

# MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

November 24, 2021

BYLAW 2021/12/C

## **THOSE PRESENT:**

Mayor Dodds  
Councillor Clarke  
Councillor Evans  
Councillor Gammana  
Deputy Mayor McGee  
Councillor Sherriffs  
Robert Osmond, Interim CAO  
Elvera Thomson, General Manager of Finance  
Ken Woitt, General Manager of Planning and Development  
Owen Olynyk, General Manager of Infrastructure  
Victor Bujor, General Manager of Enterprise and Growth  
Lowani Mubanga, Planning and Development Officer  
Derek Starnes, Recreation and Omniplex Manager  
Tom Thomson, Fire Chief

Annette Driessen, Special Projects Coordinator  
Bree Mastre, Executive Assistant  
Nathan Palovcik, Manager of Information Services  
Sabine Landmark, Administrative Assistant  
Jenn Carter, Economic Development Coordinator  
S/Sgt. Erin Matthews, RCMP  
Graham Long, Drayton Valley and District Free Press (Call-In)  
Cathy Weetman, Drayton Valley Western Review (Call-In)  
Mark Cappis, Big West Country (Call-In)  
Members of the Public

## **ABSENT:**

Councillor Ballas

## **ITEM**

Combative Sports Commission Bylaw 2021/12/C

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dodds declared the Public Hearing open at 9:04 a.m.

## **PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING**

To receive comments, concerns, and questions from the public regarding the proposed Combative Sports Commission Bylaw 2021/12/C.

The First Reading was approved on October 6, 2021, therefore, the Combative Sports Commission Bylaw 2021/12/C is hereby being presented to Council for the Second and Third Reading. The approval of the Combative Sports Commission Bylaw 2021/12/C will automatically repeal Bylaw 2003/07/C.

## **BACKGROUND**

In order for organizations or groups to host mixed martial arts events in Drayton Valley, it is necessary for the Town of Drayton Valley to pass a Bylaw allowing these types of events to take place.

The Commission would be responsible to supervise, regulate, govern, and control all bouts and contests held in connection with the regulated sport(s). This includes being responsible for the provision of medical, police, referees, judges, officials, and supervisory personnel as deemed necessary.

Should Bylaw 2021/12/C receive second and third readings, the following steps will be undertaken:

- Council appointing individuals to the Commission;
- The Commission approving a Promoter; and
- The Commission approving a date and location.

Town Administration provided a statement of opinion from the Town's legal counsel and insurance provider. These statements outlined information specific to the liability being placed on the Town and its officers. Additionally, the Town's insurance provider has indicated that a separate insurance policy would be required to provide insurance for the Commission.

**CALL FOR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mr. Brad Kelly shared his comments. He informed Council that he organized a survey and collected approximately 170 supporting signatures.

**CALL FOR COMMENTS OR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS**

There was no written submission received.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Dodds declared the Public Hearing closed at 9:11 a.m.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER