

Town of Drumheller COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA

**January 10, 2011 at 4:30 PM
Council Chamber, Town Hall
703-2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta**



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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Proclamation - Family Literacy Day in Drumheller - January 27th, 2010

2.0 DEVELOPMENT OR REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLAN

3.0 DEVELOPMENT OR REVIEW OF POLICIES

4.0 DELEGATIONS

4.1 Linda Digby - 100 Years of Coal Mining in the Valley

5.0 REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

5.1. CAO'S REPORT

5.2. DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES' REPORT

5.3. DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

5.4. DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES' REPORT

6.0 ANNUAL BUDGET REVIEW

6.1 Water Rate Bylaw

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8.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

Town of Drumheller

Proclamation

Family Literacy Day

January 27, 2011

WHEREAS solid literacy skills are vital to our social and economic development as a Town;

AND WHEREAS research shows that parents have a strong influence on the literacy development of their children;

AND WHEREAS family literacy programs serve to secure a solid learning foundation for our children;

AND WHEREAS family learning helps maintain the literacy levels of adults and encourages the development of lifelong readers and learners;

Now therefore, I, Mayor Terry Yemen, do hereby proclaim January 27 as "Family Literacy Day" in the Town of Drumheller.



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December 21, 2010

Mayor Yemen
703 – 2nd Ave. W.
Drumheller, AB
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Dear Mayor Yemen,

In partnership with Drumheller and District Further Education, Drumheller Literacy Project, Drumheller Family Literacy and the Family Fun Events Committee and residents of Drumheller we are committed to seeing children and adults prosper. Each year on January 27, many children and adults across Canada celebrate Family Literacy Day by participating in activities designed to promote reading and learning as a family. This special day communicates the important message to children and parents in our community that the reading and learning habits we develop at an early age set the stage for our success later in life.

I am writing to request that you recognize January 27 as Family Literacy Day in Drumheller. An official recognition of January 27 as Family Literacy Day will serve to reinforce our government's commitment to literacy and to securing a solid foundation for our children.

We would also like to extend an invitation to you and the council to experience Family Literacy Day for yourselves. We will be holding a Family Literacy Celebration at the Civic Centre on January 22, 2011 from 2 to 4P.M. to celebrate. We would be honored to have you open the celebration. If you could start off the afternoon with a welcome and possibly why literacy is important to you and how it plays a role in your family that would be great. You could add any of the following comments if you wish:

- Family literacy includes all the talking, singing, rhyming, reading that happens throughout the day with your children.
- Parents/caregivers are the first teachers of their children and sometimes the journey is a challenge.
- It is intergenerational, as grandparents, aunts, uncles can play important roles on this learning journey
- Organizations like Drumheller Family Literacy are here to help you on your way with creative age appropriate activities for families.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. I will follow up with you in a few days to discuss this great opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Louise Henrickson'.

Louise Henrickson
Family Literacy Coordinator