

# **Town of Drumheller SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**November 19, 2018, 2018 at 4:30 PM**  
Council Chamber, Town Hall  
224 Centre Street, Drumheller, AB, T0J 0Y4



## **PRESENT:**

**MAYOR:**

Heather Colberg

**COUNCIL:**

Kristyne DeMott

Jay Garbutt

Tony Lacher

Fred Makowecki

Tom Zariski

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:**

Darryl Drohomerski

**DEPUTY CAO / DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:**

Barb Miller

**DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY / PROTECTIVE SERVICES:**

Greg Peters

**COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER:**

Julia Fielding

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Linda Handy

**ABSENT:** Councillor Lisa Hansen-Zacharuk

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Heather Colberg called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

## **2.0 CAO**

### **RFD – DISASTER MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION FUND**

D. Drohomerski advised that the Town of Drumheller's plans are to implement a flood mitigation and climate adaptation system for the entire community. He explained that for the past two decades Drumheller has been challenged with rising waters, ice jams and storms along with declarations of a State of Local Emergency to combat rising floodwaters. Drumheller will be submitting an application under the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund to the Federal and Provincial governments to help pay for this system. He stated that the funding for this project will be cash flowed over several years with the total commitment for the Town being \$5.0M.

**MO2018.SP01** Zariski, Lacher moved that Council approve \$5.0M as the Town's share of funding under the Federal government's Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund to build a climate adaptable dyke system along a 40 km stretch of the Town of Drumheller in the Red Deer River Basin..

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In response to questions from Council, D. Drohomerski confirmed that this would be a further commitment from the Town of \$4M as \$1M has already been earmarked for flood mitigation. He further advised that the Town has a policy in place, stating that the Town debt will not exceed 60% of provincially legislated debt limit. He stated that the Provincially legislated debt limit for the Town is \$30M ceiling (1.5x estimated 2017 revenue) – Policy C-02—04 sets a self imposing debt limit for the Town at 60% which equates to \$18M. The total debt for year end 2018 is \$9.2M so we are at 51% of our self imposing debt limit. The remaining debt limit available as per Policy C-02-04 is \$8.8M. He further confirmed that the borrowing is dependent on the funding approval and if approved, the cash will be flowed appropriately as the project moves forward. Councillor J. Garbutt explained that any borrowing needs to be spread out through the life span of the infrastructure.

Vote on Motion: Carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Mayor Heather Colberg adjourned the meeting at 4:40 PM.

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Mayor