

Town of Drumheller COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 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

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Michael Roy

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Corinne Macdonald

ABSENT:

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Paul Salvatore

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Councillor Lisa Hansen-Zacharuk was sworn in as Deputy Mayor for the months of March and April, 2012.

1.2 Hon. Jack Hayden, MLA Drumheller-Stettler

Hon. Jack Hayden, MLA Drumheller-Stettler was present to provide an overview of MSI and additional grant funding for Drumheller. Mr. Hayden noted that the 2012 Provincial Budget is in debate. He wanted to clarify some confusion he has read in the newspapers on MSI Funding. He stated that all grants the Town applied for last year were approved. He also presented a letter stating the Water Wastewater Treatment Plant grant for the East Coulee Water Treatment Plant project was approved for funding. He also noted that any applications the Town makes, if they let him know, he will provide his support for the grant approvals.

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK

2.1 Badlands Community Facility Open House

Mayor T. Yemen advised that he had some exciting news from Guy Latour, Business Manager of the Badlands Community Facility, advising that we have an opening date for the facility. On March 9th there will be a Member's Day for those who have pre-purchased memberships; March 10th & 11th there will be an open house for the public; and on March 12th the facility will be fully operational and open to the public.

2.2 Drumheller Institution Water and Sewer Rates

R. Romanetz advised that the Town has entered into a new agreement with the Institution for water and wastewater rates. These rates will come into effect when the Utility Rate Bylaw is passed.

2.3 Director of Corporate Services

R. Romanetz advised that we have hired a new Director of Corporate Services. Jack Kuzminski will join the Town on April 16, 2012. He has a Certified General Accountant designation and brings considerable experience to the position with a wide range of experience in municipal finance, fiscal management and human resources.

2.3 Mayor T. Yemen proclaimed Freedom to Read Week from February 26 to March 3, 2012.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 2012.25 Garbutt, Shoff moved that the Agenda be adopted as presented. Carried unanimously.

5.0 MINUTES

5.1. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2012

MO 2012.26 Shoff, Zariski moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 13, 2012 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 03.12, being a bylaw to establish utility rates (water and wastewater)

R. Romanetz noted that discussions were held on this Bylaw at a previous meeting and the rate proposal was reviewed. He advised that the Town is proposing an increase of 3%, which will become effective on Third Reading of the Bylaw.

MO2012.27 Shoff, Hansen- Zacharuk moved First Reading of Bylaw 03.12. Carried unanimously.

MO2012.28 Hansen-Zacharuk, Garbutt moved Second Reading of Bylaw 03.12. Carried unanimously

MO2012.29 Shoff, Hansen-Zacharuk moved no objections to Third Reading of Bylaw 03.12. In favour – Yemen, Berdahl, Hansen-Zacharuk, Shoff, Stanford. Opposed – Zariski. Motion defeated.

Councillor S. Shoff wanted the lost revenue noted. B. Wulff advised the following:

Water shortfall for one month	\$5,740
Wastewater shortfall for one month	\$5,475
Total	\$11,215

Mayor T. Yemen advised that there will be a Special Council meeting held on February 29, 2012 to discuss this matter. Councillor J. Garbutt advised he will be away.

8.1.2 RFD - Drumheller Phase 2 Project Facility(s) Steering Committee Terms of Reference

R. Romanetz reported that the package for the draft Terms of Reference were discussed at a previous meeting. The Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee outlines the steps that have to be taken to prepare a Business Case Analysis/Plan that will ensure a shovel ready project should any available grant money become available. He also suggested that members of the BCF Steering Committee may wish to let their name remain on the Committee as their expertise could be utilized in other areas.

MO2012.30 Hansen-Zacharuk, Berdahl moved that Council approve the Drumheller Phase 2 Project Facility(s) Steering Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

Councillor A. Berdahl suggested that the Design Committee be changed to Development Committee.

Councillors Hansen-Zacharuk, Berdahl agreed to amend the motion.

MO2012.30A Hansen-Zacharuk, Berdahl moved that Council approve the Drumheller Phase 2 Project Facility(s) Steering Committee Terms of Reference, subject to the Curling Rink and Second Ice Surface Design Committee's name be changed to Development Committee.

In favour: Yemen, Berdahl, Hansen-Zacharuk, Shoff, Zariski.
Opposed – Stanford.
Motion carried.

8.1.3 RFD - Drumheller and District Solid Waste Management Association's Notice of Motion to join the Southern Alberta Waste to Energy Alliance (SAEWA)

R. Romanetz reported that the SAEWA was formed in 2008 to explore alternative options to landfilling, specifically Energy from Waste facilities. The Alliance believes that Energy from Waste is the disposal method of the future however it is only viable on a large scale. In order for the Energy from Waste Facility to succeed and be economically viable they need to supply the plant with a consistent 1,000 metric tonnes of waste per day. There are concerns as they do not have a specific organizational structure yet.

SAEWA is currently applying for a legal entity status with the Provincial Government, their bylaws, membership agreement and structure was to be discussed and approved by the group at their last meeting on February 24, 2012.

From the perspective of SAEWA this would be new technology that creates a more environmentally friendly way of handling the waste stream that reduces the reliance on Landfills. It should be noted that the Drumheller & District Regional Landfill (DDRL) was recently upgraded and is considered to be a "State of the Art" Facility which meets all of Alberta Environments approval requirements. The Landfill has capacity to meet our communities' needs for the next 30- 35 years.

Councillor J. Garbutt noted that at the last Solid Waste Management meeting a Notice to Motion was given for their next meeting. He advised that there is a charge of \$.40 per capita to being a member. He also noted there are several questions that have not been answered: what is the benefit of being a member, why would we truck our waste, etc. This project would be for a profit industry.

Council unanimously disagreed with the request received from Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Alliance to have the Town of Drumheller as part of the Drumheller & District Solid Waste Management Association serve as a member of their organization.

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

14.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

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

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer