

Town of Drumheller COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

**March 11, 2013 at 4:30 PM
Council Chamber, Town Hall
703-2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta**



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**Town of Drumheller
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

February 25, 2013 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

ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Bill Wulff

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Linda Handy

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR Tom Zariski

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Paul Salvatore

1.0 CALL TO ORDER Mayor Yemen called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM.

1.1 Councillor Lisa Hansen-Zacharuk was sworn in as Deputy Mayor for the Town of Drumheller for the months of March and April, 2013.

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK

2.1 Mayor Terry Yemen proclaimed Freedom to Read Week February 24 - March 2, 2013.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor A. Berdahl asked the matter to be heard in camera. Mayor Yemen stated that it was the Drumheller Humane Society contract with the Town of Drumheller. He requested that the Drumheller Ag Society newspaper article be added to the agenda in open Council. Council agreed to discuss the article in camera.

Addition to Agenda 14.2 Legal Matter – Drumheller Ag Society

MO2013.42 Garbutt, Shoff moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Carried unanimously.

5.0 MINUTES

5.1. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2013

MO2013.43 Hansen-Zacharuk, Shoff moved to adopt the regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2013 as presented. Carried unanimously.

5.2. MINUTES OF MEETING PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2013

5.3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.0 DELEGATIONS

7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS

8.1. CAO

8.1.1 Bylaw 06.13 Responsible Pet Ownership - second and third readings
R. Romanetz advised that first reading was given to Bylaw 06.13 on February 11th, 2013.

MO2013.44 Berdahl, Stanford moved second reading of Bylaw 06.13.

Discussion on Motion:

Councillor S. Shoff asked how much revenue the Town would lose by reducing the registration fees for dogs. B. Wulff stated that the Town would lose \$15,000 in revenue for animal services.

Vote on Motion:

4 in favor – Stanford, Berdahl, Yemen, Garbutt

2 opposed – Hansen-Zacharuk, Shoff

Carried.

MO2013.45 Garbutt, Berdahl moved third reading of Bylaw 06.13.

Discussion on Motion:

Councillor A. Berdahl stated that the expenses for animal control has remained stagnate for several years and for it to be budgeted at \$66,000 for 2013 might be overstated. He

further stated that if Community Services is investing 1.5 FTE in animal control the Town should derive better revenue from the hours dedicated to this service. R. Romanetz clarified that the Town estimated animal control costs at 30% of total enforcement for community enforcement of 1.5 FTE. Council debated Clause 5.1 and agreed that discretion on the part of the enforcement officer should be exercised in these incidents.

Vote on Motion:

4 in favor – Stanford, Berdahl, Yemen, Garbutt

2 opposed – Hansen-Zacharuk, Shoff

Carried.

8.1.2 RFD - Badlands Community Facility Fundraising Cabinet Terms of Reference

R. Romanetz advised that Council at their 2013 Strategic Business Workshop identified a revised fundraising strategy for the BCF as one of their top priorities. He further explained that Council at their meeting of August 30, 2010 approved MO2010.135A as follows: *"Council approve the recommendations as presented in the Executive Summary from Nine Lions Development Consulting dated August 2010 with the budget not to exceed \$629,000 over three years."* It is recommended that MO2010.135A be rescinded to allow for a revised fundraising strategy. The proposal is to reinstate the BCF Terms of Reference for the Fundraising Cabinet as outlined in the document approved by Council on September 29, 2008 with the addition that Council appoint the Chair to the Fundraising Cabinet. Under the reinstated Terms of Reference, two Council members should be appointed to the Fundraising Cabinet. He further advised that former Steering Committee Co-Chair Hansine Ullberg Kostecky has expressed an interest to Chair the Fundraising Cabinet. He stated that additional members would need to be appointed by Council based on recommendations from the Chair.

MO2013.46 Hansen-Zacharuk, Garbutt moved that MO2010.135A be rescinded and that the Badlands Community Facility Terms of Reference for the Fundraising Cabinet as stated in the document approved by Council on September 29, 2008 be reinstated with the addition that Council appoint the Chair to the Fundraising Cabinet. Carried unanimously.

MO2013.47 Garbutt, Stanford moved that Council approve the appointments of Councillors Sharel Shoff and Lisa Hansen-Zacharuk to the BCF Fundraising Cabinet.

Discussion on Motion:

Councillor A. Berdahl asked the number of members on the Cabinet. Mayor T. Yemen stated that the Cabinet would not be limited to a number of members. Councillor D. Stanford asked how a member would be removed if they did not participate on the Cabinet. Mayor T. Yemen stated that removal of a member would be through the chair and based on the general policy for attendance. Councillor J. Garbutt stated that the reinstated Terms of Reference allows for increased accountability of the Fundraising Cabinet.

Vote on Motion:

4 in favor – Stanford, Yemen, Garbutt, Hansen-Zacharuk, Shoff

1 opposed – Berdahl

Carried.

MO2013.48 Garbutt, Shoff moved that Hansine Ullberg Kostelecky be appointed as Chair to the Fundraising Cabinet. Carried unanimously.

8.2. Director of Infrastructure Services

8.3. Director of Corporate Services

8.3.1 RFDirection - Proposed Amendment to Bylaw 12.08 Water and Sewer Services Bylaw

B. Wulff advised that the proposed amendment to the bylaw would see the responsibility for residential and non residential water and sewer bills passed to the property owners rather than renters. Because of the insecurity of the collection of utility charges, most municipalities are requiring the Registered Owner of the property to be directly responsible for the utility charges of their tenants. He explained the options available with the current software: 1) invoice the owner directly; 2) invoice the tenant with a copy to the owner only if the account is in arrears; and 3) invoice the tenant with a copy each month to the owner. He further stated that there is an average of \$9,400 or 40 accounts that are written off per year. This amendment would apply only to new accounts. Existing tenants would not be affected until there is a change of address. In response to a request from Council, Administration will prepare a report on the costs to send out duplicated bills.

8.4. Director of Community Services

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION

9.1 Director of Infrastructure Services' Quarterly and Annual Reports to December 31, 2012

Council requested a report on Alberta Transportation's priorities on the Town of Drumheller intersections and the timeframe for upgrading of our secondary highways.

10.0 PUBLIC HEARING DECISIONS

11.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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14.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS MO2013.49 Hansen-Zacharuk, Stanford moved to go in camera at 5:32 PM.

Vote on Motion:

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5 in favor – Stanford, Yemen, Garbutt, Hansen-Zacharuk, Shoff
1 opposed – Berdahl
Carried.

- 14.1 Legal Matter – Drumheller Humane Society
- 14.2 Legal Matter – Drumheller Ag Society

MO2013.50 Garbutt, Shoff to revert to regular Council meeting at 6:25 PM.
Carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

Questions:

1. **How does *Budget 2013* support the government's commitments to three year funding cycles for municipalities (i.e. what will be different), the Premiers Council on Provincial/ Fiscal Arrangements, advancement of city charters and the expansion of municipal revenue authorities?**

The Government of Alberta recognizes municipalities' need for stable funding so they can provide essential local services to Albertans. The Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) provides significant funding to municipalities for infrastructure and is the province's key initiative for supporting the municipalities. Government remains strongly committed to investing in municipalities despite lower than anticipated provincial revenues and is demonstrating its commitment through the continuation of the MSI. Funding allocations from MSI can only be confirmed for the current program year - as updated municipal population, education tax requisition, and local road length information are required to calculate future annual funding allocations.

Budget 2013 does not specifically address the changes to municipal revenue sources. The Premier's Council on a New Provincial-Municipal Partnership will be established later this year, and will include representation from the AUMA, as well as from other key stakeholders. Review of municipal roles and responsibilities, and the availability of revenue sources to fulfill those responsibilities, will be part of the Council's mandate. With respect to civic charters, the Government of Alberta is developing a plan that will involve working with the Cities of Edmonton and Calgary in order to define and address specific challenges to them and their roles as major centres in the province.

2. **How are municipalities impacted by the actions taken by the province to address the deficit (i.e. tax changes, reductions in grant funding, increases in fees/charges, etc.)?**

Budget 2013 is based on some tough but thoughtful decisions necessary for government to live within its means while continuing to deliver on key priorities. It reflects the premier's commitment that the budget will not be balanced on the backs of municipalities, notwithstanding the fact that lower provincial revenues have made it necessary to evaluate all provincial spending.

The Province recognizes the importance of local government, the essential services they provide as well as the challenges they face. Government will provide more resources towards encouraging municipal collaboration, while maintaining infrastructure grant funding levels under the MSI.

MSI funding has remained stable as the program budget has not changed from 2012. In addition, the Regional Collaboration Program budget has increased to address regional priorities and to support transformational change.

3. What is the budgeted break down of the Education Tax Requisition and how was it determined? As part of the response, see table attached.

Education Property Tax (\$ millions)			
Fiscal Year			
	2012-13	2013-14	% Change
Residential	1,252	1,278	2.1
Non-Residential	727	780	7.3
Total	1,979	2,058	4.0

Calendar Year			
	2012	2013	% Change
Residential	1,242	1,267	2.0
Non-Residential	719	771	7.2
Total	1,961	2,038	3.9

The Government of Alberta has now standardized the education property tax; it is now set at 32 per cent of education operating costs. Basing this tax on the cost of funding for education will achieve greater transparency, fairness and equity.

In addition we will be removing the mitigation measures, ensuring the equitable distribution of the tax across the province so that similarly valued properties of the same classification pay similar amounts of taxes, no matter where they're located. Each municipality's 2013 education requisition will be determined by applying the provincial uniform tax rates to its 2013 equalized assessments.

The mitigation formula will be phased out over two to three years in the four most negatively impacted municipalities. Those municipalities are the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, the Town of Chestermere, Improvement District 4 – Waterton National Park and Improvement District 9 – Banff National Park (excluding the Town of Banff). The phase out will limit the annual increase for the average valued home to \$400 in these municipalities.

In fiscal year 2013-14, the revenue requirement for education property taxes is \$2.06 billion, an increase of \$79 million, or approximately four per cent, from 2012-13. The 2013-14 revenue requirement includes \$223 million that will be collected directly by municipalities for opted-out separate school boards.

In 2013, the provincial education property tax rates will decrease by about two per cent. The residential/farm property rate will be \$2.65 per \$1,000 of equalized assessment while the non-residential rate will be \$3.90 per \$1,000 of equalized assessment.

The property tax revenue requirement ensures continued stability and sufficient funding for the kindergarten to grade 12 education system.

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4. What changes have been made to municipal funding?

See response below in Question #5.

5. How much funding is allocated to supporting communities in Budget 2013 compared to Budget 2012?

The table below provides a response to both what changes have been made to municipal funding and how much funding has been allocated to communities in *Budget 2013* compared to *Budget 2012*. In *Budget 2013*, there are no formula changes to the Grants to Municipalities.

GRANTS TO MUNICIPALITIES (\$ millions)				
Capital Spending	Estimates Page	2012-13 Forecast	2013-14 Budget	% Change
Municipal Sustainability Initiative	183	849	846	(0.4)
Basic Municipal Transportation Grant	220	270	321	18.9
Building Canada - Gas Tax Fund	221	200	200	-
Municipal Water Wastewater Program / Water for Life	220	177	75	(57.6)
Building Canada - Communities Component	221	34	30	(11.8)
GreenTRIP	220	93	200	115.1
Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program	220	119	-	--
Regional Collaboration Program	183	1	-	--
Tank Site Remediation Program	183	6	5	(16.7)
Slave Lake Recovery Grants	183	5	-	--
Capital Spending		1,754	1,677	(4.4)
Operational Expense	Estimates Page	2012-13 Forecast	2013-14 Budget	% Change
Family and Community Support Services	127	76	76	0.0
Policing Assistance to Municipalities	169	51	46	(9.8)
Policing Assistance to Municipalities (Assistance for New Policing Hires)	169	30	30	-
Victims of Crime Fund – Assistance to Victims’ Organizations – Direct Funding	179	1	1	-
Grants in Place of Taxes	182	54	55	1.9
Municipal Sustainability Initiative	182	47	50	6.4
Regional Collaboration Program	182	4	23	475
Alberta Social Housing Corporation - Debt Repayment	n/a ¹	3	3	-
Municipal Recreation/Tourism Areas Program	215	1	-	--
Operational Expense		267	284	6.4
GRANTS TO MUNICIPALITIES		2,021	1,960	(3.1)

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GRANTS TO OTHER COMMUNITY ENTITIES (\$ millions)				
Operational and Capital	Estimates Page	2012-13 Forecast	2013-14 Budget	% Change
Housing Capital	183, 191 ²	40	20	(50.0)
Community Facility Enhancement Program	37	46	38	(17.4)
Library Services Grant	182	31	31	-
Irrigation Rehabilitation Program	23	19	19	-
Major Fairs and Exhibitions	22	22	22	-
Organized and Serious Crime	169	38	32	(15.8)
Safe Communities Innovation Fund	168	14	-	--
Environmental Stewardship Program (Agricultural Service Board Grant Program)	22 ³	12	12	-
Victims of Crime Fund – Assistance to Victims' Organizations – Indirect Funding	179	10	10	-
Regional Collaboration Program	182	6	6	-
Summer Temporary and Other Employment Programs	126	1	-	--
Office of the Fire Commissioner	182	1	1	-
Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Grants	22	2	2	-
GRANTS TO OTHER COMMUNITY ENTITIES		242	193	(19.9)

TOTAL GRANTS TO MUNICIPALITIES AND TO OTHER COMMUNITY ENTITIES	2,263	2,153	(4.9)
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Notes:

1. For comparability between *Budget 2013* and *Budget 2012*, Housing Capital Programs was formally within the Department of Municipal Affairs but now resides with the Alberta Social Housing Corporation within Seniors Housing capital spending.
2. This figure is not located within the *Estimates*, but is included within the *Budget 2013 Balance Sheet*, and is the principal repayment of previous purchases of social housing.
3. Excludes administrative costs.

6. What, if any, escalator is provided through *Budget 2013* to recognize growth pressures in the grant funding provided to the municipalities?

The formula used to allocate MSI funding recognizes municipal growth pressures. MSI allocations are calculated annually using updated population, education tax requisition, and road length data to ensure allocation amounts reflect municipalities' changing circumstances and needs. Municipalities that experience higher than average population growth receive a higher proportion of the population-based funding component. Similarly, municipalities that experience higher than average growth in their education tax requisition and/or have an expanding local road network receive a higher proportion of the requisition-based and/or road-based funding components.

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7. What does *Budget 2013* provide for municipal transportation infrastructure funding (e.g. roads and streets) compared to *Budget 2012*? Please segregate the amounts between funding provided directly to municipalities (via grants, transfers, etc.) versus direct spending on the applicable community infrastructure?

Grants to Municipalities (\$ million)			
	2012-13 Forecast	2013-14 Estimate	% Change
Basic Municipal Transportation Grant	270	321	18.9
Building Canada - Gas Tax Fund	200	200	-
Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program	119	-	-
GreenTRIP	93	200	115.1
Building Canada - Communities Component	34	30	(11.8)
Total	715	751	5.0

Capital Spending by the Province (\$ million)			
	2012-13 Forecast	2013-14 Estimate	% Change
Edmonton and Calgary Ring Roads	633	625	(1.3)
Provincial Highway Construction Projects	416	218	(47.6)
Fort McMurray Urban Area Upgrades and Twinning of Highway 63	248	271	9.3
Provincial Highway Rehabilitation	129	134	3.9
Bridge Construction Projects	40	43	7.5
Total	1,466	1,291	(11.9)

8. What has the Government of Alberta resourced through *Budget 2013* to support the needs of our growing seniors population (e.g. "aging in place", continuing care, transportation services, seniors housing)? As part of the response, see table attached.

Budget 2013 reflects the Government of Alberta's commitment to having the right programs in place to support Albertans most in need. *Budget 2013* highlights for seniors, as part of this category, include:

- \$631 million for seniors programs including seniors drug and dental, optical, and supplemental health benefits, subsidizing chiropractic services for seniors, special needs assistance for seniors, the school property tax assistance program, and the property tax deferral program;
- \$351 million for Alberta Seniors Benefit (ASB) grants;
- \$131 million for the Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL), and

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- \$30 million for Enhanced Home Care and Rehabilitation. This funding will provide support for two major priorities: to address inconsistencies in the availability of home care services and hours of care across the province and implementation of an Alberta Home First pilot.

Furthermore, the government will continue to make investment in affordable housing a priority by using existing resources within the Alberta Social Housing Corporation (ASHC) to match federal contributions and explore public-private partnership opportunities. *Budget 2013* includes prioritized capital funding of \$20 million in grants for refurbishing and maintenance of ASHC-owned seniors lodges. A review of the overall program and funding methodology for affordable housing including the proportions paid by the province and municipalities is expected.

Operational Expense (\$ million)			
	2012-13 Forecast	2013-14 Budget	% Change
Seniors Lodge Assistance	36	38	5.6
Seniors Housing	8	4	(50.0)

Capital Spending (\$ million)			
	2012-13 Forecast	2013-14 Budget	% Change
Seniors Lodges - One-time funding for emergencies	2	-	--
Seniors Housing - Bi-lateral Agreement with Federal Government	40	20	(50.0)
Seniors Housing - Renewal & Regeneration	20	28	40.0
Affordable Supportive Living Initiative	-	50	100.0

9. **How does *Budget 2013* address grants in lieu of taxes for non-profit seniors' housing given that the authority to pay a grant in lieu of taxes equal to the municipal property tax for non-profit seniors housing facilities and for exempting these same seniors housing facilities from education property tax are both set to expire in 2015?**

Budget 2013 does not specifically address this matter. A review of the Municipal Affairs Grants Regulation is scheduled for 2015.

10. How is the province supporting the viability of small communities (those with populations less than 2,500) through *Budget 2013* compared to *Budget 2012*?

The Government of Alberta provides substantial support to Alberta's smaller municipalities, and to all municipalities, through the MSI. This program includes a Sustainable Investment component that directs additional support to smaller municipalities with limited local tax bases.

With *Budget 2013* the Government of Alberta will begin to signal the need to address transformational change. Increased funding for the Regional Collaboration Program will encourage all municipalities to work with each other to achieve regional priorities, such as regional service delivery. This transformational change is also supported by the Municipal Sustainability Strategy that was adopted by the Government of Alberta in 2012. The strategy is designed to support smaller communities examine their viability, and working with their neighbours and the province to develop options for addressing viability concerns.

11. What does *Budget 2013* provide for water and waste water infrastructure and supports to manage our water resources compared to *Budget 2012* (e.g. watershed planning, regional water systems, water conservation, full cost accounting, etc.)? Please segregate the amounts between funding provided directly to municipalities (via grants, transfers, etc.) versus direct spending by the province on water management.

Direct Funding to Municipalities (\$ million)			
	2012-13 Forecast	2013-14 Budget	% Change
Water for Life Capital Spending	120	50	(58.3)
Municipal Water Wastewater Program	57	25	(56.1)
Total	177	75	(57.6)

Government Spending (\$ million)			
	2012-13 Forecast	2013-14 Budget	% Change
Water for Life Operational Expense	24	25	4.2
Water Management Infrastructure	21	10	(52.4)
Total	45	35	(22.2)

Budget 2013 remains strongly committed to supporting municipalities in meeting drinking water and wastewater infrastructure needs despite lower than anticipated revenues. *Budget 2013* provides \$85 million for direct and indirect water and waste water infrastructure in 2013-14. Water for Life remains the critical strategy for guiding the types of investments and system needs that will be supported. The 2013-14 budget

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for Alberta Municipal Water Infrastructure Grant Programs is \$75 million (\$25 million for the Municipal Water Wastewater Program and \$50 million for Water for Life). In addition, the province is investing an additional \$10 million in 2013-14 on water management infrastructure for minor rehabilitation projects throughout the province.

Environment and Sustainable Resource Development's (ESRD) leadership in the development of, and change to, Alberta's policies affecting water management is key to supporting the Government of Alberta's strategies regarding water infrastructure. This leadership helps to ensure the design and development of a systemically integrated water policy framework for all water in Alberta and addresses the need to manage cumulative effects on water. ESRD also supports these strategies through regulatory delivery, which helps ensure that the objectives of the strategies are achieved.

12. How does *Budget 2013* compare to *Budget 2012* for supports to community and social infrastructure and non-profit voluntary organizations (e.g. library funding, arts and cultural programs)

The Government of Alberta recognizes that, in many municipalities, the non-profit sector plays a key role in delivering municipal services and ensuring that Albertans live in strong, safe, and sustainable communities. As such, since the inception of the MSI, municipalities have had the option of using their MSI funding to support local non-profit organizations. While the option to support the non-profit sector exists in both the MSI capital and operating programs, it is not a requirement. Rather, this option was built into the MSI programs to allow greater flexibility for municipalities.

In *Budget 2013* funding for the provincial library network has increased to \$31 million. Funding for municipal recreation and tourism areas has decreased to \$471 thousand.

Additional information:

Additional Information (\$ million)			
	2012-13 Forecast	2013-14 Budget	% Change
Alberta Foundation for the Arts (includes some grant funding to individuals)	28	28	-
Alberta Historical Resources Foundation	9	9	-
Community Initiatives Program	25	25	-
Community Facility Enhancement Program	46	38	(17.4)
Community Spirit Donation Grant Program	16	-	--
Other Initiatives Program	4	3	(25.0)

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One-time project funding (Support for Cultural Infrastructure)			
National Music Foundation (Calgary)	16	6	(62.5)
The Crossings Ice Complex (Lethbridge)	3	3	-
Family Leisure Centre (Medicine Hat)	3	3	-
Tri Village Commons Gymnastics Facility (Spruce Grove)	1	-	--

13. How will *Budget 2013* enable further discussion around new police funding models, while ensuring that any new municipal contributions to policing will be reinvested to police services?

The Law Enforcement Framework Funding Model is still under review. 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.

14. What activities are planned/ funded in *Budget 2013* to advance the long-term transportation strategy?

Premier Redford has given the Minister of Transportation a mandate to develop a multi-modal Transportation Strategy for Alberta that, within an aligned funding model, supports Albertans' priorities, including competitiveness and sustainability.

Alberta Transportation continues to prepare and assemble the resources to move ahead and will be working with partners and stakeholders over the coming year to develop the Transportation Strategy.

It is expected that the Transportation Strategy for Alberta will address current pressures and future needs and will:

- Help secure the province's economic future by promoting Alberta's access to new markets and competitiveness in the global economy;
- Provide transportation options to support smart growth, livable communities and active living;
- Reduce transportation's footprint on the environment;
- Improve transportation safety and security while reducing costly bottlenecks and congestion;
- Support government initiatives that depend on a multi-modal transportation system; and
- Promote collaboration of transportation planning in western Canada.

15. How does *Budget 2013* promote responsible use and production of Alberta's resources including alternative and renewable energy, support for recycling and waste reduction, and Brownfield remediation?

Alberta has always promoted the development of natural resources as well as highlighted the importance of ensuring effects from development are mitigated.

Budget 2013 supports the Alternative and Renewable Energy Policy Framework, which is being developed and led by Alberta Energy. This framework will encourage development of alternative and renewable energy capacity in the province through support from bio-energy developers and producers in Alberta. Further, this support includes contributions to the Climate Change Strategy Review and development of the Canadian Energy Strategy. In addition, the Bioenergy Producer Credit Program grant recipients will be made public in 2013-14.

Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD) will continue work to reduce waste through provincially regulated waste stewardship programs. Efforts in 2013-14 will focus on continuous improvement of provincially regulated waste stewardship programs for beverage containers, used oil, tires, paint and electronics. Opportunities for new waste stewardship programs for priority materials, including packaging and printed materials, will also be explored. As well, the Government of Alberta will continue work to demonstrate leadership in responsible resource use and waste reduction under the *Greening Government Strategy*. Reductions in the environmental footprint of government operations are being made through various projects including the purchase of green energy for our buildings and energy conservation and waste reduction activities.

ESRD has established a Brownfield Redevelopment Working Group with Municipal Affairs, the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties and the Cities of Edmonton and Calgary with the goal of recommending to government policies and actions so redevelopment can occur through incentives and education programs being lead by Municipal Affairs. The Government of Alberta worked with various key stakeholders, including the AUMA, to develop a report and recommendations on addressing Brownfield remediation. The Ministries of Municipal Affairs and Environment and Sustainable Resource Development will be working with stakeholders to move forward with the implementation of key recommendations in the coming year.

16. How will *Budget 2013* support the implementation of the Province's social policy framework and what will change as a result?

In many ways, the Social Policy Framework is a reflection of a significant transformation already underway within the Ministry of Human Services and the province's human and health services sector as a whole. Albertans have told us that they want a new approach to addressing social and health issues—one that focuses more on prevention and awareness, treats people with dignity and respect, is accountable, inclusive, and innovative, and focuses on achieving results. Investing in prevention and empowering communities and Albertans will help us achieve the right outcomes, and will also lead to decreased need for intervention and cost savings down the road.

The Framework will guide how resources are allocated to achieve outcomes that are most important to Albertans. In this fiscal climate, our need to explore innovative and transformational ways in how the human services sector can best serve Albertans takes on even more importance. This will involve a system built on results, not processes, and a focus on:

- creating person-centered delivery and decision making, aimed at positive outcomes for clients and their families, and in turn our communities;
- protecting vulnerable persons;
- reducing inequality; and
- enabling collaboration and partnerships.

17. How does *Budget 2013* support the Government of Alberta's commitment to affordable housing and the elimination of homelessness? As part of the response, see table attached.

Operational Expense (\$ million)			
	2012-13 Forecast	2013-14 Budget	% Change
Family Housing:			
Rent Supplement	71	65	(8.5)
Community Housing	52	57	9.6
Special Needs Housing	1	6	500.0
Homeless Support:			
Emergency / Transitional Shelter Support	36	37	3.2
Outreach Support Services	69	69	-
Balance of Program	5	5	-
Total Homeless Support	110	111	1.1

Capital Spending (\$ million)			
	2012-13 Forecast	2013-14 Budget	% Change
Family Housing - Capital Renewal & Regeneration	10	17	70.0
Affordable Supportive Living Initiative	-	50	100.0

The government will continue to make investment in affordable housing a priority by using existing resources within the Alberta Social Housing Corporation to match federal contributions and by exploring public-private partnership opportunities.

A decrease in funding for Rent Supplement is being managed through attrition and no one currently receiving funding will be impacted. Additionally, this change is offset by 6,300 new affordable housing units coming on-stream in the next two years to support low-and-moderate-income Albertans.

We are developing strategies to maintain the quality of the existing social housing portfolio, and recognize that investing in government-owned housing will have the greatest return in the long-run as continuous support to those most-in-need. We are looking into new strategies for development of sustainable social housing.

Funding for the Homeless Support program is increasing by \$1.2 million or 1.1 per cent when compared to the 2012-13 forecast. Human Services is providing \$111.3 million to address homelessness in 2013-14. This funding will be used to support the following programs:

- Emergency / Transitional Shelter Support - provides funding to 19 organizations operating 28 homeless shelters with over 3,200 spaces located in communities throughout the province.
- Outreach Support Services - provides funding to community-based organizations to support permanent housing and wrap around support services (lifeskills, addictions, mental health, rent supplements) under the Housing First approach. Assistance is provided to homeless families and single adults to move to permanent accommodation with access to various support services to help them remain housed.
- Interagency Council on Homelessness – a new government-community partnership established in February, 2013, to provide advice and guidance on policy, regulatory and program changes required for successful implementation of Alberta's 10-year plan to end homelessness.

Lastly, *Budget 2013* allocates \$50 million, for the Affordable Supportive Living Initiative. This includes a \$25 million reprofiling of funds from 2012-13, in an addition to the base of \$25 million for 2013-14. This funding will support the continued development of new affordable supportive living spaces across the province.

18. How will *Budget 2013* strengthen community first response (i.e. firefighters emergency medical response, etc.) compared to 2012 resourcing?

Included within *Budget 2013* is a new program to provide stable funding for 911 call centers, which will be implemented in 2013-14 with \$8 million in funding. Furthermore in 2013-14, Municipal Affairs will continue to provide \$650,000 in grants to support regional fire services training and emergency management training in preparation, response and recovery enabling effective municipal emergency management systems.

As part of *Budget 2013*, Alberta Health Services (AHS) will receive \$10.5 billion in base operating funding for front-line health services. This represents a \$307 million or a 3.0 per cent increase from the 2012-13 forecast. Alberta Health does not directly fund community first responders for ambulances or any other services. As a part of AHS base operating funding, AHS provides front-line health services. For further information, AHS will be able to answer inquiries in regards to support for emergency services once its board has approved its budget.

In 2012-13 funding of \$5 million was provided to support air ambulance services. AHS has an affiliation agreement with Alberta Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) to ensure rotary air ambulance service is provided from bases in Calgary, Edmonton and Grand Prairie. The funding will address higher operational cost from STARS' introduction of two large helicopters, enhance emergency health care services in rural remote communities, provide greater funding certainty and support their emergency medical services (EMS) dispatch centre. The funding was provided to AHS, who will in turn, allocate the funding as required. STARS is an important part of the overall EMS system in Alberta and this funding will enhance and expand critical care access for Albertans.

19. How will funding flow to municipalities as a result of the implementation of the new National Long-term Infrastructure Plan and how will municipalities be supported in developing asset management plans?

The Government of Alberta is working in concert with the federal government and governments in other provinces to develop a national long-term infrastructure plan. There is currently no agreement on such a plan so it is not certain how or how much funding will flow to municipalities. A decision on government support for the development of municipal asset management plans will be made once the national plan is in place.

Municipalities are supported in developing asset management plans through MSI. Municipalities determine projects and activities to be funded by the MSI based on local priorities, within the general qualification criteria set out in program guidelines. Infrastructure management systems, capable of recording and retrieving information on various types of infrastructure, are eligible for funding under MSI.

20. What is the financial impact of any new or revised fees, charges or any other costs that will impact municipalities under *Budget 2013*? As part of the response, see table attached.

There are no new fees within *Budget 2013* with a financial impact on municipalities.



DRUMHELLER

CORPORATE SERVICES



March 11, 2013

2013 Education Property Tax Requisition

The Requisition for the Education portion of the Property Tax has arrived. The Provincial Budget released March 7th stated that the Province "has now standardized the education property tax; it is now set at 32 percent of education operating costs."

The Education Property Tax Requisition is now \$2,740,903 which is an increase of \$139,000 or 5.34% over the 2012 requisition.

Because there are so many variables in the mill rate calculations, tabled below is the comparison if this requisition was used in 2012:

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Example Assessment	100,000	100,000
2012 Education Mill Rate	2.5772	3.8534
2012 Education Property Tax	\$257.72	\$385.34
Increased Mill Rate	2.7150	4.0594
Increased 2012 Education Property Tax	\$271.50	\$405.94
Increase in Requisition	\$13.78	\$20.60

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March 11, 2013

2013 Drumheller and District Seniors Foundation Requisition

The Requisition for the Drumheller and District Seniors Foundation Requisition's portion of the Property Tax has arrived. This information was being held until after the presentation offered by Councillor Zariski. The Foundation has increased their total requisition by \$100,000, of which Drumheller is responsible for 53.67%

Drumheller's portion of the Foundation's Requisition is now \$362,272.50 which is an increase of \$59,557.50 or 19.28% over the 2012 requisition.

Because there are so many variables in the mill rate calculations, tabled below is the comparison if this requisition was used in 2012:

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Example Assessment	100,000	100,000
2012 Seniors Foundation Mill Rate	.3380	.3380
2012 Seniors Foundation Property Tax	\$33.80	\$33.80
Increased Mill Rate	.4032	.4032
Increased 2012 Seniors Property Tax	\$40.32	\$40.32
Increase in Requisition	\$6.52	\$6.52

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Attention: R.M. Romanetz, P. Eng., CAO

RE: **ROAD CLOSURE – BYLAW 14.12**

Enclosed is the above noted bylaw which was approved by Alberta Transportation for closure and sale on February 26, 2013.

Please forward or fax me with the dates of second and third readings of the bylaw, after which you may register the bylaw at Land Titles. Notify me again when the bylaw is registered by Land Titles.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adrienne Kisko".

Adrienne Kisko
Land Technologist

cc: Donna Cheney
Systems Support Technologist
Hanna, Alberta

Enclosures

THE TOWN OF DRUMHELLER

BY-LAW NUMBER 14.12

THIS IS A BY-LAW OF THE TOWN OF DRUMHELLER, in the Province of Alberta for the purpose of closing a portion of an unused and undeveloped Walkway to public travel and acquiring title to this land in the name of THE TOWN OF DRUMHELLER and then selling and incorporating same with the adjacent lands in accordance with the Section 22 of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, as amended.

WHEREAS; a portion of a Walkway hereinafter described is not required for public travel and an application has been made by the Town of Drumheller to have a portion of this undeveloped Walkway closed, and

WHEREAS; this Walkway has not been developed, has never been used for public travel and will never be required for Walkway or other public purposes in the foreseeable future, and

WHEREAS; a notice was published in the Drumheller Mail once a week for two consecutive weeks; on 26th of September, 2012 and again on 3rd of October, 2012 the last of such publications being at least five days before the day fixed for the passing of this By-Law, and

WHEREAS: the Council of the Town of Drumheller held a public hearing on the 9th day of October A.D., 2012 at their regular or special meeting of Council in which all interested parties were provided an opportunity to be heard, and

WHEREAS: the Council of THE TOWN OF DRUMHELLER was not petitioned for an opportunity to be heard by any person prejudicially affected by this By-Law;

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 Walkway from public use, obtain title in the name of THE TOWN OF DRUMHELLER, a Municipal Body Corporate, of 703 2nd. Avenue West, DRUMHELLER, Alberta.T0J 0Y3 and dispose of same for consolidation with adjacent lands.

WALKWAY TO BE CLOSED BY THIS BY-LAW

THAT PORTION OF THE WALKWAY CREATED BY PLAN 801 1334 LYING BETWEEN BLOCKS 1 AND 2, PLAN 801 1334 AND SHOWN CROSS HATCHED ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE A.

AND MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIBED AS THAT PORTION THE CLOSED WALKWAY WHICH LIES WITHIN:

PLAN DRUMHELLER
BLOCK - TWO (2)
LOT - EIGHT (8)

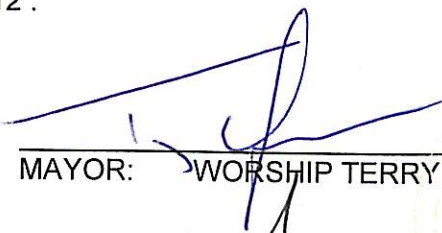
CONTAINING 45.91 SQ. METRES (494.2 SQ. FEET) MORE LESS

EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS.

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THIS BY-LAW takes effect on the day of the final passing thereof.

READ AND PASSED THE FIRST TIME BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DRUMHELLER this 24th day of September A.D. 2012 .

MAYOR:  _____
WORSHIP TERRY YEMEN

 _____
RAYMOND M. ROMANETZ, P.ENG.
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Seal

APPROVED this 26 day of February, 2013.

 _____
MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION

Approval valid for ____ months

READ AND PASSED THE SECOND TIME BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DRUMHELLER this _____ day of _____, A.D. 2013.

MAYOR: _____
WORSHIP TERRY YEMEN

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RAYMOND M. ROMANETZ, P.ENG.
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

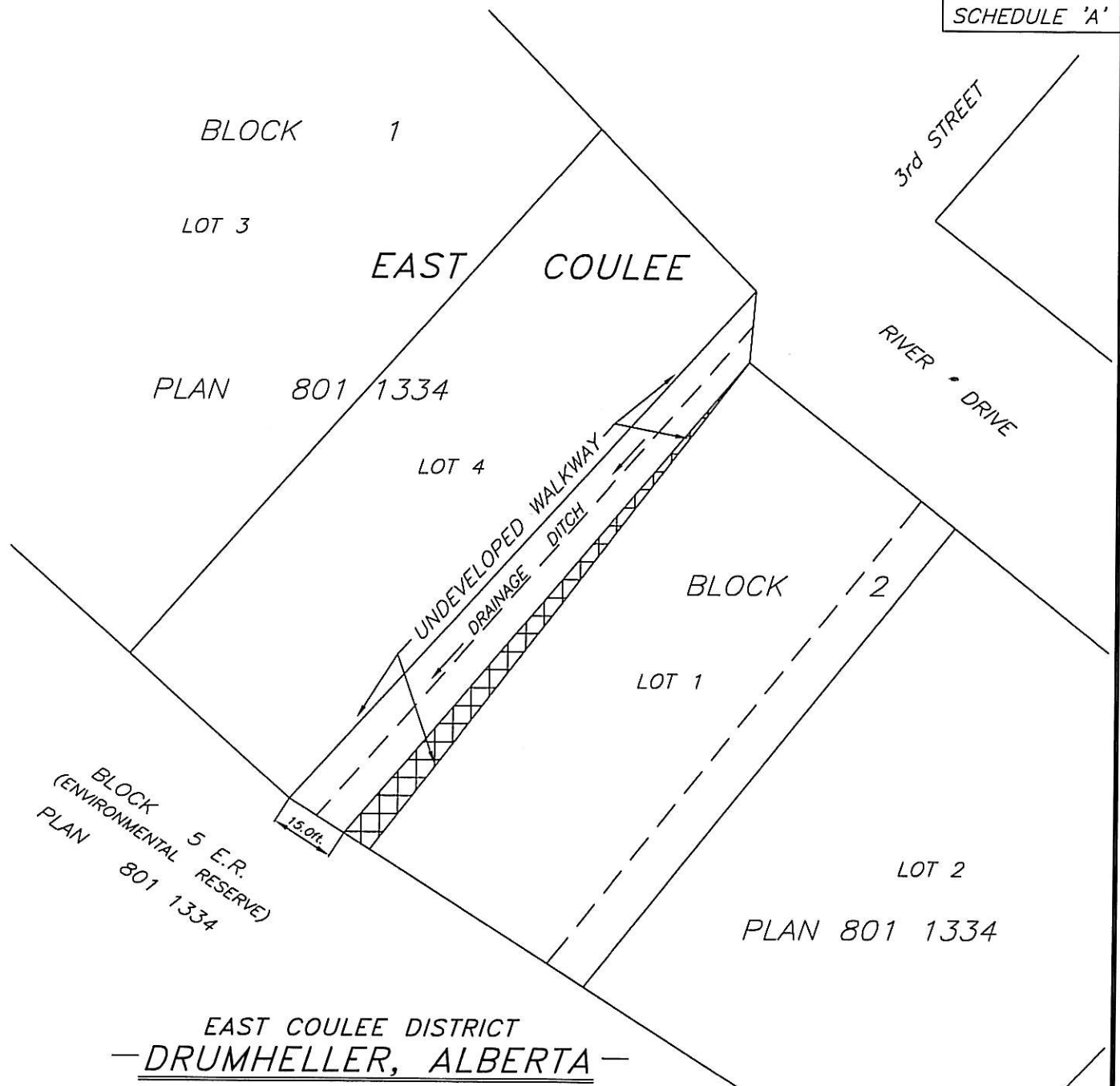
READ AND PASSED THE THIRD TIME BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DRUMHELLER this _____ day of _____, A.D. 2013.

MAYOR: _____
WORSHIP TERRY YEMEN

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RAYMOND M. ROMANETZ, P.ENG.
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

SCHEDULE 'A'



EAST COULEE DISTRICT
— DRUMHELLER, ALBERTA —

PLAN SHOWING PROPOSED CLOSURE OF
PART OF UNDEVELOPED WALKWAY ADJACENT TO
BLOCKS 1 & 2, PLAN 801 1334
ALL WITHIN THE
N.E.1/4 SEC.29, TWP.27, RGE.18, W.4M.

—SCALE= 1:400 ————— SEPTEMBER, 2012 —

LEGEND:

Distances are in metres and decimals thereof.

Area affected by this plan is shown thus.... 
and contains: 45.91sq.metres (494.2sq.feet)

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