

Town of Drumheller COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2013 at 4:30 PM
Council Chamber, Town Hall
703-2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta



PRESENT:

ACTING MAYOR:

Jay Garbutt

COUNCIL:

Andrew Berdahl

Lisa Hansen-Zacharuk arrived at 4:37 PM

Sharel Shoff

Doug Stanford

Tom Zariski

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ENGINEER:

Ray Romanetz

ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Bill Wulff

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Paul Salvatore

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Linda Handy

ABSENT: MAYOR TERRY YEMEN

DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:

Allan Kendrick

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** – Acting Mayor Jay Garbutt called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM

Randy with Karizma Entertainment announced that the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band will perform in Drumheller on June 27th at the Badlands Community Facility. He stated that tickets are available from BCF, IGA or ticketmaster.com. He thanked Bob Cromwell for his assistance in organizing the event. He stated that this event is first class with a capacity of 1445.

Acting Mayor J. Garbutt congratulated the Drumheller Dragons in moving past Round 1 of the playoffs.

- 2.0 **MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK**

- 3.0 **PUBLIC HEARING**

- 4.0 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Deletion: 14.1 Personnel Matter

MO2013.51 Shoff, Stanford moved to adopt 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 February 25, 2013

MO2013.52 Zariski, Hansen-Zacharuk moved to adopt the regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2013 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 Overview of AUMA's Comments on the 2013 Provincial Budget

R. Romanetz presented the highlights of the 2013 Provincial Budget as prepared by AUMA with a focus on the changes in key municipal grants compared to the prior year and the impact these changes will have on the Town's budget and operations.

- Basic Municipal Transportation Grant which the Town received \$60. per capita in prior years may be reduced by 4% across the Province;
- Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program which the Town does not access has been eliminated;
- Municipal Water/Wastewater Grants (available to municipalities under 30,000 population) which the Town is hopeful to access dollars from this program for the Water Treatment Plant Residual Design Project has been reduced by 56%. The Town's project is estimated to cost \$4M with anticipated cost sharing at 50%. With the reduction in this program and a lot of competition for these dollars, the Town's project may need to be delayed because it would not be financial feasible to move forward without grant dollars.
- Funding for seniors lodge assistance program increased by \$2M but other operating funding for seniors housing decreased by \$4M.
- Summer Temporary Employment Program is suspended. The Town did access this program for some summer students.
- FCSS and Library funding will not be changed.
- Drumheller will receive \$1,435,676 in MSI capital funding and \$117,996 in MSI operating funding. The capital portion is reduced by \$17,000 based on provincial formula for allocation and the operating grant is reduced by \$989. The Province has indicated that over the next 3-4 years, the MSI operating will be reduced to \$0. R.

Romanetz stated that it is of interest to note, as recently as 2010, the Town was receiving \$340,000 in MSI operating dollars and this funding will be phased out over the next few years. He further stated that this will significantly impact the Town's operational budget.

- Brownfields Redevelopment Working Group (of which Ray Romanetz is a member) worked closely with Municipal Affairs, AUMA, AAMDC, Cities of Edmonton and Calgary with the goal of recommending to government policies and actions so redevelopment can occur through incentives and education programs being led by Municipal Affairs. The report is with the Ministries of Municipal Affairs and Environment and Sustainable Resource Development who will be working with stakeholders to move forward with the implementation of key recommendations in the coming year.

Questions and Comments from Council:

Councillor D. Stanford asked if Alberta Environment would allow for the residual solids management program to be delayed. R. Romanetz advised that Environment's new standards must come with some funding program in order for municipalities to comply with the new standards. He further stated that the Town will explain the situation to the Director and ask for a deferral until the funding comes through.

Councillor L. Hansen-Zacharuk stated that another program has replaced STEP and she would get the details to Administration.

2013 Education Property Tax Requisition

B. Wulff explained that the Education Property Tax Requisition is now \$2,740,903 which is an increase of \$139,000 or 5.34% over the 2012 requisition. He further explained that the Provincial Budget released on March 7th stated that the Province "*has now standardized the education property tax; it is now set at 32% of education operating costs*". If using the 2012 assessment values a \$100,000 house would have an increase in taxes for the education portion of \$13.78; an assessed \$100,000 commercial property would have an increase of \$20.00 for the education portion.

8.2. Director of Infrastructure Services

8.3. Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 2013 Drumheller & District Seniors' Requisition

B. Wulff explained that the requisition for the Drumheller and District Seniors Foundation has increased by \$100,000, of which Drumheller is responsible for 53.67%. Drumheller's portion of the Foundation's requisition is now \$362,272.50 which is an increase of \$59,557.50 or 19.28% over the 2012 requisition. If using the 2012 assessment values a \$100,000 house would have an increase in taxes for the seniors' requisition portion of \$6.52; an assessed \$100,000 commercial property would have an increase of \$6.52 for the seniors' requisition portion.

Councillor T. Zariski stated that the Seniors' Foundation Board met with the auditors and there is some new optimism with a significant donation of \$50,000 recently received

for the lodge. These dollars have improved the financial position with a start of a reserve in 2013 for emergent needs.

8.4. Director of Community Services

8.4.1 2013 Recreational Programming - Ann Wade and Lyle Rowe

Highlights of the presentation included:

Arena User Groups / Activities / Outlook for 2013: Hockey Groups, Drumheller Skating Club, Public, Farmers' Market, Spring Lacrosse, Camp Programs.

Aquaplex User Groups / Activities / Outlook for 2013: Schools, Community Groups, Royal Tyrrell Museum Programs, Public. Peak Times: Winter 6:00 – 7:30 PM; Summer 1:30 – 4:30 PM.

Ball Diamonds and Parks User Groups / Activities / Outlook for 2013: Boot Camps, Family Fun, Summer Fun Day Camp, Slow Pitch and Baseball, July 1st, Day Use Camping, Search and Rescue Program, Public.

Badlands Community Facility

“General Approach – The BCF is committed to encouraging and actively engaging in dialogue with its members, visitors, and the general public concerning the development of community recreation opportunities for all ages, abilities and interests.

Active Recreation - The BCF researches, designs and co-ordinates, hands-on, directs programs, i.e. Bend with Jenn and special events like Family Unplugged.

Passive Recreation – The BCF supports, advises and facilitates the implementation and promotion of activities and events booked by community volunteer groups and organizations, i.e. Boot Camp, Hockey Dry Land Training.”

BCF 2012 Overview:

Total memberships sold: 2853; active memberships 1031; annual multi-family memberships 516, corporate memberships 57, entries into the fitness centre and fieldhouse 31,690. Peak Times 23% 8:00AM-12:00 noon; 30% 4:00PM-7:00PM and 19% 7:00PM-10:00PM.

BCF Outlook for 2013: New programs introduced for recreation and fitness, sport leagues, schools, staff training and development, membership survey, birthday packages, supporting special event development, community and general interest programs such as the Bicycle Safety Rodeos, preparation for high volumes of summer programs, visitors and tourists, Summer Fun Day Camp, soccer, Olds and Red Deer College Summer Sports Program, Drumheller Dragons Summer Hockey, youth programming with boys and girls concept, convention and summer tie-ins, support special event development, i.e. Tour deAlberta, Metric Century Ride, Dinosaur Valley Half Marathon, etc.

The BCF Team continues to:

- *“Review and discuss means and methods for supplementing the Drumheller experiences of convention, seminar and meeting attendees by including “BCF guest passes” in conference registration packages;*
- *Planning and organizing activities, classes, workshops for the local and regional population;*
- *Committed to ensuring BCF will be an appropriate base for affordable, accessible, and fundamental recreation and fitness opportunities, as a kick off for personal health and wellness promotion; and*
- *Continues to integrate input from members and the public re: programs and special events.”*

Mayor and Council thanked Lyle Rowe, Ann Wade and Sara Fisher for their presentation and congratulated the BCF Team for their success in the first year of operations.

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION

10.0 PUBLIC HEARING DECISIONS

11.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11.1 Bylaw 14.12 being a bylaw to close a portion of unused and undeveloped walkway (East Coulee) - second and third readings

MO2013.53 Shoff, Stanford moved second reading of Bylaw 14.12. Carried unanimously.

MO2013.54 Hansen-Zacharuk, Zariski moved third reading of Bylaw 14.12. Carried unanimously.

12.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

13.0 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

14.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer