

**Town of Drumheller
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

April 18, 2016 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 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:
Allan Kendrick

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:
Paul Salvatore

DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES:
Greg Peters

RECORDING SECRETARY:
Libby Vant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK

Mayor Terry Yemen advised that Drumheller is pleased to host the 39th Alberta Association of Recreation Facility Personnel [AARFP] Annual General Meeting and conference from April 24-27th, 2016 at the Badlands Community Facility.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Yemen requested the agenda be amended by the removal of Item **14.1** In Camera Land Matter.

MO2016.68 Zariski, 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 April 4, 2016
- Special Council Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2016

MO2016.68 Shoff, Hansen-Zacharuk, moved to adopt the Regular Council Meeting minutes of April 4, 2016 and the Special Council Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2016 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 Provincial Budget 2016

R. Romanetz provided Council with two handouts regarding the 2016 Provincial Budget: one prepared by Corporate Services Director B. Miller outlining the impact of the budget on Drumheller, the other the AUMA to show the effect that the provincial budget had on municipalities. R. Romanetz directed Council's attention to each item in the AUMA document to clarify what Provincial commitments were complied with, and identified some areas that were not honoured by the Province. R. Romanetz advised that MSI funding was unexpectedly decreased by \$50 M, and it will be fixed at that level for the next three years. He advised that the Transportation grant shows an increase of \$10 M for each year, and there is no real increase to the Gas Tax Fund. He stated that Drumheller submitted two applications for the New Building Canada - Small Communities Fund that were not successful; he added that there were many small communities competing for the funding. The AUMA document confirms that there is no new money coming into the cash flow for 2016-2017 and there is no opportunity to

submit another application to the Province for these grants. R. Romanetz advised that Water for Life funding increased, and that Council will remember the top two priorities for Drumheller are the Lift Station in East Coulee and the Solids Residuals at the Water treatment Plant. R. Romanetz advised that he and A. Kendrick had a number of meetings with Alberta Environment, and the Province has removed the solids residuals upgrade requirements until at least 2018. He further advised that, under Flood Recovery Mitigation, the budget is similar to last year with a significant portion of the funds allotted to High River's long term recovery. R. Romanetz stated that Drumheller's successful Alberta Community Partnership grant application was for an Emergency Management Plan collaboration approved at \$125,000, and that the intention is to meet with Starland County and other neighbours to determine the top projects for collaboration and select one or two- the Hoodoos and Swinging Bridge washrooms are priorities for tourism. He further advised that the Alberta Community Partnership grant has been cut in half, so less money is available to the partners. R. Romanetz advised that the Grants in Place of Taxes funds were previously cut by \$65,000, and that the FCSS funding remained similar to last year and the Policing Grant shows a slight increase to \$30 M. B. Miller advised that the carbon levy will have an impact to the Town, and that Calgary reports the levy will have a \$7M per year impact on them. R. Romanetz advised that various dollars in the Provincial Capital Plan don't relate to Drumheller, but the initial discussions that A. Kendrick has had with the Province confirm that there is no funding for water and wastewater programs for at least two years. R. Romanetz advised that \$10,000 from CMHC is being used to complete a Needs Study for Affordable Housing, and that as a result of a discussion with Bob Shaddy, an additional \$40,000 may be available to flesh out projects that meet those priorities. R. Romanetz advised that Hillview Phase 3 may fit this program, as it is zoned R3 and can be packaged as affordable housing. We will quickly need to complete a study to show the development concept plan and cost, etc. The grant is not just for new housing but to replace affordable housing that is nearing the end of its life cycle.

Questions from Council:

J. Garbutt asked if the current waste water and water projects will remain in their place in line, or if the Town would need to reapply. R. Romanetz replied that these projects will remain in the queue. A. Kendrick advised that we would update our application if there is an increase in cost. R. Romanetz advised that the Province usually contacts us to see if the projects are still priorities and if they have changed.

B. Miller advised that the impacts to the carbon tax equates to all the information provided in the in the handout. She advised that there is a Fuel Tax increase, and due to the elimination of the Education Tax on Grants in Lieu we will not be collecting the Education Tax, so it will be nil impact according to AUMA information. B. Miller advised that the Provincial Education Tax requisition has decreased, and it is all based on an equalized assessment. She advised that MSI funding has been reduced over last few years, and that New Deals funding has increased. B. Miller advised that FCSS funding has no change, and that the Town submitted the maximum of five applications for the Step Program – we are waiting for a response on this. B. Miller advised that the Policing Grant shows a slight change, and the Alberta Community Partnership grant funding was decreased by 50 percent, and we will be competing for money in that program. B.

Miller advised of a program to employ youth 18-30 years of age that will pay up to minimum wage; she spoke to Public Works to see if we can hire more students.

T. McMillan asked if, due to the Education Tax increase, will we see an increase or decrease on Property Taxes. B. Miller replied that it depends on the assessed value of the property, so she can't speak to that at the moment. R. Romanetz advised that a detailed review needs to be conducted before we can confirm the effect of the budget on the Education Tax.

T. Zariski asked if we have accessed the ACP grant in the past for the water line to partner with others. R. Romanetz replied no, that Palliser has accessed this program funding over the last four or five years. He further stated that the ACP application for an Emergency Management Plan was successful. The Hoodoos and swinging bridge could be eligible projects; they are maxed out at \$300,000 per project. The scope of the program is quite broad and numerous projects could fit.

J. Garbutt asked if, due to the MSI cuts are there any projects we now cannot do. R. Romanetz advised that he and the Directors have discussed generally what changes have to be made, but is hopeful that the difference can be made up from carry over from last year.

8.1.2 Bylaw 06.16 being a bylaw to outline the provision of Solid Waste
Management 2nd and 3rd readings

R. Romanetz advised that the G. Peters presented at the last meeting a number of changes to the bylaw as they relate to the Landfill side, that will give Bylaw Enforcement the authority to deal with incidents more effectively when they occur.

MO2016.69 Zariski, Hansen-Zacharuk moved second reading of Bylaw 06.16. Carried unanimously.

Questions from Council:

J. Garbutt asked that G. Peters provide the impetus on this bylaw. G. Peters replied that, over the last few years, we have had some incidents that required us to deal with them without resorting to the criminal code, and that most of the changes in the bylaw deal with expectations and requirements for behavior, supplying manifests, improved and streamlined violation for offenses ticketing, similar to other bylaws such as Livery and Pet Owners. He advised that it allows the Landfill to deal with these offenses more effectively. R. Romanetz advised that part of this bylaw's purpose is to leave the enforcement to the Bylaw Officers. G. Peters stated that it is never our intention to be punitive in our enforcement of violations.

MO2016.70 Hansen-Zacharuk, Shoff, moved third and final reading of Bylaw 06.16. Carried unanimously.

8.2. DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

8.3. DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

8.4. DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

8.4.1 RFD - Heritage, Arts and Culture Steering Committee Appointment

P. Salvatore advised that the Town of Drumheller is seeking several public at large members to sit on the Heritage, Arts and Culture Steering Committee. He advised that the popularity of this committee continues with another appointment request from resident Heather Farquharson.

MO2016.71 Zariski, McMillan moved that Council appoint Heather Farquharson to the Heritage, Arts and Culture Steering Committee. Carried unanimously.

8.5. DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES

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

13.1 Councillor T. McMillan - Valley Bus Society Report

Councillor McMillan provided a hand book from Alberta transportation to Council and Directors for their input on area transportation. T. McMillan stated that VBS numbers are up: to date there have been 1108 total runs and 434 fixed runs. T. McMillan advised that VBS had their AGM last week, and they reported averaging 244 hospital trips as well as 19 charters per month; the charters bring in over half of the revenue, and are therefore very important to VBS. T. McMillan advised that VBS received a new bus last year and it has had some major repairs but over all it is in good shape. She further advised that VBS had 8 seniors attend the AGM, and they would like to have weekend service but VBS is not ready to do that until it is more cost effective. T. McMillan reported that VBS is currently working on the Transportation Alberta work book, which is how the Province is requesting input from communities. She advised that it is difficult to fill out as they are referring to scheduled stops and schedules; and VBS is an On Demand service.

Questions from Council:

T. Zariski tasked if VBS is interested in providing inter-city bussing, as Drumheller does not have that at the moment; he stated that e has received requests for this service because we are a tourism community, out of Province/country visitors cannot get here without renting a vehicle, and we are the third most popular tourist destination in the province.

S. Shoff asked if inter-city service, in the Drumheller area, is that actually the mandate for VBS?

T. McMillan replied that inter-city service is not the VBS mandate, but it is part of the transportation workbook – to see what we would like to have and what the residents would like to see; the inter-city service will not occur unless there is a private charter company that will come in to support that service.

S. Shoff asked if Don Johnson, who has a new bus, would be interested in inter-city transportation.

T. McMillan replied that VBS has not been in contact with him, but that the VBS does provide a charter service to Calgary for a fare of \$90.00 per person.

T. Zariski asked if it is correct that, without weekend service for the VBS, there is no other way for a disabled person to access transportation on the weekend. T. McMillan replied that is correct, as the weekend service is not currently cost effective.

S. Shoff asked if VBS provided weekend services previously.

T. McMillan replied that is correct. Mayor Yemen advised that there was weekend service in previous years with two runs on Saturday, then it went down to one run. A. Kendrick advised that part of that service was funded by the Co-op, they paid for the second bus.

T. McMillan advised that the bus runs are currently subsidized by different businesses.

Mayor Yemen requested that all Councillors and Directors review the transportation workbook and provide their input to Councillor McMillan prior to the response date for Councillor McMillan to coordinate the response.

Received as information.

NEW ITEM – UPDATE ON HILLSVIEW LOT DRAW

Corporate Service Director B. Miller advised that the Hillsvie Phase II Lot Draw took place on April 14. Of the sixteen lots available for purchase, one lot was purchased by Corridor Homes.

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Received as information.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:16 PM.

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor