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CAO Message

As I write this, I have been the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the Town of Taber for two weeks.

Even though I bring a lot of municipal experience to the job (20 + years), it has been a steep learning curve. There are new names and faces to remember, bylaws and policies to read, and facilities to locate and visit. Some of that happens fairly quickly. To really understand the organizational culture, the municipal history and the traditions, will take time.

I have discovered a few things already though. First, the Council and Staff of the Town of Taber seem truly committed to the betterment of the community. Both groups seem to really care about the Town and ensuring that its interests are met. Second, Taber has some wonderful facilities; notably the police station, public works building and revitalized pool. Third, there are excellent volunteers, including two firefighters who recently received five year service awards from Council.

There is a lot I have yet to learn about Taber and that will take more than just a few days. I am excited to be here. Taber is obviously a dynamic community and has a bright future in front of it.

Sincerely,
T. Greg Birch, RPP, MCIP, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)



OCTOBER Meetings

Council

Regular Meetings:

5:00pm—Tues. Oct. 9, 2012

5:00pm—Mon. Oct. 22, 2012

Recreation Board

5:15pm—Thurs. Oct. 11, 2012

Municipal Planning Commission

4:30pm—Mon. Oct. 15, 2012

Municipal Police Commission

Special Meeting—4:00pm—Thur.

Oct. 4, 2012

Regular Meeting—4:30pm—Wed.

Oct. 17, 2012

October Public Skating

Fridays Adult'n Tot
10-11:30 AM Lg Ice Free

Fridays
7-8:00 PM Lg Ice Free

Saturdays/Sundays
1-3 PM Sm Ice \$2.00

Noon Shiny (Oct1-Mar 28)
Monday-Thursdays 12
-1 PMLg Ice

Youth Season Pass \$15.00 or
Adult Season Pass \$30.00

Can be purchased at the
AquaFun Centre.



Ray's Thoughts.....

Life is like a game of tennis; the player who serves well seldom loses.
-Anonymous

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind nominated Marie Leahy to receive the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal, recognizing her involvement of almost twenty-nine years for the CNIB Support Group in Taber. This medal is a tangible way of honouring the Queen for her service to Canada, and at the same time to honour significant contributions or achievements made by Canadians to their communities and to their country. Marie has many other examples of volunteerism in our community and certainly is a positive example for all of us. The presentation occurred on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 2:00pm at the Catholic Hall in Taber. **Congratulations Marie!**

Finally a summer to enjoy, weather-wise. However, the lack of moisture has created extremely dry conditions. The situation has taxed our Fire Department beyond the "normal" call-outs. Dedicated individuals volunteer their time to provide a valuable service to our community. I would like to acknowledge the employers which allow their employees to leave their place of work to deal with the emergencies as they arise.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Taber is a great place to grow!



Taber Public Library Free Programs for October

Thur Oct 4 Senior Movie "Bucket List" begins at 1pm in the Program room. Popcorn provided by Alberta Treasury Branch.



Thur Oct 18 "SNAPSHOT DAY" Events include movies, live music, contests, apple cider, "For the Love of Bugs" discussion, photo cutouts and display by you. Tell us why you love your library! Further details to follow on Facebook, website and paper.



Fri, Oct 19 Teen Movie "Green Lantern" begins at 6:30pm. Popcorn provided by Alberta Treasury Branch.

Fri Oct 26 Family Movie "Kung Fu Panda 2" begins at 6:45 pm. Bring the kids in their pajamas. Popcorn provided by Alberta Treasury Branch.



Sat Oct 27 Origami Club from 10 to 11:30 am. Everyone welcome to attend. Please bring your projects to show!

The Taber Public Library is looking for a donation of new or gently used XBOX 360 to be used for teen programs. For a new donation, we can provide you with a tax receipt in kind.

Look for a calendar of events in house, or on our website at www.taberlibrary.ca



Halloween Howler

A good time for a great cause!

Wear your most spooktacular costume and join us on **October 27th, 2012** at the Taber Civic Center for a thrilling night of frightening finger foods, a delightful DJ, silent auction, photo booth and prizes for best costumes!

Proceeds from this fundraiser support Safe Haven Women's Shelter Society. Tickets are available in Taber at *Cut Loose* and *The Royal*.

For more information, please call Amy at 403-223-0483 or email shwss@telus.net

Safe Haven
Women's Shelter
Society



Taber Pheasant Festival October 20-27, 2012

All hunting sites were gone in an hour, but we're working to add 10 more. Please register online—we'll contact you if additional hunting times open up.

Celebration Dinner Tickets still Available!

October 26: Join us for the Pheasant Festival Celebration Dinner and Silent Auction at the Taber Community Centre.

Thank participating landowners and sponsors with us. Raise funds for next year's festival with door prizes and a silent auction. Tickets are \$50 each. Must buy in advance. Available online or call 1-877-969-9091.

For more information, visit www.ab-conservation.com/taberpheasantfestival.

The festival is a joint effort between Alberta Conservation Association, Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association, local Alberta Fish and Game Association clubs, Pheasants Forever Calgary, Upland Birds Alberta, Canadian Pheasant Company, Taber and District Chamber of Commerce, as well as many local businesses and individuals.



POLICE – COME QUICKLY THEY’RE BREAKING IN!!

Our recent community survey resulted in some questions about what it is we do in the dispatch centre. One responder commented, “what does my date of birth got to do with anything”. It is our hope that readers will see their question answered in our series on the Taber Dispatch Service which operates within the Police Station.

Police Dispatch follows a nationally utilized protocol. A protocol is actually nothing more than a standard plan. When a call comes in, dispatchers are able to quickly determine what the problem is by asking standardized questions. Follow up questions depend on the answers received from previous questions. The questions are hosted on a computer screen and once an answer is checked off the program takes the operator to the next question to gather critical information which dictates what the police officers will do when they arrive and how quickly to respond.

Our dispatchers serve two roles in dispatching calls to the police officers; first public safety and secondly officer safety. It makes no sense to have officers rush into a situation only to find that they cannot be of any help because they did not have sufficient information. The police are coming as soon as the basic who and where are known. Police resources are rolling while the ‘what’ details are being collected. We know that when the situation is dangerous panic and fear is common, we are prepared for that. What is not needed in an emergency is anger and frustration, if there is a reason to call there is a reason to stay focused and together get the situation stabilized.

Why do we ask for your date of birth anyway? We want to ensure that the information entered into the national police data base has sufficient detail to separate you from someone else with the same name or one close to it. That other individual may be someone who the police are interested in for criminal investigation purposes and you would not want to be confused with that guy or gal. All information gathered by police is protected under privacy legislation.



FALL CLEAN UP

PROGRAM STARTS **OCTOBER 10** WITH
FRONT CURB PICK-UP
(AREAS WITH NO LANES)

**REAR LANE PICK-UP WILL COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY AFTER
CURB PICK-UP IS COMPLETED**

**ACCEPTED ITEMS FOR PICK UP:
BAGGED YARD WASTE, BUNDLED TREE PRUNINGS,
STUMPS AND ROOTS**

Commercial & Industrial properties are subject to the general rates for all waste disposal.





TABER & DISTRICT TRANSFER STATION & LANDFILL

Location: 1.8km west of Hwy # 864 & 64 Avenue



FREE DUMPING FOR FALL CLEAN-UP SATURDAY OCTOBER 6

Taber, Barnwell and MD of Taber residents are welcome to dispose of their unwanted Household Yard Waste, Furniture, White Metals or Scrap Metal at no charge.

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE SEPERATED

NO DEMOLITION MATERIALS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNDER THIS PROGRAM

Regular tipping fees apply to shingles, construction waste, drywall, tiling and flooring, decking and fencing materials

Taber Community Halloween Party

Oct 31

5:30-8:30 PM

Taber Community Centre



All kids 12 & under are invited to come for FREE games, prizes, tons of candy and even supper all thanks to donations made by the community.

Anyone interested in purchasing posters or making a donation can do so at the Town of Taber office or Aquafun Centre starting October 1st. Thank you for your generosity in advance.



18th Annual Taber & District Health Foundation Share in the Experience of Giving Telethon

Sunday, October 28, 2012

This exciting event takes place from 2:00 pm — 8:00 pm

At the Taber Heritage Inn and Convention Centre

Telephone 403 223 2404 on the day of the Telethon

Donations can be made the day of the Telethon or sent to the Taber & District Health Foundation Office, located at 4326 50 Ave Taber, AB T1G 1N9.

For further information, please contact Dave McKee by telephone at 403 223 7232.