

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TABER MUNICIPAL POLICE COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF TABER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021, AT 4:30 PM.

Chairperson

Wanda Osburne-Campbell

Members

Garth Bekkering
John MacDonald
Daniel Remfert
Terry Zucht
Joe Strojwas

Staff

Graham Abela

Secretary

Tenille Miller

Guests

Mayor, Andrew Prokop
CAO, Darrin Thibault
Taber Times Reporter, Kenyon Stronski

To begin the meeting, Mayor Prokop was in attendance to swear in Councillor, G. Bekkering for the Taber Municipal Police Commission. The term of his appointment will be until the Council's Organizational Meeting in October 2021.

At this time Darrin Thibault was also introduced as the Town's New Chief Administrative Officer.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Campbell-Osburne called the meeting of the Taber Municipal Police Commission to order at 4:33 p.m.

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Councillor J. Strojwas requested that the following item be added to the agenda.

ITEM No. 8.4 Pay for the Police Service Members on Truth and Reconciliation Day (September 30)

RES. 51/2021 MOVED by J. MacDonald that the Taber Municipal Police Commission adopts the Agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Taber Municipal Police Commission: June 16, 2021

RES. 65/2021 Moved by J. MacDonald that the Taber Municipal Police Commission adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 16, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Taber Municipal Police Commission: July 13, 2021

RES. 66/2021 Moved by Councillor J. Strojwas that the Taber Municipal Police Commission adopts the minutes of the Special Meeting held on July 13, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

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ACTION ITEMS

Appointment of Head for the Purposes of the FOIPP Act

Discussion was held regarding this change, as in previous years the Head of the Public Body for the Purposes of the FOIPP Act has been the Police Commission Chair. Due to the anticipated change in Commission members and to ensure consistency the Commission agreed that this is role the Commission Secretary should assume.

RES. 67/2021 Moved by D. Remfert that the Taber Municipal Police Commission appoints Tenille Miller as the head of the public body for the purposes of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Change to October and November 2021 Meeting Dates

A change of meeting dates for October and November was discussed due to the upcoming Municipal Election.

RES. 68/2021 MOVED by Councillor G. Bekkering that the Taber Municipal Police Commission change their regular meeting dates for October and November to: October 13th and November 24th at 4:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Support - 2021 CAPG Conference

Commission members reviewed the request for support for the upcoming CAPG Conference. At this time they chose not to support the conference with a monetary contribution due to the fact that these funds had not been budgeted for.

RES. 69/2021 MOVED by Councillor J. Strojwas that the Commission reviewed the request for support for the CAPG Conference for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

Chief of Police Report to the Commission

Chief G. Abela presented the Chief of Police Report to the Commission.

RES. 70/2021 MOVED by D. Remfert that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the Chief of Police Report, School Resource Officers Report, and the Community Standards Report for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trauma Informed Policing

Chief G. Abela shared information on Trauma Informed Policing and how the department is using this research and information to serve the community when interacting with families and children. He also noted that this information will be shared with new recruits in the Police Academy training.

RES. 71/2021 MOVED by Councillor J. Strojwas that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the Trauma Informed Policing presentation for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Strategic Plan Report Card

Chief G. Abela shared results from the Strategic Plan Report Card and noted that he will continue to report on the results on quarterly basis.

RES. 72/2021 MOVED by Councillor G. Bekkering that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the August 2021 Taber Police Service Strategic Plan Report Card and update for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

Taber Municipal Police Commission Financial Information

Chief G. Abela reviewed financial statements with the Commission for information. He also reported that the Commission will continue to see a deficit in revenue because of the reduced number of traffic violation/fines being issued due to the highway speed limit being increased.

RES.73/2021 MOVED by J. MacDonald that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the Financial Information of May 31, 2021 – Final, June 30, 2021 – Final, July 31, 2021 – Final, and August 31, 2021 – Interim for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Commission Member Reports (Verbal)

At this time J. MacDonald shared a concern that was brought to him by a member of the community regarding speed limits within town. The individual bringing this forward was concerned that speed limits within town may be too high in residential areas and wanted to inquire about having them lowered.

Chief G. Abela noted that anyone with this type of concern should write to the Traffic Safety Committee to have their concerns addressed.

Chair, W. Campbell-Oborne thanked J. MacDonald for bringing this concerns forward.

RES. 74/2021 MOVED by J. MacDonlad that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the Commission Member Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

Public Complaints Director Report

The report provided from the Public Complaints Director was reviewed by the Commission for information purposes.

RES. 75/2021 MOVED by Councillor J. Strojwas that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the Public Complaints Director (PCD) report for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

None.

MEDIA INQUIRIES

None.

RES. 76/2021 MOVED by Councillor G. Bekkering that the Taber Municipal Police Commission moves into Closed Session to prevent the disclosure of:

- Position, plans, procedures, criteria or instructions developed for the purpose of contractual or other negotiations by or on behalf of the Government of Alberta or public body, or considerations that relate to those negotiations in accordance with Section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:20 PM

Guests Mayor, Andrew Prokop; CAO, Darrin Thibault; and Taber Time Reporter, Kenyon Stronski left the meeting at 5:20 pm.

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CLOSED SESSION

- 1) Commission Code of Conduct - Report Closed Session to prevent disclosure of consultations or deliberations involving (i) officers or employees of a public body, in accordance with Section 24(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.**

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the following members of Administration were in attendance for Closed Session Agenda Item 8.1) Commission Code of Conduct Report: Chief G. Abela, Chief of Police and Tenille Miller, Secretary to the Taber Municipal Police Commission.

- 2) Chief of Police Closed Session Report Closed Session to prevent disclosure of positions, plans, procedures, criteria or instructions developed for the purpose of contractual or other negotiations by or on behalf of the Government of Alberta or a public body, or considerations that relate to those negotiations in accordance with Section 24(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.**

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the following members of Administration were in attendance for Closed Session Agenda Item 8.2) Chief of Police Closed Session Report: Chief G. Abela, Chief of Police and Tenille Miller, Secretary to the Taber Municipal Police Commission.

- 3) Commission Action Plan Listing Closed Session to prevent disclosure of positions, plans, procedures, criteria or instructions developed for the purpose of contractual or other negotiations by or on behalf of the Government of Alberta or a public body, or considerations that relate to those negotiations in accordance with Section 24(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.**

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the following members of Administration were in attendance for Closed Session Agenda Item 8.3) Commission Action Plan: Chief G. Abela,

Chief of Police and Tenille Miller, Secretary to the Taber Municipal Police Commission.

CLOSED SESSION – CONT'D

4) Pay for the Police Service Members on Truth and Reconciliation Day (September 30)

Closed Session to prevent disclosure of positions, plans, procedures, criteria or instructions developed for the purpose of contractual or other negotiations by or on behalf of the Government of Alberta or a public body, or considerations that relate to those negotiations in accordance with Section 24(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the Municipal Government Act, the following members of Administration were in attendance for Closed Session Agenda Item 8.4) Pay for the Police Service Members on Truth and Reconciliation Day (September 30): Chief G. Abela, Chief of Police and Tenille Miller, Secretary to the Taber Municipal Police Commission.

OPEN SESSION

RES. 77/2021 MOVED by Councillor G. Bekkering that the Taber Municipal Police Commission reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:40 PM.

RES. 78/2021 MOVED by J. MacDonald that The Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the investigative report for informational purposes and confirms a breach of the conduct of conduct did occur on June 16, 2021 and directs the Chair to notify the Mayor and Council of the findings of the investigation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 79/2021 MOVED by D. Remfert that the Taber Municipal Police commission accept the Chief's closed session report for information.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OPEN SESSION – CONT'D

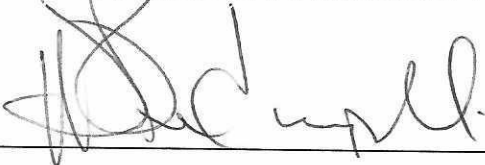
RES. 80/2021 Moved by J. MacDonald that the Taber Municipal Police Commission recommend that the Town of Taber declare September 30, 2021, Truth and Reconciliation Day, as a holiday to be adopted by Council for the Taber Police Service.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 81/2021 MOVED by T. Zucht that the Regular Meeting of the Taber Municipal Police Commission is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:44 P.M.



CHAIR



SECRETARY