

**Town of Drumheller  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**March 12, 2012** 4:30 PM Council Chambers, Town Hall  
703 - 2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta



**PRESENT:**

MAYOR:

Terry Yemen

COUNCIL:

Andrew Berdahl

Jay Garbutt

Sharel Shoff

Doug Stanford

Lisa Hansen-Zackaruk

Tom Zariski

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ENGINEER:

Ray Romanetz

DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

William Wulff

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Paul Salvatore

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Janice Armstrong

**ABSENT:** Al Kendrick

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

**2.0 MAYOR YEMEN'S OPENING REMARKS**

2.1 Mayor T Yemen presented a letter from Hon. Jack Hayden Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation inviting the Town of Drumheller to consider submitting a bid for the rights to host the 2015 Alberta 55 Plus Winter Games. The community awarded this opportunity will receive base financial support to cover operational, cultural, and legacy aspects of the games.

2.2 Mayor T. Yemen presented a letter from the Hon. Jack Hayden, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation advising that grant funding will be provided to the Town of Drumheller under the 2011 conditional operating funding component of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative. The following projects have been accepted as qualifying projects: Civic Center \$70,032 and the Aquaplex \$50,000.

2.3 Mayor T. Yemen received an invitation from the Town of Hanna to celebrate their 100 Anniversary. The celebrations start on August 4, 2012 and everyone is welcome to attend.

2.4 R. Romanetz reported that a letter was received from Miles Davison LLP, dated March 1, 2012 in regards to the Badlands Ski Hills vs The Town of Drumheller. The letter stated that at this time no default proceedings or Statement of Defence is required. R. Romanetz reported that he has contacted the Town's Solicitor C. Kloot and once a response is received, a report will be presented to Council.

### **3.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MO2012.32** Hansen-Zacharuk, Shoff moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

#### **5.0 MINUTES**

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

R. Romanetz advised that due to family emergencies, the minutes of February 27, 2012 Council meeting have not yet been completed and will be presented to Council on March 26, 2012.

##### **5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS 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 RFD – 2012-2014 Operations Budget**

R. Romanetz advised that on January 9, 2012 Administration presented the Town's 2012-2014 Operating Budget to Council. The 2012-2014 Corporate Plan includes the 3 year Operating Budget and 2012 Capital Budget for the Town of Drumheller. The Corporate Plan also includes the Strategic Business Plan and the 2012-2012 Service Fee Schedules, both previously approved by Council.

Financial /Budget Implications for the 2012-2014 Operating Budget includes revenue of  
2012: \$17,290,517

2013: \$ 18,156,525

2014: \$ 19,008,850.

The proposed Budget includes:

2012 deficit is estimated at \$47,166

2013 surplus is estimated at \$26,246

2014 surplus is estimated at \$279,462 for a net surplus of \$258,542 over three years.

R. Romanetz advised that there is a minor adjustment to the net surplus due to wages and utility

adjustments.

**MO2012.33** Shoff, Berdahl to approve the 2012-2014 Operating Budget as presented. Carried

### **8.1.2 2012 Capital Budget**

R. Romanetz presented the 2012 Capital Budget. The capital budget outlines the capital priorities for the Town of Drumheller and identifies how the priorities will be funded. The capital budget includes \$11,401,166 in capital spending. The majority of the capital projects are also contingent on grants funding from either the federal or provincial governments. With the exception of preliminary engineering, capital projects will not proceed until funding has been approved.

R. Romanetz advised that at council's request, the Town Entrances have been made a priority in 2012 so an additional \$50,000 has been added to the 2012 capital plan to be completed over a number of years. He requested that the funds be used to hire a landscaping consultant to help in the efforts of creating a comprehensive corridor landscaping plan that will not be adversely affected by highway salts and extreme weather conditions.

Councillor Garbutt stated that the multi year plan beyond 2012 shows significant annual deficits that may require future borrowings. CAO Romanetz advised that the multi year plan shows a number of major projects that may be required based on community needs and expectations but does not include all revenue sources. For these projects to move forward, the Town would need to access additional grants or other funding sources. However, by including them in the multi year plan, the projects are identified for review by Council as part of the strategic priority setting process. He also advised that the Town should continue to lobby for an increase to the MSI and Gas Tax funding to fund the current infrastructure deficit.

**MO2012.34** Hansen-Zackaruk, Zariski moved to approve the 2012 Capital Plan, totalling \$11,401,166 in expenditures including an additional \$50,000 for the Town Entrances Project to be approved as presented.

In favour - Berdahl, Shoff, Stanford, Hansen-Zackaruk, Zariski, Yemen

Opposed - Garbutt

Motion Carried

### **8.1.3. New Vintage Home - Utility Reimbursement Request**

R. Romanetz presented a request to waive New Vintage Homes Ltd. (Anthony Audia) utility bill by \$10,800.68. R. Romanetz advised that Mr. Audio's situation is unique, with approximately 100 units on sight and all flows going through one 6" meter which is situated at the entrance of his property. Water leakage has been an issue for a couple years and Mr. Audio thought it was on Town property however it was found to be due to aging infrastructure on his property. Repairs have been ongoing but additional leaks continued as the old infrastructure was replaced. With direction from Council it was unanimously agreed not to accept Mr. Audio's request to reduce his utility bill by \$10,800.68 as with all property owners, it is the responsibility of the land owner to make any repairs required on their land and infrastructure.

### **8.1.4 Municipal Police Service Agreement**

Council agreed to table this item until Acting Director of Corporate Services, Bill Wulff had an

opportunity to participate in the webinar to be held on March 13, 2012.

**8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services**

**8.3 Director of Corporate Services**

**8.4 Director of Community Services**

**8.4.1 Appointments to the Economic Development Task Force (tabled to Next Regular Council Meeting)**

**9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION**

- 9.1 CAO
- 9.2 Director of Infrastructure Services
- 9.3 Director of Corporate Services
- 9.4 Director of Community Services

**10.0 PUBLIC HEARING DECISIONS**

**11.0 DELEGATION DECISIONS**

**12.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**13.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**14.0 COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER