



## AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TABER, TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2017 AT 5:00 PM.

	<u>MOTION</u>
ITEM No. 1. CALL TO ORDER	
ITEM No. 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	X
ITEM No. 3. DELEGATIONS	
ITEM No. 4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES	
ITEM No. 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	
ITEM No. 6. BYLAWS	
ITEM No. 7. ACTION ITEMS	
ITEM No. 7.A. DISCUSSION REGARDING WALKING TRAIL/TROUT POND PROJECT	X
ITEM No. 7.B. DISCUSSION REGARDING NEW FIRE HALL	X
ITEM No. 8. MEDIA INQUIRIES	
ITEM No. 9. CLOSED SESSION	X
ITEM No. 9.A. FOIPP ACT, SECTION 24: ADVICE FROM OFFICIALS	
ITEM No. 10. OPEN SESSION	X
ITEM No. 11. CLOSE OF MEETING	X



<b>Council Request for Decision</b>	
<b>Meeting Date: August 2, 2017</b>	
<b>Subject:</b> Discussion Regarding Walking Trail/Trout Pond Project	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	That Council directs Administration to immediately work towards tendering the Walking Trail and Trout Pond enhancements in consideration of an addition of \$900,000 to the current project budget.
<b>Background:</b>	<p>Council made the following resolution at their July 17, 2017 meeting:</p> <p>RES. 311/2017                      MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council sets aside \$1.5 million for a new fire hall building, and \$900,000.000 to the Trail/Trout Pond projects from the William Ferguson Estate, with the fire hall to be dedicated and named after William Ferguson.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Administration is requesting an official resolution from Council in order to move forward on the development and enhancement of the Walking Trail and Trout Pond projects.</p>
<b>Legislation / Authority:</b>	Section 153 of the MGA: "Councillors have the following duties: (a) to consider the welfare and interests of the municipality as a whole and to bring to Council's attention anything that would promote the welfare or interests of the municipality"
<b>Strategic Plan Alignment:</b>	<p>"Build a community that is affordable and attractive"</p> <p>"Create and promote recreational opportunities and facilities that are regionally recognized in all seasons"</p> <p>"Capitalize on hunting opportunities in the Badlands Region"</p>
<b>Financial Implication:</b>	Council has allocated \$900,000.00 from the donation from William Ferguson to be put towards the Walking Trail and Trout Pond enhancement.
<b>Service Level / Staff Resource Implication:</b>	Administrative Staff will be responsible for tendering the project overseeing the completion of the project.



<b>Justification:</b>	As indicated in the Recreation Master Plan, citizens wanted more summer recreation opportunities. Walking trails were indicated as the highest priority for citizens. Since Administration was already looking at revitalizing the Trout Pond in conjunction with Alberta Conservation, moving forward with implementing a walking trail around the Pond will be able to fulfill both those goals.
<b>Alternative(s):</b>	Council could ask Administration for more information before moving forward with the project.

<b>Attachment(s):</b>	None.
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<b>APPROVALS:</b>	
<b>Originated By:</b>	Meghan Brennan
<b>Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or Designate:</b>	



<b>Council Request for Decision</b>	
<b>Meeting Date: August 2, 2017</b>	
<b>Subject:</b> Discussion Regarding New Fire Hall	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	That Council directs Administration to look at design, timing, and cost options for the proposed new Fire Hall and to bring results of that work back at a future meeting as soon as the information becomes available for Council's consideration.
<b>Background:</b>	<p>Following the reports Council received in May from Administration and the High Intensity Residential Fire (HIRF) Committee regarding regulations in the Building Code due to the implications of the HIRF situation, Council has indicated a wish to mitigate this impact within the Town of Taber.</p> <p>At their July 17, 2017 meeting, Council passed the following resolution:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">RES. 311/2017                      MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council sets aside \$1.5 million for a new fire hall building, and \$900,000.000 to the Trail/Trout Pond projects from the William Ferguson Estate, with the fire hall to be dedicated and named after William Ferguson.</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 40px;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Administration is requesting that Council provide some direction as to how they would like this project to move forward.</p> <p>As per Council's concern, Town Administration asked Municipal Affairs if it was within a Council's right to make large financial decisions or resolutions within 2 months of an election. Following that discussion, Administration has been informed that Council's right and responsibility to make decisions on behalf of the municipality does not end until their tenure as Councillors is completed. The appropriate section in the Local Authorities Election Act is as follows:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Section 9: 9(1) "A person elected under this act, unless otherwise disqualified from remaining in office, holds office from the beginning of the organizational meeting of the elected authority following the general election to immediately before the beginning of the organizational meeting of the elected authority after the next general election."</p> <p>Therefore, it is within the abilities of this Council to make decisions as they see fit from now until the beginning of the first meeting of the new Council following the election.</p>

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<b>Strategic Plan Alignment:</b>	<p>"Maintain a safe community that is healthy, innovative, and environmentally aware"</p> <p>"Strengthen our core infrastructure and services in a fiscally responsible manner"</p> <p>"Research methods and techniques to create a more affordable community"</p>
<b>Financial Implication:</b>	<p>Council has allocated \$1.5 million from the donation from William Ferguson's estate for a new Fire Hall in Taber.</p> <p>Administration will have to research other cost implications for this project and bring that information to Council at a later date.</p>
<b>Service Level / Staff Resource Implication:</b>	Administrative Staff will have to undergo research into the implications of constructing a new Fire Hall and relocating the Parks Department into the existing Fire Hall building.
<b>Justification:</b>	<p>Moving the Fire Hall will decrease response times by approximately 5 minutes, increasing the safety of our residents and businesses.</p> <p>The current Fire Hall building could be used for the Parks Department, thereby protecting our equipment and providing a space for a department that is running out of room elsewhere.</p>
<b>Alternative(s):</b>	Council can ask for more information from Administration.



<b>Attachment(s):</b>	None.
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