

Town of Drumheller COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

**February 28, 2010 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 Councillor Lisa Hansen-Zacharuk to be sworn in as Deputy Mayor for the months of March and April, 2011.

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK

- 2.1 Update on meeting held with Hon. Jack Hayden, MLA
- 2.2 Letter from Chris Riege, Group Lead, Community Relations, Encana
- 2.3 Recognition from Lieutenant-Colonel J.G. Pospolita in support of Town Drumheller

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5.0 MINUTES

5.1. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

- 5.1.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2011

5.2. MINUTES OF MEETING PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

- 5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission Minutes of December 2, 2010
- 5.2.2 Municipal Planning Commission Minutes of January 20, 2011

5.3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.0 DELEGATIONS

- 6.1 Badlands Community Gardens Society - Chris Marion
- 6.2 Badlands Ambulance Services Society - EMS Coordinator Bruce Coad
- 6.3 Hope Health - Jon Ohlhauser, President

7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS

8.1. CAO

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| 24 | 8.1.1 RFD - Approval of 2011 Operating and Capital Budgets |
| 25-26 | 8.1.2 RFD - Appointment of Alternate Representative to Marigold Regional Library Board |
| 27-36 | 8.1.3 Comments on Provincial Budget 2011 |
| 37-39 | 8.1.4 RFD - Elected Officials Remuneration Task Force |

8.2. Director of Infrastructure Services

8.3. Director of Corporate Services

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9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION

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12.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

13.0 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

14.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

February 22 2010

Town of Drumheller
703 - 2 Avenue, West
Drumheller, AB T0J 0Y3
Canada

ATTN: MR. RAYMOND ROMANETZ

RE: BADLANDS COMMUNITY FACILITY

Dear Mr. Romanetz:

Thank you for your request for funding to EnCana. I am please to enclose EnCana's cheque in the amount of \$250,000.00 for sponsorship of the Badlands Community Facility. We are delighted to partner with you on this program.

EnCana is committed to listening and responding to the needs of our neighbours. Our Community Investment Program focuses on creating sustainability, and we work to develop relationships with organizations that help us realize this goal in communities where we operate.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in your initiative and we wish you the best for success with the program. Kindly forward a business or charitable tax receipt to Salwa El-Maghwry at the address above within sixty days.

Yours sincerely,
EnCana Corporation
Canadian Division



Chris Riege
Group Lead, Community Relations



Luigi Vescarelli
Community Relations Advisor

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EnCana has introduced an online grant application form. If you apply for a grant in the future, please use the online form which can be found at www.encana.com/responsibility/investment/guidelines.

Encana Corporation

1800, 855 - 2 Street SW
PO Box 2850
Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 2S5

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**Town of Drumheller
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

February 14, 2011 at 4:30 PM
Council Chamber, Town Hall
703-2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta



PRESENT:

MAYOR:

Terry Yemen

COUNCIL:

Andrew Berdahl

Jay Garbutt

Lisa Hansen-Zacharuk

Sharel Shoff

Doug Stanford

Tom Zariski

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ENGINEER:

Ray Romanetz

DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:

Allan Kendrick

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Michael Roy

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Paul Salvatore

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Linda Handy

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK

2.1 Proclamation - Freedom to Read Week February 20 - 26, 2011

Mayor T. Yemen did not wish to read the Freedom to Read Week proclamation as worded.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MO2011.34 Shoff, Hansen-Zacharuk moved to adopt the agenda as presented.
Carried unanimously.

5.1. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Agenda Item # 5.1.1

5.1.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2011

MO2011.35 Berdahl, Zariski moved to adopt the regular Council meeting minutes of February 14, 2011 as presented. Carried unanimously.

5.2. MINUTES OF MEETING PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.0 DELEGATIONS

- 6.1 Bryce Nimmo presented an overview of the Canadian Badlands Limited Board of Directors' meeting held on February 3, 2011 as follows:
- Canadian Badlands Ltd. have established banking operations with Chinook Credit Unit (Drumheller Branch);
 - A Memorandum of Agreement was signed with Alberta Parks & Recreation to establish a policy and criteria for parks investment in the province, particularly Dinosaur Provincial Park. This will open the process for private enterprise to invest in the parks.
 - Canadian Badlands Ltd. website was launched February 3rd.
 - The Executive met with the provincial representatives and they feel confident that funding in the amount of \$200,000 for the CBL will continue as in previous years with the new provincial budget.
 - Signage for the CBL has been reasonably successful. The Town of Drumheller has not participated in the program and B. Nimmo encouraged the Town to take advantage of this opportunity as Drumheller is the main hub of the CBL. Signage designates the Badlands as a tourist area helping to identify and develop a tourist icon similar to the Canadian Rockies.
 - An application was approved for the development of the Canadian Badlands Artist Co-operative. \$15,000 is available when the Co-operative meets certain requests. This organization will help promote and operate the numerous art groups in the region.
 - The Annual General Meeting for Canadian Badlands Ltd. will be held in Brooks on March 31st. Each member will be allowed to send three (3) delegates.
 - On March 30th, prior to the AGM, a Canadian Badlands Tourism Development Conference will be held.

Questions and comments from Council:

Councillor T. Zariski stated that the CBL is recognized as the 3rd largest tourism icon in Alberta and receives \$200,000 - he asked how this amount compares with Banff. B. Nimmo stated that he does not know the funding for Banff and CBL is in the infant stage compared to them.

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He stated that extra policing would be needed in their parks, etc.

Councillor A. Berdahl asked if the CBL was in contact with members of the Town's Economic Development Task Force as they have a similar initiative in place for local artists. He further recommended that Bryce speak with Ray Telford or Connie Tremblay.

Councillor A. Berdahl stated that signage is part of the Tourism Master Plan and asked what steps are being taken to ensure CBL signage will be utilized. R. Romanetz stated that the Town will work with Alberta Transportation to co-ordinate the signage as well as utilizing CBL signage.

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7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS

8.1. CAO

- 8.1.1 RFD - Appointments to the Elected Officials Remuneration Task Force
R. Romanetz advised that in accordance with Council Policy C-01-08, following a general municipal election, Council shall appoint an independent committee composed of five (5) Drumheller residents to review this policy and report back to Council. The terms of reference is attached for Council's information. The Town of Drumheller has received applications from Don Guidolin, Bob Hannah, Edward Laplante, Louise Anderson, Stanley Baird, Ed Lehn and Jean Clark as well as one late addition Irv Gerling. Administration is recommending that five members be appointed for one term by secret ballot.

MO2011.36 Shoff, Berdahl that Council approve the appointments of Irv Gerling, Don Guidolin, Jean Clark, Stanley Baird, and Bob Hannah to the Elected Officials Remuneration Review Task Force. Carried unanimously.

- 8.1.2 RFD - Appointment to the Drumheller Public Library Board
R. Romanetz advised that the Drumheller Public Library Board has two vacancies on their board. Darlene Raketti and Jo Jensen would like to serve on the board. The Library Board would like Council's approval for an extension to a third term for Jo Jensen. One term on the board is for three years. The members of the Library Board recommend approval of both applicants.

MO2011.37 Hansen-Zacharuk, Stanford that Council approve the appointments of Darlene Raketti for a first term and Jo Jensen for a third term to the Drumheller Public Library Board. Carried unanimously.

... **8.2. Director of Infrastructure Services**

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8.3. Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 Financial Indicator Graphs for the Year Ended December 31, 2009

M. Roy provided an overview on the Financial Indicator Graphs for the year ending December 31, 2009 as follows:

- the indicators are intended to serve as a tool that may assist Council and Administration with operational decisions;
- caution should be used when interpreting results as each municipality has unique characteristics affecting how it compares to the group. For instance, Drumheller's geographical area is very different from other municipalities;
- Drumheller's tax rate is reasonable (just over the median on the tax rate);
- Drumheller's long term debt per capita is low compared to other municipalities;
- Drumheller's net municipal tax rate per capita may be low but the equalized assessment may be high - have to look at both factors. Drumheller is near the median and has been since 2004;
- Drumheller shows an increase in grant usage from 2008 to 2009. This results from more of the grants being dedicated to a project in 2009 - such as \$4M in AMIF dedicated towards the wastewater treatment plant. In response to a question from Council on how long grants can be held, M. Roy stated that the timeframe is dependent on the grant - operational grants are normally one year with one year carry over - some capital grants may be extended for several years.
- Drumheller is generally around the median for major revenue sources as a percentage of total revenue and for broad function expenses per capita.
- Drumheller is the second lowest in the group comparisons for equalized assessment per capital resulting from Drumheller's older housing stock compared to other municipalities.

8.4. Director of Community Services

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION

10.0 PUBLIC HEARING DECISIONS

11.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11.1 RFD - Land Closure and Consolidation affecting Block 2, Plan 0512635 (Hillsview Phase 2)

R. Romanetz advised that information has been circulated to Council regarding the reclassification of the property. He stated that in 2008 a

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2008 and no objections were raised at the public hearing. He stated that the proposed closure will allow the existing streets to remain the back alleys widened. One parcel of land will be created and the land will be sold to a potential developer for an R-4 zoning development which may include duplexes, town houses, etc.

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MO2011.37 Shoff, Berdahl moved that the Town of Drumheller, in the Province of Alberta close a portion of some unused, undeveloped streets and lanes to public travel and acquiring title to these lands in the name of the Town of Drumheller and consolidating same with adjacent lands in accordance with the Section 24 of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26.1, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, as amended, Whereas, certain lands dedicated as streets and lanes and hereinafter described are not required for public travel, and

Whereas, these streets and lanes are not developed, have never been and is not now being used for public travel nor will be required for public streets in the foreseeable future, and

Whereas, alternative streets and lanes are available to this site, and

Whereas, the Council of the Town of Drumheller is not aware of any person that would be prejudicially affected by this closing resolution;

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Drumheller, in the Province of Alberta does hereby enact to close the following described streets and lanes from public use, obtain title in the name of the Town of Drumheller, a Municipal Body Corporate, of 703 2nd Avenue West, Drumheller, Alberta and consolidate same with adjacent lands owned by the Town of Drumheller.

Streets and Lanes to be closed by this resolution: that portion of streets and lanes created by Plan 0512635 indicated on Schedule "B" attached and more particularly described as Plan closed streets and land within Lot 49, Block 2 (Schedule "A").

Carried unanimously.

12.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

13.0 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

14.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

MO2011.38 Shoff, Hansen-Zacharuk moved to go in camera at 5:35 PM. Carried unanimously.

14.1 Personnel Matter

MO2011.39 Stanford, Garbutt moved to revert to regular Council at 6:25 PM. Carried unanimously.

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Agenda Item # 5.1.1

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer



Municipal Planning Commission
MINUTES
Meeting of Thursday, December 02, 2010

Present:

Robert Greene, Chairperson
Cindy Woods, Safety Codes
Judy Quintin-Arvidson, Recording Secretary
Jeanette Neilson, Member
Sharel Shoff, Councillor/Member
Irene Doucette, Member
Brad Wiebe, PRMS
Paul Salvatore, Director of Community Services
Andrew Berdahl, Councillor
Dennis Simon, Member
Shawn Francis

Absent:

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – 12:10 p.m.

2.0 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 October 14, 2010

Motion: A. Berdahl moved to approve the minutes of November 10, 2010 as presented. Second I. Doucette Carried

3.0 DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

3.1 T10097D – Music Rentals & Promotion with Recording Studio – “CB” Central Commercial District

C. Woods presented Development Permit T10097D submitted for a Music Rentals & Promotions Store with a Recording Studio to be located at 30 – 3rd. Ave. West. Plan 3099A, Block 24, Lot(s) 8. Zoning is “CB” Central Commercial District. This application is presented as the actual use of a Recording Studio and is not addressed in the Land Use Bylaw. The business will be renting PA equipment, house a booking agent, have artist management offices, offer graphic promotional material & design, and a recording studio. C. Woods stated the use of the recording studio is not listed in the Land Use Bylaw. Land Use Bylaw 10-08, Part III, Sec. 9, Page 32(5) states:

(5) where a proposed specific use of land or a building is not provided for in a district, the Municipal Planning Commission may determine that the use is similar in character and purpose to another use of land or building that is included in the list of permitted or discretionary uses prescribed for that district.

C. Woods advised she circulated a letter to every building on the entire block and did not receive one answer on either email or by letter. There is one new detail found on page 2 of the package which states Page 10 of 39



"Sound Proofing of 30 – 3rd. Ave. West Drumheller

We have installed double sided acoustic Drywall with sound proof "Safe & Sound" bats of insulation in the wall with air space between exterior wall and the recording studio and between the adjoining walls to the west. Sound proof doors are installed into the studio as well. Ceilings are done in the same fashion to keep 94% of acoustic noise at 110 db inside the studio space, letting only 10 – 12 db out (Equivalent to the sound of a dishwasher running). Whatever sound remaining still has to exit from studio through the exterior wall and then through the adjoining building wall to be heard.

Our acoustic panels are for deadening the sound in our studio space for recording. We utilize bass traps and diffusers during recordings. Acoustics panels do not have detailed design specifications but will be used throughout.

The studio is very concerned about sound entering the room therefore extreme sound control measures are done to ensure that any sound going in or out is eliminated."

We have confirmed with the Building Inspector there are no statistics under the Safety Codes Act. We also confirmed with the City of Calgary and they have no issue with these either as noise interferes with the recording.

Motion: D. Simon that Development Permit T10097D submitted for Music Rentals & Promotions Store with a Recording Studio to be located at 30 – 3rd. Ave. West. Plan 3099A, Block 24, Lot(s) 8, be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Development shall conform to Land Use Bylaw 10-08.
2. Garbage and waste materials must be stored in weather proof and animal proof containers and screened from adjacent sites and public thoroughfares. Separate containment should be provided for the disposal and recycling of cardboard materials.
3. Development shall conform to the Community Standards Bylaw 16-10, including but not limited to, Section (9) Noise.
4. Any/all required Safety Codes Permits (i.e, building, electrical, gas and plumbing) to be in place prior to modifications/ renovations to building that may be required.
5. Authorization from the registered landowner required prior to construction/installations.
6. Prior to commencement of occupancy confirmation must be provided to the Development Officer from the Local Fire Authority that building is occupiable for such purposes. (Call 823.1323 for inspections)
7. Parking requirements as per regulations in Land Use Bylaw 10-08.
8. A Development to conform to any and all Federal, Provincial and/or Municipal regulations and/or guidelines that may apply.
9. If the holder of the permit wishes to make any change in the conduct of the business that departs from the description in the application or from any other condition or restrictions imposed, the holder of the permit must obtain prior permission of the Development Officer/Municipal Planning Commission. An additional development application may be necessary.
10. Development application is required for new signage placement and to be made under separate application prior to placement.
11. Annual business license from the Town of Drumheller is required.

Seconded – J. Neilsen – Carried.



3.2 T10106D –Exterior Deck Addition – “R1A” – Residential District

C. Woods presented Development Permit T10106D submitted for an exterior deck addition to be located at 1038 – 1st. Street S.W. Drumheller. Zoning is “R1A” Residential District. Located in Bankview area, this will require the side yard right relaxation. Land Use Bylaw 10-08, Part VI, Sec. 19, Page 46 states:

4. *Side Yard:*

(a) 1.5 m (5 ft.) on lots with a width greater than 12.2 m (40 ft.) and 1.2 m (4 ft.) on lots with a width less than 12.2 m (40 ft.).

This is a pie shaped lot and the rear is bigger than average. It meets a 5 ft. and not the 4 ft. requirement. The deck actually will have a roof. Following the rules to attach the deck to the floor and relax up to 20% is within the requirement authority and presents no problems. With regard to impinging on the neighbours, as shown on page 6 diagram of the exterior the deck is enclosed to provide privacy.

Motion: I. Doucette that Development Permit T10106D submitted for an exterior deck addition to be located at 1038 – 1 Street S. W. be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. **Must conform to Land Use Bylaw 10-08.**
2. **Placement of construction as per plot plan submitted.**
3. **Relaxation to side yard setback granted as per plans submitted.**
4. **Construction to be in accordance with the Alberta Building Code.**
5. **All necessary permits (building, electrical, gas, , etc) to be in place prior to construction/installation.**
6. **All local improvements at owner’s expense including, however not limited to, driveways, frontage charges, water/sewer services.**
7. **If the holder of the permit wishes to make any changes in the proposed development from application as approved, the holder of the permit must first obtain permission of the Development Officer/Municipal Planning Commission. An additional development permit may be necessary.**
8. **Development must conform to all Municipal, Federal and/or Provincial legislation and/or guidelines that may apply.**
9. **All Contractors to be in possession of Town of Drumheller Business License.**

Seconded – D. Simon – Carried

3.3 T10025S – Sign Placement – “Hwy-C” – Highway Commercial District

C. Woods presented Development Permit T10025S for three Fascia signs and one free standing sign to be located at 1101 Highway 9 South. The Land Use Bylaw 10-08, Sec. VII, Part 81, Page 149 states:

2. **Free Standing Signs**

One (1) free-standing sign may be permitted per non-residential sites, and a second free-standing sign may be approved on highway commercial sites at the discretion of the Municipal Planning Commission, provided that;

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(a) Height of the sign does not exceed 9 m (30 ft.);



- (b) *The sign does not exceed 13.9 m (20 (150 sq. ft.) in area, unless otherwise approved by the Municipal Planning Commission.*
- (c) *The sign is setback a minimum of 6.1 m (20 ft.) from a curb or 1.5 m (5 ft.) from a property line, whichever is the greater distance unless otherwise approved by the Municipal Planning Commission.*

A. Kendrick, C. Woods, and R. Romanetz attended the site and noted it is consistent with the Ford sign site and it meets all other ways except the 20 ft. from the curb. The signs are standard for a Tim Horton's and Cold Stone Creamery.

Motion: J. Neilsen that the sign placement for Permit T10025S to be located at 1101 Highway 9 South be approved with the following conditions:

1. **Must conform to Land Use Bylaw 10-08.**
2. **Placement, components and appearance of sign as per application. Development Officer/Municipal Planning Commission must first approve any modifications.**
3. **Relaxation granted for freestanding sign setback from curb and property line.**
4. **Any/all Safety Codes Permits to be obtained prior to the installation of sign.**
5. **Contractor(s) to have a valid Business License with the Town of Drumheller.**
6. **Appearance of sign shall be maintained to the satisfaction of the Development Officer/Municipal Planning Commission.**
7. **Development to conform to any and all Federal, Provincial and/or Municipal regulations and/or guidelines that may apply.**
8. **All Signs shall be removed if business ceases operations or the use of the site is terminated.**

Second D. Simon - carried

4.0 Palliser Regional Planning Commission – Bohemia Group – New Site Layouts – PRMS Report

Palliser Regional Planning Commission reviewed the concepts presented by Bohemia Group as requested by the Town of Drumheller. B. Weibe stated that none of these concepts have to be approved. The report submitted by Palliser Regional Planning Commission states:

Concept 2:

The latest proposed concept 2 is identical to the development permit application that was made in October and refused by the MPC. The concerns noted with this concept include the reduced rear setback requirements and potential for negative affects to the adjacent neighbourhood due to the elevation of the decks and the close proximity to the rear property line with no rear lane separating the properties.

The proposed concept 2 requires setback relaxations to the rear, side and front yards due to the enlarged building footprint of the units in comparison to what was previously approved.

Concept 3:

Concept 3 is also a new proposal. The height extends at or near the maximum according to the land use bylaw requirements. The proposed site layout creates an unsafe and inaccessible parking plan with narrow access roads. The layout would most definitely be incompatible with the surrounding neighbourhood due to the close proximity of the side of the buildings, parking layout and building height and therefore would not meet the land use bylaw requirements. Due to the elevation design that was approved as part of the previously approved plan this option would require a tall retaining wall along the north property boundary that would be taller than the neighbouring



fence lines. The side yard would require a relaxation due to the cantilevers along the north side. A site area relaxation would most likely be required as in Concept 3 due to the configuration of surface parking without garages and would need to be evaluated closer with the final drawings providing all dimensions and cantilevers.

Concept 4:

Concept 4 is a new proposal that extends the building height to the maximum allowable under the current land use bylaw at 13.7 metres (45 ft.). This concept will require front and side yard setback relaxations beyond that allowable in the land use bylaw and therefore the MPC remains the approving authority. It appears that, due to the parking configuration without garages, the site area will need to be reduced per unit as per the land use bylaw. According to the information provided if this were to be calculated, it would most likely require a relaxation to the site area as well.

Conclusions:

According to the review and interpretation of the Land Use Bylaw requirements all of these options will require relaxations to the Land Use Bylaw requirements and therefore are required to be decided by the MPC. If the relaxation requests are greater than 20% the MPC will be required to refuse the application and an appeal can be made to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. The SDAB has the authority under the MGA to approve relaxations greater than 20% if desired.

Recommendations:

The recommendation of the PRMS is that the developer decides on an option and makes a formal application with consideration for all of the comments that have been made over the past six months. Unfortunately the overall site was configured, graded and designed based on a previously approved concept. As the developer has changed the concept numerous times with larger units and most recently with the addition of garages, it appears that all of the proposed designs will require relaxations to the bylaw requirements. When a relaxations request is considered it is of utmost importance that the approving authority considers the possible affects that the proposed relaxations will have on neighbouring land uses. Minimum standards are considered in the land use bylaw to ensure consistency in neighbourhood character and appearance and to reduce the potential for land use conflicts.

The test for a relaxation includes the following criteria:

- (a) The proposed development would not unduly interfere with the amenities of the neighbourhood or materially interfere with or affect the use, enjoyment of value of neighbouring properties; and
- (b) The proposed development conforms with a use prescribed by the Bylaw for that land or building;
- (c) Conformance to the purpose and intent of the Land Use District;
- (d) Whether granting the relaxation would make the proposed development incompatible with existing developments or uses;
- (e) Take into consideration the future land uses of the parcel and surrounding area as depicted in any adopted statutory plan or policy affecting the site.



The developer can now decide on a concept to pursue and submit an application with plans to the MPC as per the final recommendations of the Palliser Regional Planning Commission and the previous minutes of the MPC meeting. When he has applied for a Development Permit, we will circulate to the neighbours and make our decision.

5.0 Other Discussion Items

New Restaurant – Rising Star

There will be a new restaurant at Groundbreakers which will feature dancing, karaoke and live bands. They will keep the layout the same and will move tables around to accommodate bands. There will be no development permit necessary..

Discussion of MPC meeting times:

The discussion revolved around changing the time for these meetings from noon to evening. It is felt the other members can only get away at lunch due to various shifts for workers. A. Berdahl will try to change his schedule.

Adjournment – J. Neilsen motion to adjourn at 12.40 pm.

Chairperson

Development Officer



Municipal Planning Commission
MINUTES
Meeting of Thursday, January 20, 2011

Present:

Cindy Woods, Development Officer
Judy Quintin-Arvidson, Recording Secretary
Jeanette Neilson, Acting Chairperson
Sharel Shoff, Councillor/Member
Irene Doucette, Member
Brad Wiebe, PRMS
Paul Salvatore, Director of Community Services
Dennis Simon, Member

Absent: Robert Greene, Chairperson; Andrew Berdahl, Councillor; Shawn Francis, Member

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – 12:10 p.m.

2.0 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 December 02, 2010

Motion: J. Neilsen moved to approve the minutes of December 02, 2010 as presented.

3.0 DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

3.1 T10001D – Storage Building – “M-1” Light Industrial District

C. Woods presented Development Permit T10001D submitted for a storage building to be located at 1010 S. Railway Ave, Plan 7611210, Block 1, Lot(s) 2. Zoning is “M-1” Light Industrial District. This building has already been placed on the property. The exterior finish of the storage building is compatible with the existing development, it meets all setbacks for this district and no relaxations are required.

Motion: D. Simon that Development Permit T10001D submitted for a storage building to be located at 1010 S. Railway Ave, Plan 7611210, Block 1, Lot(s) 2. Zoning is “M-1” Light Industrial District. be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Must conform to Land Use Bylaw 10-08.
2. Placement of construction as per plot plan submitted.
3. Construction to be in accordance with the Alberta Building and Fire Code.
4. External finished appearance of the proposed construction to be compatible with that of existing development.
5. All necessary permits (building, electrical, gas, etc) to be in place prior to construction/installations.
6. All local improvements at owner's expense including, however not limited to, driveways, frontage charges, water/sewer services. (Call 823.1330 for the regulations).
7. If the holder of the permit wishes to make any changes in the proposed development from application as approved, the holder of the permit must first obtain permission of the Development Officer/Municipal Planning Commission. An additional development permit may be necessary.



8. Development to conform to any and all Federal, Provincial and/or Municipal legislations or guidelines that may apply.
9. Contractor(s) to have a valid Business License with the Town of Drumheller.

Seconded – I. Doucette – Carried.

3.2 T100002D –Application for Development of a new Building – “CB” – Central Commercial District

C. Woods presented Development Permit T10002D submitted for a new commercial building (Chinook Credit Union) to be located at 110 Railway Avenue East, Plan: 2691 BC, Block: 10 Lot(s) 1 – 3, 7 – 15. Zoning is “CB” Central Commercial District.

This is a permitted use meeting all setback requirements and is presented for Information only. Plans were presented. No Motion was required

Motion: None Required

3.3 T100003 –Warehouse Wholesale outlet– “M-1” – Light Industrial District

C. Woods presented Development Permit T100003 for a Wholesale Warehouse Outlet to be located at 240 Grove Place, Plan: 871086; Lot 4. Zoning is “M-1” – Light Industrial District. This is a discretionary use in this district. This business has been located at Highway 9 for twelve years and is moving the location to an existing building at this property. There will be a truck coming out of Edmonton between 1:00 and 3:00 a.m. to drop off baked products. The contractor comes later to process the orders and deliver the product to their clients. There is no handling of food, this is for temporary storage only, and the Health Inspector has approved the application.

Motion: S. Shoff that the Development Permit T100003 for a Warehouse Wholesale Outlet to be located at 240 Grove Place, Plan: 871086; Lot 4 be approved with the following conditions:

1. Development shall conform to Land Use Bylaw 10-08.
2. Garbage and waste materials must be stored in weather proof and animal proof containers and screened from adjacent sites and public thoroughfares. Separate containment should be provided for the disposal and recycling of cardboard materials.
3. Any/all required Safety Codes Permits (i.e, building, electrical, gas and plumbing) to be in place prior to modifications/ renovations to building that may be required.
4. Development to conform and meet the requirements of the Regional Health Authority.
5. Authorization from the registered landowner required prior to construction/installations.
6. Development to conform to any and all Federal, Provincial and/or Municipal regulations and/or guidelines that may apply.
7. If the holder of the permit wishes to make any change in the conduct of the business that departs from the description in the application or from any other condition or restrictions imposed, the holder of the permit must obtain prior permission of the Development Officer/Municipal Planning Commission. An additional development application may be necessary.
8. Development application is required for new signage placement and to be made under separate application prior to placement.
9. Annual business license from the Town of Drumheller is required.



4.1 Brad Wiebe Subdivision Report – 80/110

Brad Wiebe presented Subdivision Report for the subdivision of the land located east of Central Drumheller, bounded by 12 Street East, 14 Street East, 6th Avenue East and 7th Avenue East, north of the Canadian National Railway and Highway 10, Lot 2, Block 2, Plan 1259 JK, NW ¼ Sec. 01 – twp. 29 – Rge 20 W4M. This is St. Anthony's current parcel and forms part of the land swap with the new school. The division will be a lot split.

"Circulation: Thirty (30) signed form letters were received from adjacent landowners noting their objection to the proposed subdivision. Below is an example of the objections listed within these letters.

Dear Mr. Wilson and members of the Municipal Planning Commission,

As a resident of (address) affected by the proposed subdivision of the original St. Anthony's School site (420 – 12 St. East, Drumheller, Alberta – Lot 2, Block 2, Plan 1259 JK)

I/We _____ strongly object to the proposed subdivision on the following grounds:

- **Christ the Redeemer School Division and Electra Holdings do not provide any details relating to the proposed future use of the lands – other than Multi-Family Residential.**
- **Multi-Family Residential (either R2, R3, or R4) would not conform to the existing land use in our neighbourhood nor would it be a good fit within this, one of Drumheller's earliest established communities.**
- **Other than retaining the parcel as it exists (P-Community Services District) the only acceptable land use within the district would be R1 – low density residential.**
- **In their previous dealings related to the new St. Anthony's School (Hwy. 838 – Dinosaur Trail North), both Christ the Redeemer School Division and Electra Holdings, appeared to have issues with rezoning and demonstrated little regard for any consultation with the community regarding compatibility issues.**
- **While history may, in fact, be repeating itself that is difficult to determine given the lack of sufficient detail describing the subject parcel, or any consultation regarding the developer's true intent for the future of the site.**
- **In closing, you will receive under separate cover, the copy of a letter from our residents dated September 9, 2008, which was copied to David Amos, CEO – Palliser Regional Municipal Services. While not a legal petition, it along with this submission, voices our long held conviction against rezoning of this property and the detrimental effects resulting from non-conforming land use within our district.**

A petition which was presented/given to the Town of Drumheller, mayor and councillors September 9, 2008 was re-forwarded to note past objection to the sale of this property to a developer."

Alberta Transportation, Atco Electric, Alta Gas Utilities, Alberta Health Services and Telus have no concerns with this development.

This is a holding company who has applied for the subdivision and they have no definite plans for the site. They would need a developer who would have to have the property rezoned before building.

Staff Comments: "The purpose of this subdivision is to create two (2) lots by splitting an existing lot essentially in half. The existing parcel contains a school and associated school grounds that will no longer be needed once the Catholic Separate School moves to their new location located within



Midland. The new easterly proposed lot currently contains two baseball diamonds, bleachers, and playground equipment all connected by a grass field. The applicant would like to eventually have this area sold to be developed to construct multi-family residential units; however this may be at a future time depending on the economy. The westerly half of the current parcel with the remaining area, creating proposed Lot 3 and containing most of the existing school building and to be possible used as a community college. The applicant has indicated that an attached structure, consisting of a steel sided portable building, which crosses over the proposed property boundary, will be removed. Considering that the proposed subdivision proposes to divide the existing lot into two pieces at this time and no supporting information was received to determine future land uses as residential or otherwise, the application is considered based on the P – Community Service District requirements. Prior to further subdivision into individual titles lots, land use district amendment or development a concept plan / ASP shall be required in accordance with the Town of Drumheller MDP to provide a planning framework and public consultation to determine the future land use potential of the site. (MDP Bylaw 11-08: Section 4.2.2 Policies of Area Plan Development & Section 6.1.2 Policies Urban Residential Development)."

Based on Community Service District requirements, the vacant lot meets requirements. One large lot put into two is not major at this time. This is still Community Service Zoning and has no residential. Before is could be rezoned they would have to have a plan in place. The form letter for circulation stated the multi-family use idea and was a poor decision to send out before subdivision and rezoning had taken place. The community has been on guard since receiving the notice of subdivision.

Community Service standard use is the only one available even if it is subdivided. There is a safeguard in place in that it would have to be approved by council before rezoning could take place. After speaking with the applicant, B. Wiebe found they have no real idea what they will be requesting for development.

Motion: S. Shoff that the Subdivision Report request for the subdivision of the land located east of Central Drumheller, bounded by 12 Street East, 14 Street East, 6th Avenue East and 7th Avenue East, north of the Canadian National Railway and Highway 10, Lot 2, Block 2, Plan 1259 JK, NW ¼ Sec. 01 – twp. 29 – Rge 20 W4M be approved subject to all PRMS recommendations –

"Staff Recommendations: That the application be approved, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) **Registration of the subdivision by means suitable to the Registrar of the Land Titles Office, (Section 81 and 89 of the Land Titles Act);**
- 2) **All outstanding taxes to be paid to the municipality. (section 654 (1)(d) of the Municipal Government Act);**
- 3) **Satisfactory arrangement to be made with the municipality for the provision of services, at the cost of the developer. (Section 655 of the Municipal Government Act.)**
- 4) **Concurrent registration of utility easements and right-of-ways as required by relevant authorities (Section 654(1)(a) of the Municipal Government Act.**
- 5) **The structure (steel sided portable building) located on the proposed property line between proposed Lots 3 and 4, be removed or demolished prior to final endorsement of documents (Section 655(1)(a) of the Municipal Government Act.**
- 6) **Applicant/owner are to provide a Real Property Report (RPR) to ensure that any existing structures or other developments are not encroaching on any property lines and to ensure required minimum setbacks are met with the new property boundary. (minimum of 10 feet (3.048m) side yard requirement is met (Section 7(h) of the Subdivision Regulation)**
- 7) **Deferral of reserve by caveat against the vacant parcel in the amount of 0.523 acres**



and subject to the following conditions –

"Prior to further subdivision into individual titles, lots, land use district amendment or development, a concept plan/ASP shall be required in accordance with the Town of Drumheller MDP to provide a planning framework and public consultation to determine the future land use potential of the site. (MDP Bylaw 11-08: Section 4.2.2 Policies of Area Plan Development and Section 6.1.2 Policies Urban Residential Development)."

Second: D. Simon – Carried.

5 Other Discussion Items

B. Wiebe advised Land Use Bylaw areas are under review. Signs amendments were done two years ago and need to be evaluated every year or so to see if they need improvement. Stettler Rentals would like to do a presentation to Council as they feel our sign bylaws are unfair. S. Shoff will advise Stettler Rentals that Palliser Regional Municipal Services are reviewing sign bylaws at the present time.

P. Salvatore stated we need bylaws written so that we can enforce and they should be reviewed on a continuum to ensure the standard is acceptable. Community Standards includes businesses. We must decide the kind of community we want with signage and with the highest and best use of the land.

B. Wiebe stated that due to The Hope Health initiative a review on a Post Secondary Educational Institute with a student residence should be investigated. There is no requirement at this time, but we will review best practices with other communities. There is a difference between the High School dormitory requirements and Post Secondary Institutions as the PSE students will all have vehicles.

P. Salvatore requested we review the Land Use Bylaw to see that it works together with the Municipal Sustainability Plan, Community Standards Plan and the Tourism Master Plan.

Adjournment – J. Neilson motion to adjourn at 12.45 pm.

Chairperson

Development Officer



Development Profile

Type of Organization: Private, Not-For-Profit, Post-Secondary Education

Incorporation Year: 2011

Location: Drumheller, AB

Administration: Jon Ohlhauser, Ph.D. – President

Board: Five Member Local Governance Board

Mission Statement:

The mission of Hope College is to deliver post-secondary education programs that offer excellence in vocational training within a unique rural context, focussing on the successful development of the whole student to produce highly competent skilled graduates who will confidently bring hope to the communities within which they live and work.

The vision of Hope College is to become a nationally recognized centre for unique specializations in health care and human service post-secondary educational programming that produce highly skilled graduates known for their ability and desire to help bring tangible expressions of hope into society in which they live and work.

First Year of Classes: Fall 2012 (anticipated)

Five-Year Enrollment Projections: Five-Year Operational Projections [surplus/(deficit)]

2012:	38	2012:	(\$710,000)
2013:	130	2013:	(\$520,000)
2014:	235	2014:	(\$370,000)
2015:	421	2015:	\$590,000
2016:	628	2016:	\$2,000,000

Anticipated Five-Year Program Development Plan:

2012: Licensed Practical Nurse; Physical Therapy Assistant; Business Administration ✓

2013: Occupational Thrpy Asst; Rehabilitation Thrpy Asst.; Respiratory Thrpy Asst.

2014: EMR/EMT; Medical Radiology Technician; Medical Lab Technician

2015: Health Landscape Design; Social Work; Addictions Counseling

2016: Nutritionalist; Pharmacy Assistant; Human Service Admin Degree

*To be put
on agenda*



The Specific Uniqueness of Hope College

The post-secondary industry in Canada is highly competitive. Colleges in Canada need to develop identifiable differentiation in order to attract sustainable student enrolments. In an effort to establish its competitive advantage, Hope College will target two specific themes that will establish its credible uniqueness in the post-secondary education marketplace.

Theme One: Rural Health & Human Service Education

The vision and value of Hope College is to serve as a catalyst for the development and delivery of specialized post-secondary education in rural Alberta, providing more post-secondary options for Alberta students. It is the College's desire that its graduates will be well prepared to live and serve in Alberta's rural communities. The initial programmatic focus for Hope College will be concentrated on the health care profession with specific and unique attention paid to the uniqueness of rural health care delivery and the current challenges associated with effective rural health care delivery. The vision of Hope College is to become a provincially recognized centre for unique specializations in health care and human service post-secondary educational programming in a unique rural context that produces highly skilled graduates known for their ability and desire to help bring tangible expressions of hope into the communities in which they live and work.

Theme Two: Whole Student Development

To increase the likelihood of its graduates becoming successful professionals in Alberta's rural communities, Hope College will utilize a unique and integrated program of "life coaching" that will focus on the successful development of the whole student. The unique Hope College curricular and co-curricular experience will result in higher program completion rates and the production of more and more highly competent and skilled graduates who will confidently impact the rural communities within which they live and work.

Whole Student Development at Hope College strives to assist students to effectively develop hopeful dispositions that inspire them to offer expressions of hope in the communities in which they live and serve by helping students:

- discover and understand their personality profiles and tendencies leading to a clear sense of self concept and stronger self-confidence;
- articulate life plans that target specific life objectives;
- consider ethic and value systems that validate personal life plans;
- identify and develop positive, mutually beneficial relationships;
- know how to play constructive roles in team situations;
- discover personal plans for healthy and sustainable physical activity and nutritional consumption;
- develop organization and critical thinking abilities;
- understand how to live with viable personal financial management;
- recognize and understand emotional and spiritual experiences and how they can be affected by them, both personally and professionally;
- realize the importance of developing into citizens who can effectively assist others in their communities.



The 40 Day Sprint: A Community Development Opportunity!

Hope College, a not-for-profit post-secondary institution, is a development of the Hope Health Initiative/Community Futures Big Country that envisions establishing a college, resident in the community of Drumheller. The goal is that Hope College will welcome its first cohort of students in the fall of 2012 with projections of growth to 1000 students by 2025.

Hope College has recently been approved to submit a proposal to the Rural Alberta Development Fund for a grant to help cover the start-up costs associated with the first three years of operations. Hope College is submitting a grant request to the RADF for \$1.1Million.

The RADF is a Provincial matching grant requiring Hope College to demonstrate strong local support by securing at least 25% of its need from local sources. The business model of Hope College estimates that it will require \$1.6Million for start-up costs over the first three years of operation. To date, Hope College has identified \$200K that will help cover these costs.

The goal of the 40 Day Sprint is to secure an additional \$300K in private, 3-year pledges by March 15, 2011 in order to help meet the expectations of the RADF grant and to help cover some of the start-up costs for Hope College.

Hope College Five Year Projections

Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	Enrollment Growth	Program Development
2012: (\$710,000)	38	LPN; PTA; Business Admin
2013: (\$520,000)	130	OCA; RTA; ResTA
2014: (\$370,000)	235	EMR/EMT; MRT; MLT
2015: \$590,000	421	HLD; SW;AC
2016: \$2,000,000	628	NUT; PA; HSADegree

Hope College is looking for individuals/groups/businesses who would like to make a 3-year pledge toward its operational start-up costs. Fulfillment of any pledge amount would be contingent upon the success of Hope College's RADF proposal. Any funds received by Hope College prior to the approval of the RADF proposal will be held in trust at Community Futures Big Country and will be refundable if the College's proposal is not successful. Any pledges can be mailed to Hope College, c/o Big Country Community Futures, Box 604, Drumheller or dropped off at the Community Futures Office on Railway Avenue.



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Hope College Pledge

Name/Business _____

Address _____

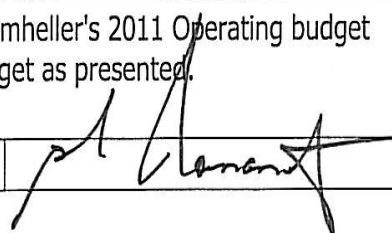
Hope Health Initiative Jon Ohlhauser, President

Email _____



Request for Decision

Date: February 25, 2011

Topic:	2011 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS		
Proposal:	On March 2, 2009, Council adopted the 2009-2011 operating budget. Since that time changes have been made to the 2011 budget and the revisions need to be approved by Council. Capital budget is approved annually and the 2011 Capital Budget is being presented for adoption.		
Proposed by:	R.M. Romanetz, CAO		
Correlation to Business (Strategic) Plan	2009-2011 Operating and Capital Budgets form part of the Town's 2009-2011 overall corporate plan. This year's business plan will be included in the 2011 Corporate Plan following approval at a separate Council meeting.		
Benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of the operating and capital budget allows Administration to commence implementation of the programs established by Council. 		
Disadvantages:			
Alternatives:			
Finance/Budget Implications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 		
Operating Costs:		Capital Cost:	
Budget Available:	\$0.00	Source of Funds:	
Budget Cost:	\$0.00	Underbudgeted Cost:	
Communication Strategy:	2011 Budgets available on the Town's website.		
Recommendations:	That Council approve the Town of Drumheller's 2011 Operating budget as amended and the 2011 Capital budget as presented.		
Report Writer:	R.M. Romanetz, P. Eng.	CAO:	
Position:	Chief Administrative Officer		

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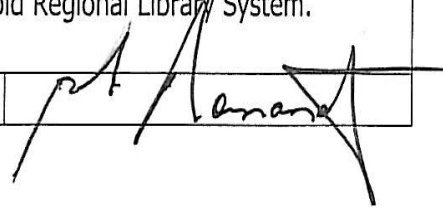
REQUEST FOR DECISION

Agenda Item #8.1.2



Request for Decision

Date: February 25, 2011

Topic:	DRUMHELLER'S MARIGOLD LIBRARY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE		
Proposal:	The Town of Drumheller has received a request from the Drumheller Public Library Board to appoint Louise Henrickson as the Alternate Representative to the Marigold Regional Library System. Laura Clavette was appointed in 2009 as the Town's Representative to Marigold.		
Proposed by:	Drumheller Public Library Board		
Correlation to Business (Strategic) Plan			
Benefits:			
Disadvantages:			
Alternatives:			
Finance/Budget Implications:			
Operating Costs:		Capital Cost:	
Budget Available:	\$0.00	Source of Funds:	
Budget Cost:	\$0.00	Underbudgeted Cost:	
Communication Strategy:			
Recommendations:	That Council approve the appointment of Louise Henrickson as the Alternate Representative to the Marigold Regional Library System.		
Report Writer:	R.M. Romanetz, P. Eng.	CAO:	
Position:	Chief Administrative Officer		

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Agenda Item # 8.1.2
Drumheller Public Library

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February 21, 2011

Town of Drumheller
703 2 Ave. West
Drumheller, Alberta
T0J 0Y3
Attention: Linda Handy

Dear Linda :

RE: Appointment of Alternate Representative to Marigold Regional Library Board

On behalf of the Drumheller Public Library Board, we would like to request the appointment of Louise Henrickson as an Alternate Representative to Marigold Regional Library Board.

Your consideration of this request would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Margaret R. Nielsen
Secretary
Drumheller Public Library Board

cc. J.Linda Traquair, Chairperson
Louise Henrickson
L.Turner, Director of Library Services
L. Hansen-Zacharuk

Sent by email 21-02-2011
Original with signature to be forwarded by mail

AUMA pleased to see province living with its promises for municipal funding commitments, but calls for a more predictable funding mechanism

EDMONTON, February 24, 2011 – Municipalities across Alberta are pleased that the Stelmach government kept its promise to continue funding through the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) in the provincial budget released today, but are hoping the province will consider opening discussions regarding a more predictable funding program for local governments.

"It's not about the amount of money, it's about the method of funding," says Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) President Darren Aldous. AUMA is calling on the government to work with municipalities to entrench more predictability. "We can't sit on the edge of our seats at budget time each year to see how much money we will get and then start the planning process—we need to find a way to build in predictability so municipal leaders can plan strong, vibrant and healthy communities," he says.

AUMA is calling on the province to begin a dialogue about how municipalities can be funded differently. "At the end of the day, we're really talking about developing a new relationship with the provincial government, one that is based on clear authorities and shared respect," Aldous says.

This new relationship would:

- Bring policy and decisions closer to people.
- Make planning and delivery of services more sustainable.
- Improve efficiencies.
- Make the use of dollars more transparent and accountable.
- Ensure direct accountability between the tax collector and the tax spender.

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For more information, please contact:

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President AUMA
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Senior Director Corporate Services
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AUMA Questions Regarding Budget 2011 Agenda Item # 8.1.3

- 1. Has the Government of Alberta returned to its 2007 commitment of \$1.4 billion annually for the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI)?**

The Government of Alberta is continuing to help build communities by investing in municipal infrastructure through the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI).

In 2011-12, Alberta municipalities will receive \$836 million in capital grants through the MSI, an increase of \$10 million from 2010-11. *Budget 2011* also includes capital funding of \$846 million in 2012-13 and \$1.0 billion in 2013-14 for the MSI. In addition, \$50 million per year is budgeted for operating grants.

- 2. Following *Budget 2010*, AUMA pointed out the \$124,258,319 shift in funding from urban municipalities to rural municipalities as a result of the change in funding formulas from the Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program (AMIP) to the MSI. Has the Government of Alberta implemented the AMIP's base amount + per capita funding formula for delivering the MSI?**

Funding under the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) continues to be allocated to all municipalities on the basis of a formula that was developed in 2007, following extensive consultation with over 450 municipal representatives.

Under this formula, 48 per cent of MSI funding is allocated on a per capita basis, 48 per cent by education property tax requisitions, and four per cent by kilometers of local road, after providing base funding for all municipalities and sustainable investment funding for municipalities with limited local tax bases. This hybrid allocation formula balances the needs of all sizes and types of municipalities.

To clarify, there was no "change in funding formulas" in 2010. The five-year AMIP funding, which was primarily based on municipal population, expired as of March 31, 2010, as had been clearly communicated since the program's inception. The MSI, allocated through the hybrid formula, increased in 2010-11 in recognition of the importance of continued infrastructure funding support for municipalities.

Under the MSI, funding received by each individual municipality will continue to be based upon population, the assessment base, and the size of the local road network.

- 3. Does *Budget 2011* move towards the signing of a new Provincial-Municipal Contract, including annual transfers from the Government of Alberta to Alberta municipalities? If not, how can AUMA and the Government of Alberta work in partnership to achieve such a contract?**

The Government of Alberta has an extensive track record of working with and supporting municipal governments and this commitment continues in *Budget 2011*. The Government does not believe that the type of contract proposed by the AUMA is necessary, but will continue to work collaboratively with the association and its members for the betterment of municipalities and their residents.

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In achieving these objectives, Municipal Affairs continues to fund the Municipal Sustainability Initiative, and is working with the AUMA and other municipal associations to develop the Municipal Sustainability Strategy. The ministry will continue to collaborate and consult with its municipal partners in addressing important issues constructively and effectively.

4. What is the budgeted break down of the education property tax requisition for 2011-12?

(\$million)

	Fiscal Year		% change
	2010-11	2011-12	
Residential	1,115	1,143	2.5
Non-residential	676	693	2.5
Total	1,791	1,836	2.5

	Calendar Year		% change
	2010	2011	
Residential	1,105	1,136	2.8
Non-residential	664	689	3.7
Total	1,769	1,825	3.1

In fiscal year 2011-12, the revenue requirement for education property taxes is \$1.836 billion, an increase of \$45 million, or approximately 2.5 per cent, from 2010-11. The 2011-12 revenue requirement includes \$202 million that will be collected directly by municipalities for opted-out school boards.

In 2011, the provincial education property tax rates will fall by about 8.0 per cent. The residential/farm property rate will fall from \$2.93 to \$2.70 per \$1,000 of equalized assessment. The non-residential rate will fall from \$4.31 to \$3.97 per \$1,000 of equalized assessment. This marks the 18th consecutive year in which the provincial government has either reduced or frozen its education property tax rates.

The property tax revenue requirement ensures continued stability and sufficient funding for Alberta's kindergarten to grade 12 education system. The increased revenue will also help to ensure that Alberta's basic education system continues to be among the best in the world.

5. Has the Government of Alberta budgeted funding in 2011 to ensure a comprehensive review and restructuring of the property assessment system in Alberta?

Municipal Affairs has announced that it will be conducting a phased, comprehensive review of the *Municipal Government Act*. This *Act* provides the legislative framework for Alberta's property tax system. The review, currently in its planning stage, will take place over a two to five year period and will include public consultations.

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6. Has the Government of Alberta budgeted funding in 2011 to ensure a comprehensive review of the *Municipal Government Act* that would consider principles-based municipal legislation?

As mentioned in Question 5, Municipal Affairs has announced that it will be conducting a phased, comprehensive review of the *Municipal Government Act*. The review, currently in its planning stage, will take place over a two to five year period and will include public consultations.

7. What amount is allocated in *Budget 2011* to increase the provincial contribution to communities for the Government of Alberta's share of policing costs? How is the funding distributed by types of municipalities?

	2010-11 Forecast (\$000)	2011-12 Estimate (\$000)	% change
Municipal Policing Assistance	49,295	49,505	0.4
New Police Officer Grant	29,760	30,000	0.8
Total	79,055	79,505	0.6

There has been no change to the funding formula for Municipal Policing Assistance Grants. These are provided to municipalities with populations over 5,000 that are responsible for their own policing, and are calculated according to the following formula:

- Towns and cities with populations between 5,001 and 20,000 receive a \$200,000 base payment plus an additional \$8.00 per capita.
- Cities and urban service areas with populations between 20,001 and 50,000 receive a \$100,000 base payment plus \$14.00 per capita.
- Cities and urban service areas with populations over 50,000 receive grants of \$16.00 per capita.

There has been no change to the funding formula for the New Police Officer grant. This ongoing funding is distributed to municipalities responsible for providing their own municipal policing.

Municipalities that pay for their own policing benefit by retaining provincial fine revenue (estimated at \$109 million annually).

The amount paid under the Provincial Police Service Agreement has increased by \$8.8 million to account for inflation, an increase in the pension contribution rate and enhanced policing paid for by applicable municipalities. This funding allows the Province to continue to provide policing to municipalities with urban populations of 5,000 or less, as well as all rural municipalities (i.e. municipal districts/counties regardless of population).

Despite a challenging fiscal situation, the Province has not decreased any support for policing. In fact it has increased funding for Provincial Police Service Agreement, First Nations policing and Municipal Policing Assistance Grants.

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8. Does *Budget 2011* introduce an escalator into the funding formula for policing that accounts for increases to policing costs?

No, an escalator has not been added into the funding formula for policing grants.

9. Does *Budget 2011* utilize a new Law Enforcement Framework Funding Model in which all municipal governments contribute to the costs of policing? If so, does the new Funding Model for policing include the following:
- a) A description of how the new surplus funds will be used;
 - b) A formula that includes the impacts of sharing policing costs, and
 - c) A formula that addresses the shortage of transfers to those municipalities currently paying for police services?

No, *Budget 2011* does not use a new Law Enforcement Framework Funding Model.

A guiding principle of the new Law Enforcement Framework is that the cost of policing services in Alberta should be shared in an equitable manner among Albertans and Alberta communities. As such, in consultation with Alberta's municipal associations, the Government of Alberta continues to work on a new funding model to distribute the costs of local policing in an equitable, transparent and sustainable manner.

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10. What is being budgeted in 2011-12 for municipal transportation infrastructure funding (e.g. roads and streets) as well as for non-transportation infrastructure (e.g. water and sewer)? How do these amounts compare to last year's forecast for each of these budget line items? Has the formula for calculation changed?

Grant	Formula	2010-11 Forecast (\$000)	2011-12 Estimate (\$000)	% change
Municipal Sustainability Initiative	Base amount, population, assessment and road length.	828,861	836,000	0.9
Basic Municipal Transportation Grant	Allocation-based	193,638	304,057	57.0
Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program	Project-specific	74,000	86,820	17.3
Municipal Water Wastewater Program / Water for Life	Project-specific	113,000	257,560	127.9
Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program	Population	30,200	-	(100.0)
Canada/Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund	Project-specific	35,475	1,000	(97.2)
Building Canada - Gas Tax Fund	Population	199,503	199,503	-
Green Transit Incentives Program (GreenTRIP)	Project-specific	70,000	120,000	71.4
Building Canada - Communities Component	Project-specific	46,930	57,000	21.5
Building Canada - Communities Component (Top-up)	Project-specific	90,160	-	(100.0)
Infrastructure Stimulus Fund	Project-specific	165,266	-	(100.0)
Building Canada - Major Infrastructure Component	Project-specific	-	20,000	n/a
Total		1,847,033	1,881,940	1.9

In 2011-12, Alberta municipalities will receive \$886 million through the MSI, an increase of \$10 million from 2010-11. The Government is committed to providing the full \$11.3 billion MSI investment to municipalities.

There has been no change to the funding formula for the MSI. Funding received by each individual municipality will continue to be based upon the same formula that takes into account population, the assessment base, and the size of the local road network.

The comparative allocations for Transportation's grants are shown in the table above. The program formula for calculating total amounts payable remain as they were in 2010-11.

Funding formulas for the 2011-12 Basic Municipal Transportation Grant (BMTG), the combination of the annual allocation-based municipal transportation infrastructure grants, remain the same as those used in the previous year. The BMTG funding formula will continue to be based on:

- o \$0.05/litre for the City Transportation Fund component. The timing of when the actual funds flow to Edmonton and Calgary can vary from year to year, but results in an average annual entitlement of \$200 million to the cities which complies with the signed agreements.
- o \$60/capita for Basic Capital Grant and Streets Improvement Program components.
 - o As announced on February 1, 2011, the requirement for a 25 per cent municipal cost share under the Basic Capital Grant and Street Improvement Program components of the Basic Municipal Transportation Grant program has been eliminated. The change will provide municipalities with more flexibility to address local transportation needs. The per capita allocation amounts of this component will remain the same.
- o \$1,959/lane Km for the Provincial Highway Maintenance Grant component.
- o Rural Transportation Grant - an annual formula allocation based on various factors such as road length and population.

The Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, Building Canada Fund – Communities Component Top-up, and Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program will be substantially completed in 2010-11.

- 11. Has the Government of Alberta budgeted funding in 2011 to ensure a comprehensive review of transportation programs, to be conducted in partnership with AUMA during 2011?**

Alberta Transportation develops, reviews, and updates its programs on an ongoing basis. The Ministry engages in stakeholder dialogue on an ongoing basis and we will continue to do so.

- 12. Does Budget 2011 include funding for programs that address alternative modes of transportation such as cycling, running and walking (e.g: funding for the construction of trail systems)?**

Tourism, Parks and Recreation is leading a cross-ministry effort to develop a Recreation Corridor and Trail Systems Implementing Strategy, which will provide detailed recommendations on the development and management of a provincial trail system.

- 13. Does Budget 2011 include funding for the Major Community Facilities Program and, if so, is there a long-term commitment to this program?**

No, the Major Community Facilities Program was a two-year program that expired as planned on March 31, 2009.

- 14. Does Budget 2011 establish a new Urban and Countryside Parks Program that supports municipalities in parks planning, parkland acquisition, park development, conservation, operations and promotions?**

The government is not contemplating funding for a specific Urban and Countryside Parks program.

The government has already provided significant support and worked with municipalities, landowners and developers to develop parks that serve urban populations over the past five years.

- In 2008, the Government of Alberta invested \$50 million in the Capital Region River Valley Alliance to support further development of the Capital Region River Valley Park concept plan to create a continuous 88 kilometre corridor of parkland from Devon to Fort Saskatchewan.
- In 2006, \$40 million was invested to acquire the lands that will open to the public as Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park in the summer of 2011. The park conserves the spectacular natural landscape between Calgary and Cochrane and plays an important role in the ecosystem that provides clean drinking water for the City of Calgary.
- In 2005, the Lois Hole Centennial Provincial Park was announced. Subsequently, in 2010, an additional 380 hectares was acquired to expand the park by approximately 30 per cent. This provincial park provides an amazing legacy for more than a million nearby residents and it is an internationally significant bird sanctuary in our Capital region.

15. What has been budgeted in 2011-12 to meet the Government of Alberta's commitment to seniors' housing, affordable housing and homelessness?

	2010-11 Forecast (\$000)	2011-12 Estimate (\$000)	% change
Operating Support:			
Seniors Lodge Assistance	35,420	35,720	0.8
Family and Special Purpose Housing:			
Community Housing Providers	39,450	39,450	-
Seniors Housing Providers	8,087	8,087	-
Other Housing Providers	296	296	-
Special Needs Housing Providers	5,430	5,430	-
Rent Supplement Program	75,100	77,100	2.7
Emergency/Transitional Shelter Support	40,500	38,500	(4.9)
Outreach Support Services	45,037	54,100	20.1
Sub-Total	249,320	258,683	3.8
Capital Grants:			
Affordable and Homeless Housing*	188,310	100,000	(46.9)
Special Needs Housing Providers	2,230	-	(100.0)
Special Needs Housing Providers - Portage College	500	-	(100.0)
Community and Seniors Housing Providers - Maintenance	39,190	-	(100.0)
Affordable Supportive Living Initiative	89,150	75,000	(15.9)
Total	568,700	433,683	(23.7)

* In 2011-12, the Affordable Housing Program and Homeless Prevention Initiative are combined into one program.

Budget 2011 includes \$58 million in 2011-12 for the Parsons Creek land development in Fort McMurray, which includes a social housing component.

It also includes \$40 million in 2011-12, \$48 million in 2012-13 and \$54 million in 2013-14 for the renewal of the Alberta Social Housing Corporation housing portfolio.

16. Does *Budget 2011* renew the Government of Alberta's commitment to provide block funding for housing to jurisdictions under a multi-year plan?

Budget 2011 does not include a commitment to provide block funding for housing to municipalities under a multi-year plan.

17. Regarding provincial Grants in Place of Taxes, does *Budget 2011*:
- a) Provide municipalities with grants in place of taxes to pay for the costs of municipal services to non-profit housing agencies that are not management bodies formed pursuant to the Alberta Housing Act, where those agencies are exempt from the payment of municipal and education property taxes?
 - b) Commit to payment of grants in place of taxes within the municipality's tax due dates?

The 2011 Grants in Place of Taxes program budget of \$47.3 million includes funding for those qualifying non-profit seniors' housing facilities that were eligible in 2001. Schedule 2 of the Municipal Affairs Grants Regulation, authorizing the payment of a grant for the non-profit seniors' housing facilities, was amended and approved on December 16, 2010 for a five year extension from 2011 to 2015.

On an annual basis, every effort is made by Municipal Affairs to process the nearly 6,000 Grants in Place of Taxes applications and payments within the municipality's tax due date.

18. Through *Budget 2011*, has the Government of Alberta restored provincial funding to nonprofit/voluntary organizations, and acknowledged that municipal governments are not expected to make up for provincial funding cutbacks to the nonprofit/voluntary sector?

Alberta's nonprofit/voluntary sector is a key contributor to building strong and vibrant communities.

Budget 2011 maintains the 2010-11 funding levels for the Community Facility Enhancement Program and the Community Spirit Donation Grant Program. The Community Initiatives Program has been reduced by one per cent or \$250,000.

Culture and Community Spirit initiated a review of the administration of grant programs available to the nonprofit/voluntary sector to make them more user-friendly, reduce the administrative burden for sector organizations and increase internal efficiencies. The Nonprofit and Voluntary Citizens' Advisory Committee has been specifically asked to provide advice to the Minister of Culture and Community Spirit on criteria for the allocation of funding to the various sub-sectors of nonprofit/voluntary sector organizations in the province.

In late 2010, regional dialogue sessions were held with municipal leaders in eight locations around the province to continue a conversation with the sector about issues of concern including funding practices, building efficiencies, and ensuring long-term sustainability of this sector.

19. Does *Budget 2011* return the grants available through the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Program to the 2008 level, and does it provide other grants that:

- a) Incent water conservation, energy, and productivity, as identified in the Alberta Water Council's Recommendations for Water Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity Sector Planning (moving towards full cost accounting, and grant support for good planning/actions), and
- b) Continue to support municipalities with drinking water operations by providing educational and technical resources, including full cost accounting workshops?

The 2011-12 budget for Municipal Water Wastewater Program/Water for Life is \$257.6 million (\$67.6 million for Municipal Water/Wastewater Program and \$190 million for Water for Life).

The 2011-12 budget for Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Program is consistent with *Budget 2008* (excluding one time funding provided for the Lower Townsite Wastewater Collection System in Fort McMurray). This program continues to support initiatives to upgrade water and wastewater treatment for Albertans. Approved projects are expected to incorporate water conservation measures.

20. What has been included in *Budget 2011* for library funding and arts and cultural programs impacting communities?

	2010-11 Forecast (\$000)	2011-12 Estimate (\$000)	% change
Library Grants	30,119	30,719	2.0
Lottery-Funded Agencies:			
Alberta Foundation for the Arts	27,242	26,925	(1.2)
Alberta Historical Resources Foundation	8,000	7,875	(1.6)
Human Rights Education and Multiculturalism Fund	1,725	1,700	(1.4)
Community Initiatives Program	25,500	25,250	(1.0)
Community Facility Enhancement Program	38,000	38,000	-
Community Spirit Donation Grant Program	16,000	16,000	-
Total	146,586	146,469	(0.1)

The two per cent increase in library funding adjusts the 2011-12 per capita operating grant to library boards to 2010 population levels.



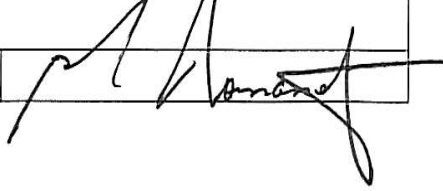
DRUMHELLER

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Agenda Item #8-14



Request for Decision

		Date:	February 25, 2011
Topic:	ELECTED OFFICIAL REMUNERATION REVIEW TASK FORCE		
Proposal:	Council, at their meeting of February 14 th , appointed five (5) Drumheller residents to review Council's remuneration and report back to Council. Since that time, Stan Baird has resigned due to the commitments required to serve in this capacity. It is recommended that the runner up applicant, Edward Laplante, be appointed for one term.		
Proposed by:	Mayor and Council		
Correlation to Business (Strategic) Plan			
Benefits:	Independent Task Force reviews whether Council members are fairly compensated.		
Disadvantages:			
Alternatives:			
Finance/Budget Implications:	Budget implication will not be known until recommendations are received. Task Force members will not be paid and Town staff will serve as a resource for the Task Force.		
Operating Costs:		Capital Cost:	
Budget Available:	\$0.00	Source of Funds:	
Budget Cost:	\$0.00	Underbudgeted Cost:	
Communication Strategy:			
Recommendations:	That Council approve the appointment of Ed Laplante to the Elected Official Remuneration Review Task Force for one term.		
Report Writer:	R.M. Romanetz, P. Eng.	CAO:	
Position:	Chief Administrative Officer		

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Comrade Bob Hanna CS
Chairman Remuneration Task Force

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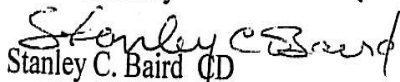
I am requesting removal as member of this committee as a result of
Misunderstanding the amount of time involved in meetings.
I was of the opinion it would be one meeting of discussion with Town
Administrators.

I am the Chairman of the Cenotaph Relocation Committee and have been
Involved with numerous meetings using time, normally providing care of
my Disabled Wife Dorothy. This Committee will be active until mid summer.

It is, therefore, suggested one of the alternate people who offered their Services,
be appointed to the Task Force in lieu of myself, although I feel privileged to
have been selected for the Task Force.

I would be grateful if this could be considered and arranged.

Yours sincerely


Stanley C. Baird CD

Service Officer, Br22

Royal Canadian Legion

Drumheller Ab. TOJOYO





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APPLICATION ELECTED OFFICIAL REMUNERATION REVIEW TASK FORCE

The personal information requested on this form is being collected in order to assist in making appointments to its committees, and is governed by the Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP). If you are appointed to a Committee, your name will be disclosed. If you have any questions with respects to the collection or release of this information, please contact the FOIPP co-ordinator at Town Hall.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

LAPLANTE

Last Name:

EDWARD

First Name:

[REDACTED]

Address, including Postal Code:

DRUMHELLER AB. T0S 0Y6

[REDACTED]

Residence Phone:

Business Phone:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Provide a brief outline of your experience/education/interest in this area of volunteerism for application.

Very little experience, Grade Twelve Diploma
as mentioned below.

WHY DO YOU WISH TO SERVE ON THIS TASK FORCE?

To know the operation of Town
Council better as operation.

LENGTH OF APPOINTMENT - THREE MONTHS (ONE TERM)

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN THE TOWN OF DRUMHELLER: 39 YEARS

Please direct any questions about the Task Force to R.M. Romanetz, P.Eng, CAO