Town of Drumheller COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA

November 26, 2012 at 4:30 PM Council Chamber, Town Hall 703-2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta



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- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER
- 2.0 DEVELOPMENT OR REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLAN
- 3.0 DEVELOPMENT OR REVIEW OF POLICIES
- 4.0 DELEGATIONS
- 4.1 Andy Newman, Executive Director Royal Tyrrell Museum re Hoodoos Preservation Project Report
- 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
- 5.4.1 BCF Fundraising Report
- 5.4.2 Memo re Council Update Community Enforcement Projects
 - Livery Vehicle Bylaw
 - Responsible Pet Owners Bylaw
 - Valley Coyotes
- 6.0 ANNUAL BUDGET REVIEW
- 7.0 COUNCIL MEMBERS ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
- 7.1 Councillor J. Garbutt Drumheller Housing Administration Update
- 8.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

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8.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

- 8.1 Land Matter Proposed Lane Closure (East Coulee)
- 8.2 Land Matter (Offer of Land)

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MEMO

Date: November 21, 2012

To: Mayor and Council	CC: Ray Romanetz, CAO Paul Salvatore Director- Community Services.
From: Greg Peters Supervisor – Community Enforcement	Department: Community Services
Subject: Council Update - Community E	nforcement Projects

LIVERY VEHICLE BYLAW DRAFT

The draft has been presented to the taxi commission and commission members along with the supervisor of Community Enforcement have met with the brokers twice for their input. The final meeting with brokers is November 23. The new proposed bylaw seeks to improve livery vehicle safety by setting out a direct and level legislative base for the industry and allowing remedial action coupled with, or in lieu of, enforcement to achieve compliance with the law. The draft includes an expanded definitions section to ensure clear comprehension of terms used in the bylaw.

The supervisor of Community Enforcement will make final amendments as directed by taxi commission members after the above noted meetings. The draft will then be ready for study by committee of the whole and implementation in 2013.

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS BYLAW

As of November 22 this is approximately 85-90% completed. This proposed bylaw seeks the voluntarily compliance of citizens to ensure reasonable and humane standards of animal care and control. The definitions section of the draft is expanded to clarify the meaning of new terms used and to enhance the meanings of those from the old bylaw 23-00. Those crafting laws of this type have for a long time accepted that animals are who they are and it is their human owner that should be responsible and accountable. The new proposal includes a very important section on remedial action and of owners in certain circumstances being given time and opportunity to correct specific deficiencies before formal enforcement action is initiated. The supervisor of Community Enforcement stresses communication between enforcement personnel and citizens to overcome issues. The supervisor has been in communication and met with the board chair and other members of the Drumheller and District Humane Society. Paul Salvatore and Greg Peters met with Society board Cindy Wattenbarger on

November 20 to further discuss the commitment of the Town to the T

Pet ownership can be an extremely sensitive area. It is the purpose of the new bylaw to seek citizen compliance with reasonable and humane standards for the sake of the animals involved as well as to minimize conflict with neighbors over animal issues.

VALLEY COYOTES

It is no secret that coyotes appear to be more bold and numerous than ever in recorded history. Community Enforcement officers have researched this issue. The safest and most reasonable approach, given the proximity of coyotes to people, is to attempt to live trap them. This could be done during night time hours and the traps must be continually monitored while deployed to minimize risk to people and other animals. We have sought the advice of wildlife officials. The supervisor of Community Enforcement has experience in the trapping and relocation of other nuisance wild animals when a member of the RCMP in the north.

Yours truly,

Greg Peters

Supervisor, Community Enforcement