

Town of Drumheller COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2014 at 4:30 PM
Council Chamber, Town Hall
224 Centre Street, Drumheller, Alberta



PRESENT:

MAYOR:

Terry Yemen

COUNCIL:

Jay Garbutt

Lisa Hansen-Zacharuk

Patrick Kolafa

Tara McMillan

Sharel Shoff

Tom Zariski

DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:

Allan Kendrick

ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Bill Wulff

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Paul Salvatore

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Linda Handy

ABSENT: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ENGINEER:

Ray Romanetz

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Yemen called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK

Mayor Terry Yemen congratulated the Drumheller Dragons on winning the AJHL South Division Finals. He explained that the Mayor of Brooks and he made a bet with the loser paying \$100 to the winning community. Mayor Yemen stated that the \$100 dollars he receives from Mayor Martin Shields will be forwarded to Kids Sports.

Mayor Yemen thanked Judy Quintin-Arvidson and her team for the excellent program recognizing our Town's Volunteers held on April 5th at the Badlands Community Facility.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition to Agenda: 14.1 Legal Matter

MO2014.46 Kolafa, Hansen-Zacharuk 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 March 24, 2014

MO2014.47 Zariski, Garbutt moved to adopt the regular Council meeting minutes of March 24, 2014 as presented. Carried unanimously.

5.2. MINUTES OF MEETING PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.0 DELEGATIONS

6.1 Dinosaur Trail Golf and Country Club Presentation

Mitch Davidson, Manager and Paul Ainscough, President provided an overview of the Dinosaur Trail Golf and Country Club improvements to their operations (new banquet facility and club house) and to request a reduction on their municipal tax bill. Mitch stated that the Dinosaur Trail Golf Club is a non-profit society governed by a Board of Directors with 335 members, annual revenues of \$1.2M and assets worth \$5M. He further stated that over 25,000 rounds of golf are played each season and that the course provides a unique experience with the back nine. He stated that their challenges include a significant term loan, past short-sighted decisions, equipment that have passed its life expectancy, corporate membership issues, lack of a water source, taxes are \$25,000 per year and they have limited services provided by the Town. The club has its own water and septic systems and pays for their own garbage removal. He stated that other non-profit recreation facilities are subsidized by the Town and that the Dinosaur Trail Golf and Country Club should be as well, as it is a community golf course. Councillor J. Garbutt asked if it was fair to ask taxpayers to bail out past short sighted decisions when the club may be able to attract more golfers with a different rate structure. Mitch concurred and explained that this year's rate structure includes discounted golfing on Mondays as well as membership rates. He explained that their short and long term goals include putting more dollars into infrastructure to attract more golfers and to become a sustainable organization. In response to a question from Council, P. Ainscough stated that the Club is a member of the DMO.

Mayor and Council thanked Mitch and Paul for their presentation.

7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS

8.1. ACTING CAO

8.1.1 RFD - Strategic Business Plan

Acting CAO A. Kendrick presented the 2014 Strategic Business Plan which was developed at Council's strategic workshop held on February 24 and 25.

MO2014.48 Hansen-Zacharuk, McMillan moved that Council approve the 2014 Strategic Business Plan.

Councillor J. Garbutt requested that Tough Mudder be identified as a priority under Infrastructure Services and asked for a friendly amendment as such. Councillor McMillan agreed.

MO2014.48A McMillan, Garbutt moved that Council approve the 2014 Strategic Business Plan with the addition of Tough Mudder under Infrastructure Services. Carried unanimously.

8.1.2 RFD - Appointment to the Municipal Planning Commission

MO2014.49 Zariski, Garbutt moved that Council approve Clayton Gillis to the Municipal Planning Commission for a three year term to expire on the date of Council's Organizational Meeting in 2017. Carried unanimously.

8.1.3 RFD - Appointments to the Drumheller Public Library Board

MO2014.50 Kolafa, Garbutt moved that Council approve the appointments of Allyson Wagner and Margaret Nagy to the Drumheller Public Library Board to expire on the date of Council's Organizational Meeting in 2017. Carried unanimously.

8.2. DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

8.3. DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

8.4. DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

8.4.1 RFD - 2014 Recreation Fees

P. Salvatore presented a rate structure for general admission at the Drumheller Aquaplex and market comparisons with similar sized municipalities. Overall the average rates are Adult \$7.31, Senior \$5.54, and Youth \$5.32. Drumheller's current rates are Adult \$8.25, Senior \$6.25 and Youth \$6.25. If rates were adjusted to reflect the differential average cost per entry in the region – adjusted to the nearest 25 cents – the direct cost to implement this change would be approximately \$10,000. Our current rates are the same for single facility drop-ins for the BCF.

Council asked who should pay the subsidized amount – the users or overall tax payers? Councillor J. Garbutt stated that 39% reflects just the amount of revenue from drop-in rates at the Aquaplex. Council concurred that the current rates set for BCF are adequate as the duration of the stay can be longer (all day). The Aquaplex is for a specific period of time because of other programs running. Council concurred that the

fee difference between communities should be about the experience – and at this time the Town may not be providing the top end of the experience at the pool.

MO2014.51 Hansen-Zacharuk, McMillan moved that the Aquaplex drop-in rates be lowered by \$1.00 for Youth, Senior and Adult. Carried unanimously.

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION

10.0 PUBLIC HEARING DECISIONS

11.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

13.0 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

14.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS MO2014.52 McMillan, Zariski moved to go in camera at 5:30 PM. Carried unanimously.

14.1 Legal Matter

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer