

**Town of Drumheller  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**March 20, 2017 at 4:30 PM**  
**Council Chamber, Town Hall**  
224 Centre Street, Drumheller, AB, T0J 0Y4



**PRESENT:**

**MAYOR:**  
Terry Yemen

**COUNCIL:**

Jay Garbutt  
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

**ABSENT:** Councillor Lisa Hansen-Zacharuk

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK**

Mayor Terry Yemen thanked the Town staff for their efforts during the high water event this past weekend.

Mayor Yemen presented a letter from Hon. Shaye Anderson – Minister of Municipal Affairs which states that the Town may proceed to apply the 2016 MSI operating allocation and any estimated 2015 carry forwards to the priorities the Town has identified.

Mayor Yemen presented a letter from Hon. Ricardo Miranda – Minister of Culture and Tourism which invites municipalities to submit a bid to host the 2019 Alberta Senior Masters Games (formerly the Alberta 55 Plus Games).

Mayor Yemen welcomed two new developments to Drumheller: New Chopped Leaf Restaurant and a New Medical Clinic.

### **3.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

### **4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MO2017.32** Shoff, McMillan 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 6, 2017

**MO2017.33** Shoff, Kolafa moved to adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2017 as presented. Carried unanimously.

#### **5.2. MINUTES OF MEETING PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION**

Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2017

Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2017

#### **5.3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **6.0 DELEGATIONS**

Canadian Badlands Passion Play – Vance Neudorf

Highlights of Vance’s presentation included:

- 2016 was the 23rd season with 12,016 guests in attendance; (which was an increase of 1500 in attendance compared to 2015) but saw a \$35,000 loss due to ticket discounts (economy) and the rainy spring. With the ongoing recession they also saw a \$30,000 decrease in donations for the 2016 season. In an attempt to make up the loss they booked a country concert in August however a new festival came into Calgary from the USA on that same weekend and the country concert lost another \$30,000. Total loss in 2016 - \$95,000.
- Total investment to perform is \$222,750 per season (excluding any facilities or administrative costs).
- Total investment in their site since 2009 is \$956,500 (not including ongoing maintenance). Compared 2012 Appraisal - \$811,000 to 2017 Appraisal - \$1,597,000.
- A Financial Investment plan is in place for concerts to be held at the Badlands Amphitheatre.

- New Board of Directors elected in 2017 and donations in the first 5 months of the new fiscal year are up. They have engaged a full time marketing professional with a specialty in social media to promote the Passion Play and Concert Series.

Mayor and Council thanked Vance for his presentation and congratulated the Passion Play for receiving the 2017 Cindy Amos Tourism Champion Award.

## **7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS**

#### **8.1 CAO**

##### 8.1.1 Overview of 2017 Provincial Budget

R. Romanetz provided an overview of the impact of the 2017 Provincial budget for the Town of Drumheller as follows:

- 2017 MSI operating is \$215,236 because this year, the Town's equalized assessment per capita is less than 60% of the Provincial average. Last year, where this formula was not applied, the MSI operating was \$66,650. This calculation is done on an annual basis and could change next year.
- 2017 MSI capital is \$1,327,779 compared to last year's MSI capital funding in the amount of 1,368,789 (most likely due to the decrease in the Town's population).
- Basic Transportation Grant as well as the Federal Gas Tax – no change compared to last year's funding.
- Clean Water, Wastewater Fund – new allocation of \$165 million. The Town has applied for funding for the East Coulee Lift Station in the amount of \$650,000 and is in discussions with the Province for funding under this program for the share of costs for the Town's flood mitigation priorities not covered under the Alberta Community Resilience Program.
- Alberta Community Partnership – the Town recently endorsed Palliser Regional Municipal Services' application for the development of the members' intermunicipal plans.
- Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program has been reinstated in the amount of \$35M. The Town has submitted an application for Bridge 11 in the amount of \$975,000.

He reviewed two funding applications that has been approved for Drumheller: 1) Overlay of Truck Route from Winks through to 5<sup>th</sup> St. East in the amount of \$400,000; 2) South Entrance Turnout in the amount of \$250,000 – these two projects will move forward this year when the Town tenders other road projects under the SIP Program. A third major project is to replace the culvert on SH575 by the Industrial Park (Ploeg Street Crossing) which will require various detours to accommodate this project. Another project where the Town hoped to receive funding but the Province has confirmed no dollars this year is for the replacement of the median along Highway 9 South. He further advised that the Town will order planters for the median built last year and other beautification projects are planned for this year.

In conclusion, R. Romanetz advised that there is nothing in the budget for rebates to offset the carbon tax which has a direct impact of \$20M on municipalities within the Province.

B. Miller advised that the Province allocated \$10M for the Student Temporary Employment Program which the Town has submitted applications for funding to hire summer students under this program. She further advised that due to the negative impact that would have resulted with the increase in their education budget, the Province reduced the amount to 31% of the education budget. The impact to Drumheller is the same as last year (the Town's education requisition is \$2531 less than last year).

R. Romanetz advised that the affordable housing programs are unclear and not certain where any grant dollars will come from. CMHC indicates that the programs may move forward but no confirmation as of yet.

Councillor J. Garbutt asked that Administration report back to the West Rosedale residents and provide an update that there are no confirmed timelines for a response from the Province.

Councillor T. Zariski asked if the Province intends to do work on the other bridges along Hwy 10X. R. Romanetz advised that the Province has identified two bridges that require replacement. He further advised that the Town controls three of the bridges of which one requires replacement and the other two are in need of general repairs. Councillor T. Zariski stated that the road to golf course is in need of repair. R. Romanetz advised that the Town has met with the Province and it is hopeful that this road will fit within their 3 year plan.

#### 8.1.2 RFD – Renewal of Curling Club Lease

R. Romanetz advised that the Curling Club wish to renew their lease for a further five years. He noted that Clause 8.01(d)(iv) states that major cost of repairs remain at \$4,000.00.

**MO2017.34** Zariski, McMillan moved that Council approve the renewal of the Curling Club Lease as presented. Carried unanimously.

## 8.2. DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

### 8.3. DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

#### 8.3.1 RFD – Appointment of Returning Officer – 2017 Municipal Election

B. Miller advised that Council may by resolution appoint the Returning Election Officer which has historically been the Director of Corporate Services. She further advised that Bill Wulf has agreed to be the Deputy Returning Officer

**MO2017.35** Garbutt, Shoff moved that Council approve the appointment of Barbara Miller, Director Corporate Services as Returning Officer for the 2017 general municipal election. Carried unanimously.

**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**

**14.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS**

**MO2017.36** Shoff, McMillan moved to go in camera at 5:20 PM. Carried unanimously.

14.1 Legal Matter

**MO2017.37** Shoff, Garbutt moved to revert to regular council meeting at 6:00 PM.  
Carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Mayor