

Town of Drumheller COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 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

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Paul Salvatore

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Linda Handy

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Yemen called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MO2012.15 Garbutt, Shoff moved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Councillor J. Garbutt requested timelines of when Council will hear reports on the following outstanding matters: 2012 Water and Sewer Rates, 2012 Capital Plan and the Schedule for Council Outreach.

R. Romanetz responded with the following timelines: 2012 Water and Sewer Rates – next Council Committee meeting of February 21st; 2012 Capital Plan – next Council

meeting of February 28th; and P. Salvatore is working on the Council Community outreach schedule for Council's review shortly.

Vote on Motion: Carried unanimously.

5.0 MINUTES

5.1. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2012

MO2012.16 Shoff, Zariski moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting be adopted 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 02.12 being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 01.03 by excluding the provisions of Schedule D

R. Romanetz presented Bylaw 02.12 which proposes to amend Bylaw 01.03, a bylaw respecting the regulation and control of vehicle, animal and pedestrian traffic. He stated that an amendment to Section 39 has been brought forward as a recommendation from the Solicitor resulting from a matter that went before the Courts. He explained that the existing clause refers to a maximum fine of \$500.00 and conflicts with the fine permitted under Schedule D which would be a greater fine based on a \$100.00 for each 500 kilograms overweight. He further explained that if there was significant damage to a roadway, the maximum fine allowed as worded would be \$500 unless the wording "*except in respect of a violation under Section 21(1) to which the provisions of Schedule D apply*" is added to Section 39.

MO2012.17 Shoff, Hansen-Zacharuk moved first reading of Bylaw 02.12. Carried unanimously.

MO2012.18 Zariski, Garbutt moved second reading of Bylaw 01.12. Carried unanimously.

MO2012.19 Shoff, Hansen-Zacharuk moved no objections to the third reading of Bylaw 01.12. Carried unanimously.

MO2012.20 Berdahl, Hansen-Zacharuk moved third reading of Bylaw 01.12. Carried unanimously.

8.1.2 RFD (Direction) - Rocky View County's Proposal to Amend Water Supply Agreement Boundaries

R. Romanetz advised that further to the Memo from the CAO dated February 3, 2012, an RFD dated November 17, 2011, and meetings between Mayors / Administrations regarding Rocky View County's proposal to amend the boundaries as presented in a letter from Aqua 7 Regional Water Commission dated November 7, 2011, Administration is seeking direction from Council on the matter. He stated that the purpose of the amendment to the Agreement is to allow Aqua 7 to include the entire boundaries of Rocky View County as a party to whom the Commission may resell the Town water as opposed to just a small portion of Rocky View County (Hamlet of Kathryn), as provided for in Schedule "F" of the Water Supply Agreement, dated December 10, 2008. Rocky View's proposal is for the resale of water at the same allotment to Kathryn (at a maximum of 2200 m³/day) as identified by the Commission as being the apportionment made available to Rocky View County by Aqua 7. He explained that the amendment would include water being delivered to Rocky View County's boundaries based on interconnection of water lines. He further explained that there is no immediate need for the water - their request is based on their growth and security of supply and would allow Rocky View County to plan for the future.

MO2012.21 Shoff, Hansen-Zacharuk that Council direct Administration to amend Schedule F of the Water Supply Agreement between Aqua 7 (formerly Kneehill Regional Water Services Commission) and the Town of Drumheller dated December 10, 2008 to include the entire boundaries of Rocky View County.

Council discussed the motion expressing deferring viewpoints.

Vote on Motion:

In Favour – Stanford, Shoff, Yemen

Opposed – Garbutt, Zariski, Berdahl, Hansen-Zacharuk

Motion defeated.

8.1.3 RFD (Direction) - Letter from Drumheller Association of Skateboarding Enthusiasts (DASE)

R. Romanetz advised that the group is looking at moving forward with the development of a skateboard park on some potential sites (Town owned land). No specific locations have been chosen at this time. The Committee intends to apply for grant funding through the Building Communities through Arts and Heritage Legacy Program. This grant requires the Town to make a motion of support for the project as identified in their letter dated February 3, 2012. The Town would be expected to contribute in kind support (labour and equipment).

MO2012.22 Berdahl, Zariski moved that Council support the Drumheller Association of Skateboarding Enthusiast's application for the Building Communities through Arts and Culture Legacy fund for the development of a skateboard park as a legacy project for Drumheller's Municipal Centennial in 2013.

Discussion on Motion:

In response to questions from Council, R. Romanetz explained that the proposal is for the larger sites to include the development of both a junior level and senior level skateboard park on the same site. He further advised that public input needs to be gained on the site locations. Councillor A. Berdahl requested that the Skateboard Park be included in the Financial Capital Strategy.

Vote on Motion:

Carried unanimously.

8.1.4 AUMA Questions Regarding 2012 Provincial Budget

R. Romanetz presented AUMA's summary of questions on the 2012 Provincial Budget as well as a document forwarded from AUMA's CEO John McGowan. He provided the following comments:

- The area most significantly impacting municipalities is the summary of capital grant programs listed in Section 2. Although the MSI capital grant shows an increase in subsequent years (2013-14 and 2014-15), the Province, in the past, has not met their full commitment to this program.
- There are no changes to the funding formulas for municipal policing assistance grants or new police officer grants. There is however grants dollars available for rural policing with the hire of 90 new officers by the end of 2013 / 2014 of which Drumheller has a rural component within our Municipal Policing Agreement (from the former M.D. of Badlands).
- The Family and Community Support Services, Municipal Transportation Grants and Library funding programs remain at the same per capita formula.
- The 2012 / 2013 funding for municipal water and wastewater will decrease significantly from \$260M to \$170M. There will be a lot more communities lined up trying to get their projects approved. Lobbying will continue on the Town's east and west water line extension projects.
- John McGowan's comments on the Alberta Municipal Affairs' Business Plan reflect the feelings of municipalities and reads as follows: *"Despite the government's assurance that Budget 2012 establishes three-year predictable funding for municipalities, the budget process remains unchanged. Municipal funding is approved on an annual basis, with no guarantee that the targets for years two and three will be realized"*.
- Under other Ministry Business Plan initiatives two strategies which AUMA is continuing to support which are of interest to Council: Regional Land Use plan implementation and Improvements to the Seniors' Lodge Program.

8.2. Director of Infrastructure Services

8.2.1 RFD - Purchase of Skidsteer / Loader

A. Kendrick advised that the proposal is to purchase a new skidsteer to replace an older unit that was sold at a public auction in 2011 when the Town's mechanical services staff deemed the unit too expensive to repair. Since then the Town has been without a unit to do sidewalk snow removal. He further explained that the replacement of the existing unit was part of the ongoing capital replacement plan for equipment but was initially budgeted for in 2014. In the annual capital plan review Administration is requesting \$30,000 for the purchase of a skidsteer in 2012 instead of 2014 due to the

unanticipated mechanical issues of the old unit. On January 19th, 2012 quotations packages were sent out and three quotations were received with the lowest bid from Drumheller Equipment Sales in the amount of \$27,798.94.

MO2012.23 Shoff, Berdahl moved that the Town of Drumheller pursue the purchase of the S185 Bobcat skidsteer for the quoted price of \$27,798.94 excluding GST from Drumheller Equipment Sales.

Discussion on Motion:

In response to questions from Council, A. Kendrick explained that it is an essential piece of equipment that is used throughout the year. He further explained that in addition to the old unit being expensive to repair, the staff had expressed safety concerns. Administration has reviewed other options such as leasing however the cost would exceed the purchase of a new unit. He further explained that the old unit was sold in the fall because it was more saleable at that time of the year as the unit had a heater and was still in working order. Councillor J. Garbutt advised that he could not support the motion without the reviewing the 2012 capital plan.

Vote on Motion:

In Favour – Hansen-Zacharuk, Berdahl, Zariski, Yemen, Stanford, Shoff

Opposed - Garbutt

Carried.

8.3. Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 RFD - 2012 - 2014 Service Fee Schedule

B. Wulff advised that the 2012-2014 Service Fee Schedule was reviewed by Council at their meeting of February 6, 2012 and the recommended changes have been incorporated.

MO2012.24 Garbutt, Hansen-Zacharuk moved that Council adopt the 2012-2014 Service Fee Schedule as presented. Carried unanimously.

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 matters, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:23 PM.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer