

Town of Drumheller COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

January 3, 2012 at 4:30 PM
Council Chamber, Town Hall
703-2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta



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**Town of Drumheller
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

December 19, 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

- 1.1 Councillor Sharel Shoff was sworn in as Deputy Mayor for the months of January and February, 2012.

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK

2.1 Announcement of Council's 2012 Top 5 Priorities

Mayor Terry Yemen advised that Council and Administration held their annual retreat on December 12th and 13th, 2011 to set their priorities for 2012. Council's top five (5) priorities for 2012 are:

- 1) Badlands Community Facility Funding Strategy
- 2) Penitentiary Utility Rates Contract
- 3) Town Hall Relocation Decision
- 4) Badlands Community Facility Phase 2 Design and Committee Structure
- 5) Formation of 2013 Centennial Celebration Committee

2.2 East Coulee / Lehigh Water Extension Question Results

Mayor Terry Yemen stated that the results from the poll of the East Coulee / Lehigh water extension project are as follows: Of the 170 survey questions sent out 118 responded with results as follows: 3 supported, 28 would support but current price too high and 87 do not support (73.7%). He further stated that Council will discuss the matter in the new year.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MO2011.287 Shoff, Stanford moved to approve the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

5.0 MINUTES

5.1. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2011

MO2011.188 Zariski, Hansen-Zacharuk moved to approve the regular Council meeting minutes of December 5, 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 Luxton & Associates Heritage Inventory Report

P. Salvatore advised Luxton & Associates were not able to attend this evening due to illness and has rescheduled in the new year. He further provided an overview of the Heritage Committee's activities to date. He stated that two years ago Chamber representatives met with the Town Council and indicated that they wanted to move forward with the Heritage Inventory Program. Council agreed on the partnership and funding from three partners was received: Chamber, Community Futures and the Town. He explained that the first step was to conduct a heritage survey which is a general assessment of the community to determine buildings with heritage value and those that would meet the preservation criteria. Some properties have been identified within the municipal boundaries that would deserve consideration for long term preservation. These properties will be eligible for matching funds from provincial restoration dollars should the property owners wish to move forward. Council will need to approve the final list of suggested properties. The Heritage Designation Bylaw will officially designate the properties and allow the property owners to apply for funding under the program. He further explained that dinosaur statutes that hold historic value and that were part of the former Prehistoric Park may be included in the inventory. He further explained that the list may also include infrastructure as well, such as the train bridge, rail line, etc.

7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS

8.1. CAO

8.1.1 Bylaw 13.11 for the purpose of dedicating certain lands to
Environmental Reserve (Plan 565LK Block 4 Lot 1) - third reading

R. Romanetz advised that Bylaw 13.11 received first and second readings at Council's meeting of December 5, 2011. Following second reading, Council directed Administration to advertise Bylaw 13.11 for public information. R. Romanetz advised that the notice was placed in the Drumheller Mail for two consecutive weeks with no comments brought forward. He recommended that Council proceed to third reading of Bylaw 13.11.

MO2011.189 Shoff, Berdahl moved third reading to Bylaw 13.11. Carried unanimously.

8.2. Director of Infrastructure Services

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8.4. Director of Community Services

8.4.1 RFD - Badlands Community Facility Equipment Purchases

G. Latour provided an overview of the remaining Badlands Community Facility equipment purchases. Five large groups of equipment were identified and sent out for quotes including: fieldhouse equipment, AV & technical equipment, kitchen and banquet equipment, admin and office equipment and appliances. Several other categories of equipment were sourced through suppliers that we have existing contracts with including: cleaning equipment, outdoor furnishings, and first aid supplies. Two quotes are still to be completed for the facility, computers and BBQ. The Town will also be soliciting quotes for a presentation stage for the facility but is it not within the scope of the purchases being proposed in this package. None of the quotes for the kitchen serving equipment were adequate. The Town will be reposting this RFP with more detailed specification to allow for better evaluation. The above equipment list and furnishings for the Badlands Community Facility is valued within the budgeted amount of \$471,000.00. Administration recommended that Council approve the fieldhouse equipment and video scoreboard and signage as presented.

MO2011.190 Shoff, Stanford moved to authorize the purchase of the fieldhouse equipment from North Star Athletic in the amount of \$42,533.88 and to purchase the remaining equipment from other suppliers for a total expenditure of \$60,000.00. Carried unanimously.

MO2011.191 Shoff, Berdahl moved to authorize the purchase of the video scoreboard and signage from Digital Edge in the amount of \$55,000.00. Carried unanimously.

In response to a question from Council, R. Romanetz advised that of the total project costs, \$650,000 remains to date.

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14.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS MO2011.192 Hansen-Zacharuk, Garbutt moved to go in camera at 5:57 PM. Carried unanimously.

14.1 Personnel Matter

MO2011.193 Shoff, Berdahl moved to revert to regular Council meeting at 6:30 PM. Carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

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Golden Prairie Parent Link Centre
Serving the Drumheller, Hanna and Kneehill County areas

November 30, 2011

*Please add to
C.O.W. agenda*

Paul Salvatore
Community Services Director
Town of Drumheller
703-2nd Ave. West,
Drumheller, AB T0J 0Y0

Dear Paul:

As per your request during your phone conversation with Shelley Jackson on November 21, 2011, please accept this letter as our written space needs for Golden Prairie Parent Link Centre (GPPLC) as well as further communication to the discussion Yvonne Markotic, Shelley Jackson (GPPLC Director) and I have had since February 2010 with you in regards to the accommodation of our Parent Link program in Drumheller come January 1, 2012.

Since the formation of GPPLC in 2004 we have had a partnership with Drumheller FCSS, Hanna FCSS and Kneehill Regional FCSS that has assisted us in providing services to families with children 0 to 6 years of age. The original service plan for GPPLC consisted of Kneehill Regional FCSS providing the administration services for the program with Hanna FCSS and Drumheller FCSS providing programming and/or office space. Starland Regional FCSS since its development has been supportive of our need for programming and storage space in their area as well.

We have been very happy with the space provided by Drumheller FCSS in the Drumheller Civic Centre. We sincerely appreciate the office and use of the "Art Room" as well as the ability to book other rooms adjoining it for parent education while providing no cost childcare. These facilities have given the program important tools to meet the needs of families in the Drumheller area. Often at the end of the programs, the parents have come to Yvonne in her office for further questions and resources which she is able to provide on the spot while the children are occupied playing with the toys set out for them. In the past year Yvonne has been building on a number of relationships with teen mothers and other vulnerable families and they have been attending regular programming, parent education as well as seeking guidance on a variety of parenting issues.

We understand and empathize with the stresses the Town of Drumheller is experiencing with the finishing and moving into its new facilities. Times of growth are exciting as well as challenging. What we are looking for from the Town is a continuation of the 2004 commitment of space at no charge so GPPLC can continue to deliver services to Drumheller

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children 0-6 years old and their families. As per your request the following is a list of the facility needs of GPPLC:

- o Office space (Since Yvonne is part-time, a shared space would be workable)
- o Programming space for our parent-child sessions that focus on enhancing parent-child engagement. These sessions occur up to twice weekly and need to accommodate up to approximately 17 families.
- o Space for monthly parent education for approximately 20 adults along with a separate room in the same facility for child care for approximately 15 children.
- o Space for at least six special family events a year which could accommodate up to 50 participants
- o Storage space for toys and resources used for parent/child activity sessions

In turn, the Town of Drumheller will have the benefit of the high quality early childhood development programs, parent education, family support and information referral for its area families. It is well documented that every dollar spent on supporting families and children in the early years results in enhanced readiness for school which leads later to improved job skills and civic attitudes*. The Ontario Early Years Studies found clear evidence that "good early child development programs that involve parents or other primary caregivers of young children can influence how they relate to and care for children in the home, and can vastly improve outcomes for children's behaviour, learning and health in later life. The earlier in a child's life these programs begin, the better. These programs can benefit children and families from all socio-economic groups in society."**

As per the letter of our support for the grant for the new facility in March 2009 we have been supportive of your new facility as a wonderful resource for the families in this area. It is our hope that our GPPLC programs could assist you in attracting a varied age range of families and individuals as users of your new facility. I have also attached for your convenience the report that we submitted in June as per your request. Page 3 gives a list of the programming until end of June and then page 4 gives 2010/11 statistics for Drumheller. Since that time, average attendance at programs has been increasing. We have also added another level of parent support as we have been able to offer group level 4 Triple P in Drumheller that is intended for parents with more extensive problems.

We have appreciated your FCSS's representation on the South Central Early Childhood Initiatives Committee which, in its previous format, was responsible for overseeing the original development of the parent link program. Your Drumheller FCSS representative has always contributed by giving valuable reports and feedback that have allowed us to tailor the Drumheller program to the needs of the families in your area. We trust that the reports that

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your office has regularly received from our coordinator and from this Committee have also been helpful.

Thank you very much for your past support. We believe that the partnership established between FCSS programs and GPPLC has played a large role in the successes we are seeing for young families and the outcomes we are achieving. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with your FCSS board to discuss our program outcomes, the improvements we see in families as the result of our programs and our space issue. The continuation of this partnership is important to us as it is vital to our ability to continue to provide services at the same level to families in Drumheller. We want to thank you for your time and attention to this matter and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Bonita Hudson B.Ed, M.DE
Supervisor, Golden Prairie Parent Link Centre

Cc: Mayor Terry Yemen, FCSS Chairman

* Bartik, Timothy, Investing in Kids, Early Childhood Programs and Local Economic Development, W.E. Upjohn Institute, Michigan, 2011, p5.

** The Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, Reversing the Real Brain Drain: Early Years Study

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Golden Prairie Parent Link's Beginnings

Since February 2005 Golden Prairie Parent Link has been operating a site in Drumheller which covers Drumheller and Morrin. Drumheller Parent Link has been providing area families with programs and services as part of an Alberta-wide provincial strategy to provide high-quality, comprehensive, accessible, community based programs that comply with province-wide standards of excellence and respond to the changing needs of parents and families.

In fulfilling this mandate, the centres

- promote family wellness
- promote positive parent-child relationships
- improve parenting knowledge and skills
- foster optimal child development
- ensure that children get a healthy start in life

The Province of Alberta in consultation with its various ministries devised parent link

- to **support Alberta's parents** in their role as their children's first and most influential teachers
- to **link Alberta's parenting programs** and services through a province-wide network that
 - promotes excellence
 - facilitates the sharing of resources, knowledge and best practices
 - fosters the creation of partnerships
 - encourages cooperation on projects of value to the network as a whole, as well as to individual members

Expected results include

- an increase in the number of parents who report improved parenting skills and knowledge of child development
- an increase in the number of children whose special needs are identified and who are referred to appropriate services
- an increase in the number of children and families who do not require family enhancement services from child protection agencies
- an increase in the number of Aboriginal children and parents who participate in quality early learning activities
- an increase in the overall number of children and parents who participate in Parent Link programs

(excerpts taken from

<http://www.child.alberta.ca/home/documents/parenting/ParentLinksProgramDescriptionSeptember202004.pdf>)

Establishing Golden Prairie Parent Link

After **Drumheller FCSS, Hanna FCSS** and **Kneehill Regional FCSS** attended a Central Alberta Child and Family Services regional meeting on the subject of Parent Link Centres these municipalities were given the opportunity to be one of the first areas to acquire a Parent Link contract. Area meetings were held with a variety of partners at the table which included all three FCSS programs. It was at these meetings where the program was designed and Kneehill Regional FCSS agreed to hold the contract for Golden Prairie Parent Link and administer the program. Our Parent Link program has three delivery areas: Hanna, Drumheller and Kneehill.

Purpose of Parent Link

Over the years our programs have evolved as we have better understood the Drumheller area community. We still provide services to families with children 0-6 years in the form of parent and child participatory programming, parent/caregiver support and education, and child developmental screening for early social, emotional and intellectual developmental delays (with Ages and Stages developmental Questionnaires). Although our focus is 0-6 years we also provide parent support for children 0-12 years through "tip sheets", private consultations, seminars and 'group parenting sessions'. Through our regular programming we encourage networking among families so that children and parents are not isolated in their families or homes. We also connect families to support services as needed, and partner with other community agencies for events and parent education. Parent Link has a 'resource library' and we regularly lend out books and other media as needed to help families find ways of coping with ever changing parenting challenges.

Partnership between Parent Link and Town of Drumheller FCSS

Throughout the past six years the Town of Drumheller FCSS and Golden Prairie Parent Link Centre have closely worked together to determine how the services to families with young children would be delivered. The Drumheller FCSS partnership has supported us in providing permanent programming and office space and a food allowance to enhance programming. Administration assistance is provided in the form of photocopying and advertising for events. We gratefully acknowledge that these supports have allowed us to focus our limited funding on providing more programming hours to the Drumheller area.

Use of the Civic Centre

Our present home in the Drumheller Civic Centre is something families have greatly appreciated. The Civic Centre's central location, easy accessibility (especially for pregnant moms with strollers); along with parking in a central area of town make it an ideal family resource centre. We appreciate the adjoining office that provides the ability to meet parents privately for consultations and to plan programs and 'parent education'. The Civic Centre facilities have allowed the flexibility needed to schedule these various activities, in particular, the ability to hold 'parent education workshops' in one room and have child care available in the same building.

Additional Programs in the Drumheller Area

In addition to programs run within the Civic Centre we also provide weekly Stay & Play programming to Rosedale and Morrin. In the summer months we provide programming in parks throughout the Town of Drumheller.

Program Descriptions

Currently the Civic Centre is being used for the following scheduled programs in partnership with the Drumheller FCSS.

- Drumheller Stay & Play – (this was a previous FCSS playtime program) occurs from 10:00-11:30am every Wednesday except in the summer where Summer Fun displaces it to parks in the Valley. Each week includes 30 minutes of songs, finger plays, and stories, 30 minutes of free play, followed by 30 minutes of art, science, gym time, or food experience.
- Lunch hour parent education– once a month during the school year that addresses common parenting challenges.
- Triple P Parenting Seminars – 3 sessions: Raising Resilient Children, The Power of Positive Parenting, Raising Confident, Competent Children
- Special Events
 - Going Solo Christmas Party - a support event for single parents – advertised through agencies and the Drumheller Food Bank
 - Family events
- Baby Play – two sessions – six weeks each twice a year in the fall & spring for parents with babies under a year old to provide support, education and connect families them to other service agencies.
- Other Parenting Programs –
 - Positive Parenting by Ruth Buffam – two evening sessions
 - Active Parenting – Saturday session on basic parenting strategies
 - Wee Sign – sign language program for parents with young babies and toddlers
 - Keir Kutney – on managing difficult behaviours in children
- In partnership with other agencies and Drumheller FCSS – Family Fun events are held once a month on Saturdays from 2:00-4:00pm. Often we have partnered with the Drumheller Libraries Past Your Bedtime Program – held once a month in the early evening.
- Parent Link supports and refers families to Circle Rhyme Time- a program facilitated by Drumheller Family Literacy which occurs once a week during the school year.
- Also supported Classroom on Wheels (C.O.W.) event which is a mobile literacy classroom with fun activities to promote reading in young people.

Statistical Information April 1, 2010- March 31, 2011

Drumheller Stay & Play provided programming for 180 families with 285 children

- Average is 35 participants per session. Drumheller Family Literacy has partnered with us to lend one of their facilitators to help maintain a quality experience.
- with 1291 visits throughout the year

Rosedale Stay & Play – 327 parent and child visits throughout the year

Morrin Stay & Play – 266 parent and child visits throughout the year

Baby Play – Fall 2010 session (6 weeks) – 70 visits – including parent/s and babies

Spring 2011 session (6 weeks) – 137 visits including parent/s and babies

Evening Play Group (4 weeks) – 35 parent and child visits

Special Events (includes Family Fun and other seasonal events)

11 events - 403 participants

Going Solo Christmas Party – 33 participants

Parent education Workshops – 14 sessions 187 participants

Passport to the Park – Summer playtime in various parks – 140 participants

Conclusion

Golden Prairie Parent Link Centre is very concerned about the upcoming renovation to the Drumheller Civic Centre and what it means to the present program in Drumheller. At this point the supports provided through Drumheller FCSS through programming and office space allow us to direct our funding to providing a program coordinator for 21 hours a week. Our budget has not been increased in the past three years although costs including salaries have gone up. If we are required to rent programming and office space we will have little choice except to reduce services to the families in the Drumheller area.

If you have further questions or concerns please feel free to contact the following:

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