

Town of Drumheller COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA

**March 18, 2013 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 FCM Attendance - May 31st to June 3rd in Vancouver

2.0 DEVELOPMENT OR REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLAN

3.0 DEVELOPMENT OR REVIEW OF POLICIES

4.0 DELEGATIONS

4.1 Cathy Smoliak - Big Country Anti-Violence Association - Request for land required for the Angels Corner in Drumheller

5.0 REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

5.1. CAO'S REPORT

5.2. DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES' REPORT

5.3. DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

5.3.1 Report on Reserve Activity

5.4. DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES' REPORT

6.0 ANNUAL BUDGET REVIEW

7.0 COUNCIL MEMBERS ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

8.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

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BCAVA BACKGROUND

The Big Country Anti Violence Association has been in existence for 15+ years and has been a registered society since 1998. It is the goal of the committee to educate, to advocate for and to promote the reduction of violence in our community. The committee consists of representatives from various agencies within the community as well as representation from the community at large.

The Big Country Anti Violence Association has focused its attention over the past years on prevention and awareness initiatives within Drumheller and Surrounding Area. One of the annual initiatives of the committee is the Red Rose Campaign which is held the first Tuesday in November. Over 200 roses are delivered to businesses in Drumheller, Delia, East Coulee, Wayne, Rosedale and Morrin with the assistance of the residents at the Grace House. The roses are displayed with a card in memory of the men, women and children whose lives were lost to family violence. For the past two years the Big Country Anti Violence Association has also held Take Back the Night Walks in December. This year the committee, with the assistance of Drumheller Institution, had Silent Witness Red Silhouettes which displayed family violence statistics. This initiative is an opportunity to remember those victims of violence through a candlelight vigil and march through downtown.

The committee has hosted two Walk a Mile in her Shoes Events, May 2010 and 2012, where men walk in red high heels to show support and raise awareness about violence against women. The proceeds from this event have provided funding to the committee as well as funding to domestic violence and sexual abuse services in our community. The Big Country Anti Violence Association also offers educational opportunities to professionals and the community; most recent plans include offering Family Violence 101 training scheduled for March 2013.

ANGELS CORNER PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Angel Street Project was created as a positive initiative to bring hope and shine light on the devastating reality many women and families face. The Angel Street Project was established:

1. To bring education and awareness with hopes that positive changes can be made for those who face violence
2. Remind women there is hope and a place for them to find safety
3. To never forget those who have lost their lives due to violence

The Angel Street Project's Mission is to have every city in Canada choose to be vigilant of domestic abuse and make a positive change by naming an Angels Street/Corner in their community. This will raise awareness, educate and address the issues of domestic violence one community at a time while promoting a positive initiative that promotes healing and compassion. The step of naming an "Angels Street" can show the community's support for victims of abuse; they no longer need to hide their struggle, there are people who can help and those who lost their lives to abuse will not be forgotten.

BCAVA PROPOSAL

The BCAVA Committee envisions the development of an Angels Corner to be located on the southwest area of Gordon Taylor Bridge. The BCAVA felt that this would be an ideal location for this project as it is in a high traffic area by foot, vehicle and offers a location of serenity. Please see the attached photos from the St. John's NL project for an idea of what the corner could look like. For the Drumheller Angels Corner,

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the committee does envision some bench seating, flagpoles and artwork however exact design details have yet to be decided.

It is the goal of the Big Country Anti Violence Association to complete an Angels Corner in Drumheller to be unveiled during Drumheller's Centennial Year. The committee feels the unveiling of such a project would enhance the Centennial as it allows Drumheller to be amongst the few cities/communities to take on such an important initiative. The BCAVA would like to put forth a request for partnership with the Town of Drumheller in allocation of the land required for the Angels Corner. The committee is proposing the use of the green space located at the southwest area of Gordon Taylor Bridge. The committee would also request partnership with the town in the ongoing maintenance (snow clearing, mowing, weeding, etc) of the Angels Corner after the completion of the project. It is the intention of the committee to pursue potential partnerships with community groups such as Communities in Bloom to assist with ongoing maintenance of any landscaping. The committee is also committed to choosing low maintenance materials (shale, bark) and plants (perennials) for the site. The BCAVA is not requesting any financial assistance from the town at this time as the committee feels they are in a financial position to oversee the development of the Angels - Corner. As with all committee initiatives our goal is to utilize local community resources, artists and services to assist in the development and completion of this project. All support of this project will be publicly acknowledged.

If more information is required on this project or the committee please feel free to contact the following:

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