the jurisdiction of ERCB.

Councillor D. Stanford stated that the Town's water source is located within 100 meters of the drilling site and any accidental spill could contaminate the Red Deer River. Councillor T. Zariski requested that the Town and any concerned residents go on ERCB's website and download the their objection form for submission. Council agreed that a letter should be submitted to ERCB voicing the Town's objections to the proposed drilling project.

### 13.2 Councillor Tom Zariski - Drumheller and District Senior Foundation

Councillor T. Zariski provided an overview of the DDSF reorganization recommendations and the requisition increase with highlights as follows:

- The Pommen Report recommended establishing a Financial Sustainability Policy that encompasses creating reserve funds for operating and capital purposes; as well as developing a communications protocol policy to inform member municipalities of future short and long term DDSF Plans that may impact financial obligations and annual requisitions;
- The report also recommends new refurbishing / new project plans for older accommodations to seek interest in those units that are less desirable to rent;
- Known expenditures that will be incurred in 2012 include independent consultant fees to analyze the infrastructure status and requirements for the future; replacement and or repairs to the aging building and equipment and begin building a reserve for contingencies;
- The DDSF Board has approved a requisition of \$575,000 for 2012 of which Drumheller pays 51.7% for a total requisition fee of \$279,332.50; and
- It is recommended that requisitions go up by \$100,000 every year thereafter of which Drumheller pays 51.7%.

Councillor J. Garbutt asked if the DDSF has lobbied the Province for more dollars. Councillor T. Zariski stated that over the last few years the Alberta Health Care Initiative

for Aging in Place Program has saved the Province dollars by keeping seniors in their homes longer resulting in fewer seniors needing housing in the Lodge. He further explained that costs savings result as the “aging in place senior” does not need to move into the Lodge until they are at the S3 or S4 level however more lodging at this level will be required in 2-5 years. He further stated that both ASCHA (Alberta Senior Citizen’s Housing Association) and AUMA consistently lobby for seniors needs. Council requested R. Romanetz to research AUMA’s lobbying efforts in this regard and provide an update to Council.

Councillor A. Berdahl stated that these increased requisition costs are passed on to the residents of Drumheller.

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

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer