

Town of Drumheller COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 2015 at 4:30 PM
Council Chamber, Town Hall
224 Centre Street, Drumheller, AB, T0J 0Y4



PRESENT:

MAYOR:
Terry Yemen

COUNCIL:

Jay Garbutt
Lisa Hansen-Zacharuk
Patrick Kolafa
Tara McMillan
Sharel Shoff
Tom Zariski

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ENGINEER:
Ray Romanetz

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:
Barb Miller

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:
Paul Salvatore

DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES:
Greg Peters

RECORDING SECRETARY:
Linda Handy

ABSENT: DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:
Allan Kendrick

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Terry Yemen called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK

Mayor T. Yemen advised that numerous accolades have been received from residents and tourist on the July 1st and Town's beautification efforts, especially in the downtown

core with a redesign of Munchie Park. Council thanked Town staff for their efforts and perseverance during the long hours working in hot weather to make both projects an enjoyable experience for all.

Mayor T. Yemen advised that he along with some Councillors attended the Atlas Coal Mine presentation of a cheque in the amount of \$50,000 from MP Kevin Sorenson for their tippie Phase 2 project. The grants dollars were approved under the Canada 150 Celebration Program.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MO2015.111 Hansen-Zacharuk, McMillan moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

5.0 MINUTES

5.1. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 29, 2015

MO2015.112 Garbutt, Shoff moved to adopt the regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 29, 2015 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 RFD - Dinosaur Rehabilitation

R. Romanetz advised that Ed Palm inspected the dinosaur located at the Rotary Spray Park on June 8, 2015 and has provided his letter of recommendation. In his letter, Mr. Palm states that *"Without question cracking is severe, but I don't share the view that the state of stability is a hazard to the public."* R. Romanetz explained that Stage 1 includes repairs in key areas with patching. He explained that although the Town does not have significant dollars in the budget to improve the dinosaur's appearance at this time, the unexpected unbudgeted MSI dollars (\$30,000) can be used to cover off these

costs. He reiterated that the dinosaur is structurally stable and the repairs as identified will suffice this year and into the future (10+/-). Other repairs as identified in Stage 2 can be carried out in the future and will extend the longevity further.

MO2015.113 Shoff, Hansen-Zacharuk moved that Council authorize Administration to award the quote for the dinosaur rehabilitation to Steve Vernon in the amount of \$6,700 (includes GST) for Stage 1 repairs.

Clarification on Motion:

In response to a question from Council, R. Romanetz advised that once the Stage 1 repairs are completed, the patches will be painted to blend in with the existing color scheme of the dinosaur. Councillor J. Garbutt requested that for the future, the residents be polled to determine if the community wants a refurbished dinosaur or wants a completely new dinosaur.

Vote on Motion:

Carried unanimously.

8.2. DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

8.3. DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

8.4. DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

8.4.1 Review of Waterslide Performance

R. Romanetz advised that further to Council's direction to provide an update on the waterslide performance, Directors P. Salvatore and G. Peters have prepared reports for Council's information. P. Salvatore advised that following the opening of the waterslide on June 5th, feedback from the pool staff is that users' comments are extremely positive with its operations. In response to the negative feedback on the rule changes, the Town has researched what other communities are doing with regards to the "within arm's reach" concept. He stated that there is great variation on how waterslides are managed within communities based on the facility and era it was built. He further stated that the Town's adopted rules were based on feedback provided by members of the Alberta Association of Aquatic Professionals, the manufacturer of the waterslide, Alberta Health and staff from all departments of the Town of Drumheller. He further stated that under the Canadian Life Saving Society guidelines, the standard rule for children is to be within arm's-reach of a supervising adult if the child is below a specific height requirement or does not meet specific swimming competency levels while attending an Aquaplex Facility. This would include walking on the deck and waterslide usage. For Drumheller, the rule for riders of the waterslide is a 42 inch height requirement. He advised that in addition to this, the Town's waterslide safety measures include a green light system to advise when it is safe to ride as well as an attendant on the platform. Policy and rules were established in a way that the pool staff could manage users as closely as possible to the manufacturer's requirements. R. Romanetz advised that the

“arm’s reach” rule at the Drumheller Aquaplex for the waterslide requires further review as it relates to the practicality of the guardian taking the child to the top of the stairs of the waterslide.

Director of Protective Services, G. Peters advised that his concern relates to looking at what can go wrong if policy and rules are not adhered to. He stated that the most available statistics come from waterslide parks all over north America. He explained that gross breaches of policy and rules result in litigation with the number one issue for waterslide operations is with users colliding. He further explained that waterslides are considered high risk and young children can be hurt on them. He stated that the Town’s signage does not include all the rules but the Town has posted what the manufacturer recommends to minimize the risk to users. He further stated that any deviation from the Town’s rules will not be tolerated.

Questions and Comments from Council:

Councillor L. Hansen-Zacharuk asked Administration to consider having an alternative activity for those children who do not qualify for ridership on the waterslide such as a blow up slide, etc. P. Salvatore stated that he will research this option. In response to a question from Council, it was clarified that a bronze medallion level is required for the waterslide attendant. Councillor J. Garbutt stated that Administration should have provided a rationale for the waterslide height requirement – educating the users well in advance - rather than imposing a rule without an explanation. Mayor T. Yemen questioned whether the arm’s reach is open for discussion or not as it pertains to the waterslide? R. Romanetz advised that it is Administration’s intention to have further discussions in this regard to determine if there is a change that may be more effective for users of the waterslide however the “arm’s reach” rule for users of the pool and deck remain in place.

8.5. DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES

8.5.1 RFD - RCMP Services for Tough Mudder Event

G. Peters advised that the request for RCMP Services for the Tough Mudder Event is similar to last year with the estimated overtime hours at 140 hours. He stated that last year Council passed a motion for funding for policing and the Town was reimbursed a portion of these costs from the Drumheller Festival in the amount of \$7700. However, this year there is no guarantee of a reimbursement of these funds.

MO2015.114 Hansen-Zacharuk, Zariski moved that Council requests the RCMP to provide the additional policing services equivalent to 140 hours and the Town agrees to pay these additional costs to cover the Tough Mudder event to be held from September 5-6, 2015.

Clarification on Motion:

In response to a question from Council regarding whether the 140 hours allotment to the Tough Mudder event was justified, G. Peters advised that the requirements for policing services forms part of the Tough Mudder contract signed by the Town of Drumheller.

He further advised that the policing services will include being present at the event, having a roving vehicle and traffic control.

Council agreed that the reimbursement clause needs to form part of the motion.

Councillors Hansen-Zacharuk and Zariski agreed to an amendment as follows:

MO2015.114A Hansen-Zacharuk, Zariski moved that Council requests the RCMP to provide the additional policing services equivalent to 140 hours and the Town agrees to pay these additional costs to cover the Tough Mudder event to be held from September 5-6, 2015; and further that the Town of Drumheller be reimbursed should any grant funding be received.

R. Romanetz advised that it is unlikely that the policing costs will be reimbursed in the same amount as any grant funding will be disbursed among several partners. He further advised that last year he along with the Mayor and the former Staff Sgt. reviewed the requirements for policing and at that time, it was determined that five members would be a reasonable amount of officers required to cover the event. Mayor Yemen concurred that the increased number of officers allows them to respond to situations resulting from the increased population during this weekend. G. Peters further stated that no formal agreement is required as it is a verbal arrangement with K-Division and the local detachment for special events.

Vote on Motion:

Carried unanimously.

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION

- 9.1 CAO's Quarterly Report to June 30, 2015
- 9.2 Infrastructure Services' Quarterly Report to June 30, 2015
- 9.3 Corporate Services' Quarterly Report to June 30, 2015
- 9.4 Community Services' Quarterly Report to June 30, 2015
- 9.5 Protective Services' Quarterly Report to June 30, 2015

10.0 PUBLIC HEARING DECISIONS

11.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

13.0 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

13.1 Councillor Sharel Shoff - Tough Mudder Event

Councillor S. Shoff advised that weekly meetings are held with all the partners which includes herself, Councillor T. McMillan and Director of Protective Services G. Peters in attendance as the Town representatives. The meetings are held for partners at 11:00

AM – Noon on Thursday and for the public on Wednesday at 7:00 PM at the Chamber Office. The organizers are in need of more volunteers. The Town was provided with a list of “asks” similar to last year.

13.2 Councillor Tara McMillan - Ministers' BBQ

Councillor T. McMillan shared an idea to host a BBQ for the new NDP government to re-establish communications. Council agreed to invite the new Ministers for a BBQ along with the surrounding municipalities in September.

14.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS MO2015.115 Shoff, Zariski moved to go in camera at 6:00 PM. Carried unanimously.

MO2015.116 Zariski, McMillan moved to revert to regular Council meeting at 6:15 PM. Carried unanimously.

14.1 Legal Matter – Landfill

14.2 Land Matter – Industrial

14.3 Personnel Matter

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer