

Town of Drumheller COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2012 at 4:30 PM
Council Chamber, Town Hall
703-2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta



PRESENT:

MAYOR:

Terry Yemen

COUNCIL:

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:

Corinne Macdonald

ABSENT: Councillor Andrew Berdahl

Councillor Jay Garbutt

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – 4:30 P.M.

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4.1 Additions to the Agenda:

13.1 Mayor T. Yemen - Report on the Drumheller & District Chamber of Commerce

13.2 Councillor D. Stanford Report on EMS

MO2012.130 Shoff, Hansen-Zacharuk moved the additions to the Agenda as amended. Carried unanimously.

5.0 MINUTES

5.1 ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

- 5.1.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2012
MO2012.131 Zariski, Stanford moved to adopt the regular Council meeting minutes of September 10, 2012 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 14.12 Undeveloped Walkway Closure - First Reading
R. Romanetz introduced Bylaw 14.12 which proposes to close a portion of an undeveloped Walkway from public use, obtain title in the name of the Town of Drumheller and dispose of same for consolidation with adjacent lands. He advised that the owner has agreed to accept all legal, survey registration and appraisal costs incurred for the consolidation of the portion of undeveloped walkway between Blocks 1 and 2, Plan 8011334. This piece of land has been maintained by the owner for a number of years. The consolidation would not impact any Town requirements for drainage. R. Romanetz recommended proceeding to first reading to allow for the advertising period. The Public Hearing will be held October 9, 2012.

MO2012.132 Zariski, Shoff moved First Reading to Bylaw 14.12.
Carried unanimously.

8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

- 8.2.1 Updates on Town Projects
Director of Infrastructure Services, A. Kendrick provided an update on current Town Projects as follows.
Cast Iron Water Line Replacement – Due to some challenges with Telus services that have been dealt with, there will be a 2-3 week delay in meeting the September 30th completion date.
Town Hall Renovations/Relocation – Tender package went out on September 19th, with tenders closing on October 10th. R. Romanetz noted that the completion date is the end of March 2013.
Street Improvement Program – A section of the Wayne road remains outstanding.

East Coulee Water Line – The bore hole logs have been received for the river crossing and alignment. Drawings are being adjusted based on a new location for a more suitable river crossing. A meeting is scheduled for October 1st to finalize the drawings, confirm alignments and review easement requirements. Once the drawings are finalized, tender packages will go out.

Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement – Newcastle Section - flow has improved, however the odour problem still exists. There are several other options being reviewed to correct the odour problem. Activated carbon filters have been installed in manholes and the installation of an air relief valve on the Nacmine force main may be necessary.

Badlands Community Facility – Deficiencies outstanding include; chiller shutting down, issues with controls in the building, some landscaping, security grills for the Kiosk and the handicapped door for the Library.

Aquaplex – Turn around should be completed by the first week of October. Public Works Staff's efforts to remove the slide have been exceptional. A grant has been applied for Ventilation upgrades. Council commended the Public Works Staff for their innovation while removing the slide resulting in significant cost savings to the Town.

Newcastle Ball Diamond #3 – Improvements include: increase in size, new fence and new dugouts. The project should be completed by the end of November.

Drumheller Water and Waste Water – Work includes; sampling and monitoring, 2 stream assessments, waste residuals management for back wash clarifier waste and biosolids.

R. Romanetz noted that the report is being finalized for Residuals Management, which has to be completed by 2013, unless the Town receives an extension. The Town has submitted an application and staff have been discussing requirements with Provincial Administrators. This is a top priority and Provincial funding is critical to ensure this project moves forward. He suggested that Council should also be lobbying now, as this will have an impact on Town water rates if Provincial funding is not approved.

Entrance Study and Design – currently reviewing graphic designs.

Golf Course Water Line – Engineering Report to be received shortly. R. Romanetz noted the study looked at long term development needs in the area and future flow improvements required for the Royal Tyrrell Museum. The report will also include potential partnerships with Starland and Kneehill County.

Penitentiary Booster Station – Draft Report and Preliminary Study is completed. A report will be provided to Council shortly.

Fiber Optics – Reviewing options for the Town's future needs to Solid Waste Management, Water Treatment Plant, Waste Water Plant and future Public Works shop.

8.3 Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 RFD for Town Page Contract

B. Wulff advised that a RFD was issued for the Town Page Advertising Contract. Drumheller Online - the local FM Station and both the Drumheller Mail and Inside Drumheller submitted proposals. Drumheller Online does not meet the criteria for print advertising as defined in the MGA. He provided an overview on the quotes for each paper for the 1/2, 3/4 and full page components.

The comparable size between the two formats is the Drumheller Mail 1/2 page and the Inside Drumheller 3/4 page. The analysis on this comparison indicates that the Drumheller Mail is \$610.58 per week while the Inside Drumheller would be \$679.11 per week, being \$3,564 annually more expensive than the Drumheller Mail. Inside Drumheller is 6 column inches larger than the Drumheller Mail, but is slightly more expensive by the column inch.

The cost of spot color for both formats is \$125 per week. The cost of having a change to the contracted space, making the page temporarily 'grow' in size is \$10.50 per column inch for both papers. The cost of classified ad space in both papers is \$10.00 per column inch.

The Town has a \$30,000 budget for the 'Town Page' advertising for 2013. Drumheller Mail 1/2 page is \$1,750 over that budget and Inside Drumheller 3/4 page is \$5,314 over that budget.

MO2012.133 Shoff, Hansen-Zacharuk that Council directs Administration to enter into a contract for advertising the "Town Page" with the Inside Drumheller for a 1-year term, October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012, with a ½ page for \$452.63 per week (45 column inches at \$10.06 per column inch).

Discussion on Motion.

R. Romanetz noted that when looking at the sizes for the Inside Drumheller it may not meet our needs. B. Wulff noted that we sometimes have a hard time getting our ads into the current ½ page in the Drumheller Mail.

Councillor T. Zariski reported that the non profit groups do not have much money and are happy to have the opportunity to have their community events advertised on the Town Page. If we reduce the size, the necessary information the Town is required to advertise would take priority over any advertising for non profit groups.

Vote on Motion:

4 In favour Yemen, Hansen-Zacharuk, Shoff, Stanford

1 Opposed Zariski.

Motion carried.

8.4 Director of Community Services

8.4.1 RFD for Centennial Project Budget

P. Salvatore presented a draft budget prepared by the Centennial Committee. He noted that some revenue will be generated from the sale of calendars and tickets to the dinner event. He provided an overview of expenses; centennial supper, advertising, prizes, fireworks, purchase of commemorative banners and parade float. P. Salvatore advised that the Centennial Park redevelopment as proposed by the Drumheller Skate Board Enthusiasts and the presentation stage will be the Centennial Projects funded by the Legacy Program. By submitting the two projects together the project may be looked at more favourably. R. Romanetz advised that the \$20,000 for expenses as identified has not been budgeted.

MO2012.134 Shoff, Stanford moved that Council approve the Drumheller Centennial Budget in the amount of \$19,692.50 to be included in the 2013 Operating Budget.

Vote on Motion:

4 In favour Yemen, Shoff, Stanford, Zariski.

1 Opposed Hansen-Zacharuk.

Motion carried.

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 D. Stanford – EMS Update

Councillor D. Stanford advised that the Contract renewal due in April 2012 was not signed. The staff have joined the Union with Health Services, which increases the costs of negotiations as the Province will not fund negotiations. He noted that Health Services will not negotiate on costs. The Society was told they have to hire a full time Administrator.

Mo2012.135 Stanford, Hansen-Zacharuk that the Town exercise our 180 days exit clause in turning the Ambulance Society over to the Province.

Councillor T. Zariski asked if the Society signs on with Alberta Health Services is there an opt out clause? Councillor D. Stanford advised that there will be no opt out clause. The Province has stated that services will remain as is. AHS have control over the

funding. It was noted that rural communities have mixed opinions with their ambulance services provided by AHS.

Vote on Motion - Carried unanimously.

13.2 Mayor T. Yemen - Report on the Drumheller & District Chamber of Commerce

Mayor T. Yemen reported that there were two delegations at the meeting. Brooke Christianson, from the Skateboard Enthusiasts, to discuss the grant application for the Skate Board Park. The Chamber approved a \$25,000 donation to the Skate Board Park. They also discussed a request for the \$10,000 for three years for Hope College, only if they go ahead with the college.

140 IN-CAMERA MATTERS – 5:38 PM

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer