

**Town of Drumheller
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

April 3, 2017 at 4:30 PM
Council Chamber, Town Hall
224 Centre Street, Drumheller, AB, T0J 0Y4



PRESENT:

MAYOR:
Terry Yemen

COUNCIL:

Jay Garbutt
Lisa Hansen-Zacharuk
Patrick Kolafa
Tara McMillan
Sharel Shoff
Tom Zariski

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ENGINEER:

Ray Romanetz

DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:

Darryl Drohomerski

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Barb Miller

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Paul Salvatore

DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES:

Greg Peters

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Linda Handy

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Terry Yemen called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MO2017.38 Hansen-Zacharuk, Garbutt moved to adopt 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 March 20, 2017

MO2017.39 Zariski, Kolafa moved to adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2017 as presented. Carried unanimously.

5.2. MINUTES OF MEETING PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

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 High Water Event

R. Romanetz explained that there was an ice jam on the Rosebud and Red Deer Rivers on March 18th and 19th. He further explained that the difference between ice jams and floods is that ice jams are unpredictable - resulting in the river level rising quickly. He stated that on the evening of March 18th and morning of the 19th, the ice jam on the Rosebud River did not move out because the Red Deer River had not broken free, causing the river levels to rise about a metre, flooding 6 - 8 properties along the Hwy 10x. He explained that by 10:00 AM the ice at the confluence of the Red Deer River and the Rosebud River had broken free which allowed the river level to drop and Hwy 10X to be reopened. The Town crew was out the evening of March 18th working with the fire department to prevent water from coming up from catch basins that were frozen open because flap gates were not working properly. There was also high water impacting manholes at the Rosedale Lift Station. He advised that he along with the Director of Protective Services G. Peters toured the area, assessed the situation and activated the EOC at 10:45 AM on Sunday, March 19th. The EOC directed operations until the ice jam broke free at about 2:00 PM on March 19th. From that point forward, G. Peters and staff contacted the affected owners and they monitored the rivers until the situation returned to a normal state.

R. Romanetz advised that on the morning of March 20th, staff held a debriefing session, discussed the need for improvements in some areas and developed an action list. On Friday, March 24th staff reviewed the action list and an update was provided to Council. PW Staff have confirmed that the storm outfalls on Riverside Drive have been cleaned and sealed and are now operational. He further explained that the storm outfalls are inspected annually however some repairs were not completed at the time of the

incident. He further explained that the Province does not monitor river levels at this time of the year (when the ice is going through). Currently, monitoring is done by the RCMP who daily read the levels from the markings on the Gordon Taylor Bridge. This will continue until such time that the Province's recording station is operational. He noted that when elevations are at 679, staff will be put on high alert and Council will be advised. He explained that the Town will research the feasibility of marking the CN Bridge and the Rosedale Bridge to record elevations at these locations as well. The PW staff are stockpiling up to 5000 sandbags in preparation for any future high flows. D. Drohomerski advised that Alberta Transportation has inspected the bridges and declared that they are all structural sound. He further stated that they will do a further inspection during their annual routine.

R. Romanetz asked G. Peters to provide an overview on the Province's Disaster Recovery Assistance Program as it relates to the impacted property owners and costs incurred by the Town. G. Peters advised that applications must be submitted to the Province within 90 days of the event. He stated that residents have been advised to submit all records relating to the event, including receipts, photos, etc.

Councillor J. Garbutt asked if the overland flooding was as a result of failed equipment. R. Romanetz stated no. Councillor J. Garbutt asked if the CN and Gordon Taylor Bridges are in jeopardy due to ice jams. R. Romanetz advised that the bridges are built with a span wide enough to prevent damage. Councillor T. Zariski asked if the Town's mitigation projects were completed, would this event have been avoided. R. Romanetz stated that the Town's mitigation projects are on the Red Deer River and no projects have been identified for the Rosebud River. He further advised that the last ice jam on the Rosebud River occurred in 1997 and there was significant damage. Councillor L. Hansen-Zacharuk asked if there were any funding programs available to stabilize the 11 Bridge Campground bank. R. Romanetz advised that although there were funding programs in the past, he is not aware of any funding programs for rip rapping today. Councillor L. Hansen-Zacharuk asked what can be done in the future to avoid damage caused by ice jams. R. Romanetz advised that unfortunately ice jams occur quickly and there is not a lot of time to respond or protect property. He further advised that if time permits temporary dyking can be built. With regards to the Red Deer River, the dyking in place does protect to some degree and once the funding approval is in place, the dyking will be enhanced for more protection in the future. He further advised that over the years with banks eroding along the river, the Town has been able to bring in rock to stabilize the banks.

8.2. DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

8.2.1. Spring Cleanup 2017

D. Drohomerski advised that the 2017 Spring Cleanup is scheduled for May 1 – 11. He further stated that the rules are similar to last year. A copy of the brochure will be included in the utility bills and posted on our website which includes a list of acceptable and unacceptable materials for the residents' information.

8.3. DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

8.4. DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

8.5. DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION

10.0 PUBLIC HEARING DECISIONS

11.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

13.0 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

13.1 Canadian Badlands Conference

Councillor Jay Garbutt provided a report to Council on the Canadian Badlands Conference held in Brooks on March 16th and 17th. He stated that the Canadian Badlands' social media campaign saw a total of over 3.4M social media impressions (the "likes"). He further stated that social media campaigning is a good tool for marketing for specific age groups. As well, he was impressed with the marketing of a community by engaging with an influencer - finding a social media star to visit our community and then write about it - experiential travel; this is very appealing to younger generations. He stated that Tom Jackson was one of the keynote speakers and has been hired by the Canadian Badlands to be their chief story teller. He concluded by stating that Doug Griffiths was also a keynote speaker and presented on 13 ways to kill your tourism, such as ignoring outsiders, etc.

14.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

MO2017.40 Hansen-Zacharuk, McMillan moved to go in camera at 5:15 PM. Carried unanimously.

14.1 Personnel Matter

MO2017.41 Garbutt, Shoff moved to revert to regular council meeting at 5:35 PM. Carried unanimously.

MO2017.42 McMillan, Kolafa moved to approve a 2% increase for out of scope employees as presented by the CAO retroactive to January 1, 2017. Carried unanimously.

Council noted that it is long overdue for the firefighters to receive an increase in their honorarium as their service is very much appreciated.

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There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor