

Town of Drumheller COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 29, 2013 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

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

ABSENT: Councillor Doug Stanford

Byron Nagazina

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK

- 2.1 Mayor Terry Yemen presented a letter from Wheatland County advising that they have agreed to contribute \$50.00 per capita towards the BCF for a total donation of \$15,900.
- 2.2 Mayor Terry Yemen advised that in accordance with the Elected Officials Remuneration Task Force Review, Council's increase is based on the 2013 COLA adjustment. He further explained that Council will not receive an increase in 2013 as the COLA adjustment is 0%.
- 2.3 Mayor Terry Yemen asked Paul Salvatore to introduce Chris Curtis, Executive Director with Travel Drumheller.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MO2013.108 Garbutt, Hansen-Zacharuk moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

5.0 MINUTES

5.1. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1 Special Council Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2013

MO2013.109 Hansen-Zacharuk, Berdahl moved to adopt the Special Council Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2013 as presented. Carried unanimously.

5.1.2 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2013

Clarification on MO2013.103: Councillor J. Garbutt clarified that the Life and Disability pricing with Industrial Alliance will be guaranteed for 40 months, with the renewal based on negotiations in conjunction with a competitive market while the Health and Dental pricing is guaranteed for one year (first year is 16 months) and renewal is based on actual claims.

MO2013.110 Shoff, Hansen-Zacharuk moved to adopt the Regular Council Meeting minutes of July 2, 2013 as clarified. Carried unanimously.

5.2. MINUTES OF MEETING PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.0 DELEGATIONS

6.1 Drumheller Association of Skateboarding Enthusiasts

Brooke Christianson - Chair of DASE and Trevor Morgan – Newline Skateboard Parks presented their proposal for a skateboard park development. Their project vision for a skateboard / BMX park for Drumheller includes: authentic environment with a transitioned terrain; a park for all ages; hard service integration with the environment; and great viewing in spectator area. Their efforts to date include re-applying for CFEP, conducted site selection studies, met with stakeholders, hired a consultant, visited other skateboards parks that are well designed and have raised cash and in-kind support of \$295,000 of their \$500,000 budget. With their second try at CFEP funding, they are hopeful for a grant approval of \$125,000. They anticipate that 200-300 skateboarders will use the park regularly with attracting competitions and demonstrations to Drumheller. They advised that their site selection is located adjacent to the spray park with an area of 12,000 sq. ft. DASE requested a motion from Council for approval of this site which would allow them to proceed with design creation and the public consultation process. B. Christianson advised that ATCO has signed off on the site location however DASE still needs to do a due diligence process to be ready for construction in the spring. T. Morgan advised no analysis has been done on parking however he does not foresee a problem as there would be more foot traffic than vehicular.

In response to Council's comments on the site selection, R. Romanetz advised that the site is suitable however long term plans must accommodate the potential for expansion

of the aquaplex. He further advised that with the power line poles removed this year, the trail system could be moved further north which would allow for more flexibility in the development of the park. He stated that Administration will review the proposal and work with DASE for a formal design and ensure due diligence is carried out with all parties.

Mayor and Council thanked DASE for their presentation and advised that a decision on the land would be forthcoming.

6.2 Introduction of Sprung Buildings by Hansine Ullberg-Kostecky - Badlands Community Facility Fundraising Committee

Hansine Ullberg-Kostecky introduced Michael Winder – Sales Manager, Sprung Instant Structures Ltd. and Charles Olfert – Architecture, Aodbt Architecture and Interior Design. She explained that as Fundraising Chair she had heard comments that Phase 2 is an important part of the overall recreation plan and more fundraising dollars would be received if the Town would proceed with Phase 2. She provided an overview of the Committee's activities to date: rewrite the "ask" process; review of those donors who are entitled to naming rights (\$25,000); Diamond Dinner event planned; October Fest planned; and Tour of Alberta beer gardens planned. She advised that rather than the initial brick donor recognition idea (which costs \$25 for engraving per brick), the Committee is proposing an etched leaf donor recognition (local artist design) which is more cost effective.

Charles Olfert provided an overview on the design and benefits of a Sprung structure versus a traditional method building for a new second arena and / or curling rink. A package of information was given to Council for their consideration in making an application for a shovel ready project.

7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS

8.1. CAO

- 8.1.1 Bylaw 11.13 being a land use amendment to redesignate Plan 4317CQ, Block 1, Lots 26 to 28 from HWY-C - Highway Commercial District to R-2 Residential District - first reading

R. Romanetz advised that the property is located along Hwy 9 North and the applicant proposes to build a duplex on the property. He further advised that he expects a reasonable policy from environment on flooding.

MO2013.110 Berdahl, Zariski for first reading to Bylaw 11.13. Carried unanimously.

- 8.1.2 Emergent Purchase Under Section 248 1(b) of the Municipal Government Act - Replacement of Chiller at the Arena

R. Romanetz advised Council of the reason for the urgency to purchase a chiller at the arena. He advised that the chiller had failed due to an ammonia leak – the ammonia

could make the brine caustic and damage the piping. Startec did an investigation and confirmed that the chiller tubes had corroded and were leaking and did not recommend an option of patching the leaks. Ordering a new chiller from the factory was going to be 12-14 weeks delivery. Knowing this delay would cause concerns with the Dragons and Minor Hockey, K. Russell, Operations Manager did a call out for a chiller and one was found at an arena in Springbank by Startec. Their community had purchased it however it did not fit in their building. The Town purchased the chiller at the new price plus paid a premium for it. The chiller is now installed and ice is being made. The chiller cost is \$46,800 with additional installation cost in the range of \$30,000. This is not a budgeted capital cost. A. Kendrick advised that Byron Nagazina, Director of Corporate Services has submitted a grant application under the MSI capital funding program and is hopeful that the equipment purchase will be approved.

8.1.3 RFD - Service Capacity Review

R. Romanetz advised that the Service Capacity Review was developed by staff and Council at a workshop held on June 11th and 12th. The review identifies program services / activities that require improvements and / or change to gain efficiencies, cost savings and proficiencies within a framework of accountability. The Service Capacity Review needs to be reviewed / updated annually prior to the budget process.

MO2013.110 Shoff, Hansen-Zacharuk moved to approve the 2013 Service Capacity Review as presented. Carried unanimously.

8.1.4 RFD - Appointment of Carolyn Huculak to the Badlands Community Facility Fundraising Committee

MO2013.111 Zariski, Hansen-Zacharuk moved to approve the appointment of Carolyn Huculak to the Badlands Community Facility Fundraising Committee for a term to be determined by Council. Carried unanimously.

8.2. Director of Infrastructure Services

8.2.1 Official Date to be in New Town Hall - August 12th

A. Kendrick advised that the Town Hall will be closed on August 9th for the move of furniture and office contents to the new Town Hall. The new Town Hall will be open for business on August 12th.

8.3. Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 RFD - Proposed Drug and Alcohol Policy

R. Romanetz presented a draft drug and alcohol policy that is common place in several municipalities. The policy complies with human rights legislation and has been industry accepted. A company based out of Drumheller will provide the testing capabilities in conjunction with the medical doctors. He stressed that this is not a random testing policy but the intention is have the policy in place to deal with suspicions, near misses and situations through observations where a worker is in possession of drugs and alcohol - only asking for testing to take place when it is reasonable and justified to do so. The Town will bring in an expert in the field to explain the policy's intent to improve the employees' comfort level. The policy will be back to Council for formal approval in 60 days.

MO2013.112 Garbutt, Zariski moved that Council direct Administration to proceed with the review of draft drug and alcohol policy with CUPE and Out of Scope employees, taking the necessary steps, including consultation and training, prior to formal approval of the policy by Council.

Discussion on Motion:

In response to a question from Council on the action taken on a refusal to undergo testing, R. Romanetz advised that a refusal to undergo testing indicates a positive test. Councillor J. Garbutt pointed out inconsistency with concentration levels. Administration agreed to review this matter. He further pointed out that the policy contains significant repetitions. R. Romanetz explained that repetitions were discussed with the company that specializes in these types of policies and they stated that repetition is there for a purpose. Councillor T. Zariski asked who will provide assistance to employees should they need it. R. Romanetz advised that the Town has a full Employee Assistance Program that will work in conjunction with the policy.

Vote on Motion:

Carried unanimously.

8.4. Director of Community Services

8.4.1 Tour of Alberta Update

P. Salvatore provided a status update on the Tour of Alberta Bike Race to be held on September 6th. He explained that in January, the Town was invited to participate following the awarding of a grant. Drumheller is one of six stages of the Tour of Alberta with Edmonton and Calgary being the two major points. He explained that 150 professional cyclists will be coming to Drumheller. Tour of Alberta Stage 4 will travel from Strathmore to Drumheller and a festival will occur between Noon to 6:00 pm. The local organizing committee is Town staff from various departments with assistance from 200 volunteers to work in a variety of areas from security to hospitality with a total of 10,000 plus spectators and participants. The event will be aired on prime time TV - Drumheller will get major tourism exposure during the event. Tour of Alberta is anticipated to be an annual event based on success this year. He encouraged Council and the public to view www.tourofalberta.com. Following the event, the Committee will evaluate the overall impact, cost and benefits for hosting this event. Councillor J. Garbutt expressed concerns about with Town's capacity and available resources to handle 10,000 plus people. P. Salvatore stated that Drumheller is at Stage 4 and will be able to observe and foresee any challenges in advance.

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, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer