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MINUTES OF THE ARTS & HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON March 16, 2021, AT 5:30 PM.

PRESENT:

Councillor Tamara Miyanaga  
Councillor Carly Firth  
Tasha Tams  
Jeff Bronsch - Chairperson  
Joshua Beebe  
Shayla Farough – Vice Chairperson - (via teleconference)  
Councillor Mark Garner

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT:

Amy Allred – ACE Coordinator  
Kory Ostrup – Acting Director of Recreation  
Marty Planger/Kassidy Wada - Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

J. Bronsch called the Regular Meeting of the Arts & Heritage Committee to order at 5:30 PM.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

RES. 08/2021 MOVED by Councillor T. Miyanaga that the Recreation Board adopts the agenda as amended, with the following changes:

**Move:** DELEGATIONS 6.1 to be moved prior to Item 5. ACTION ITEMS

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**A) Regular meeting – February 16, 2021**

RES. 09/2021 MOVED by T. Tams that the Arts & Heritage Committee adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Arts & Heritage Committee held on February 16, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DELEGATION**

### **A) Taber Music Society – Mike Topilko**

Mike Topilko and Richard Betts had accepted an invitation from the Arts & Heritage Committee to attend this meeting and introduce their organization. The Taber Music Society is made up of a small group of three who like to find new talent and showcase musicians within the town. They are not a registered society as they wish to keep everything simple and do not wish to apply for grants and such. Their events of the past include: Canada Day, River Valley Music Festival, Culture Day, Walk in the Park, and the Taber Library Open Mic Lunches. They would like to get involved in more town events, including Cornfest. It was recommended to them to contact the Chamber of Commerce regarding Cornfest, as it is their event.

They are not doing these events for money, they do it because they love music and they ask that they be recognized on advertisements. They acknowledged they have struggled in the past and would like the help of the town with advertising events, and would like the option to host busking within the Town of Taber. Busking is scheduled to go to the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Town Council meeting. The Committee suggested they contact Amy – The ACE Coordinator when planning events and she can assist you with advertising through the Town of Taber's social media, newsletter, and digital sign.

The Committee thanked the two gentlemen for all that they do and for coming to the meeting to introduce themselves.

RES. 10/2021 MOVED by J. Beebe that the Arts & Heritage Committee reviews the information presented by the Taber Music Society as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NONE**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A) Information for the Arts & Heritage Committee**

The Committee reviewed all the points in this agenda item. The Committee discussed the Block Party Planning Guide and were excited for this. They also thought that this may be something that the Taber Music Society may wish to be involved in as an option for entertainment.

The Town of Taber appreciates the many volunteers that help make Taber great. Historically the town hosts a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner annually

as a thank you to all the board and committee members. Unfortunately due to COVID-19 we are unable to have the social gathering and will be offering \$100 per volunteer on this committee which can be used toward apparel or may be donated to an organization of your choice. The four volunteer committee members decided to donate their allocated funds. Thank you for all you do and your generosity.

RES. 11/2021 MOVED by S. Farough that the Arts and Heritage Committee accept the presentation as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **B) Standing Item – Arts & Heritage Committee Requests**

Mirroring Council's agenda, this item gives the Committee an opportunity to bring forth anything they would like Administration to bring back at future meetings. Further discussion occurred as to what type of items and what it might look like.

Members discussed the Taber Arts Society's AGM to be held on March 27 at 10am, with an invitation extended to all the Committee Members. Anyone who wishes to attend was asked to RSVP to [taberarts@gmail.com](mailto:taberarts@gmail.com). Councillor C. Firth also agreed to invite the society to one of our monthly meetings.

There was an updated report on the STAR Theatre. They are currently working on business plan, assessing costs/programming, waiting on cost of buildings, all with the intentions to apply for the CFEP Grant as soon as possible. They are excited about either building possibilities and look forward to working with the Town of Taber and MD of Taber on this project. Councillor M. Garner thought it might be nice for the entire committee to have a tour of the Church site.

The Committee discussed the challenges that new groups/organizations face while trying to get societies or non-profit status, as well as advertising opportunities. They discussed how much easier it is to have someone within the group who will take on "administrative" roles such as getting registered, making posters, advertising, etc. As these duties are not part of the Town's responsibility, maybe it would be helpful if the town could supply a guide for new groups on how to get started.

RES. 12/2021 MOVED by J. Beebe that the Arts and Heritage Committee directs administration to create an advertising/organization setup a guideline package to be available to non-profit organizations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEDIA INQUIRIES - None**

**CLOSED SESSION - None**

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

RES. 13/2021 MOVED by J. Beebe that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Arts and Heritage Committee is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:51 PM

  
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CHAIRMAN