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

PRESENT:

Jeff Bronsch – Chairperson
Shayla Farough – Vice Chairperson
Tasha Tams
Councillor Carly Firth
Councillor Tamara Miyanaga Councillor Joanne Sorensen

ABSENT: Joshua Beebe

ALSO PRESENT:

Kory Ostrup – Acting Director of Recreation
Emily Hembrough – ACE Coordinator
Marty Planger - Recording Secretary

Mayor Andrew Prokop was present to officiate the swearing in of Councillor Joanne Sorensen, Councillor Carly Firth, and Councillor Tamara Miyanaga to the Town of Taber Arts & Heritage Committee. Thank you Mayor Prokop and welcome Councillors to the Arts & Heritage Committee.

CALL TO ORDER

J. Bronsch called the Regular Meeting of the Arts & Heritage Committee to order at 5:32 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RES. 34/2021 MOVED by S. Farough that the Arts & Heritage Committee adopts the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES - NONE

A) Regular meeting – September 21, 2021

RES. 35/2021 MOVED by Councillor C. Firth that the Arts & Heritage Committee adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Arts & Heritage Committee held on September 21, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION - None

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

ACTION ITEMS

A) Arts & Heritage Committee Information Item

E. Hembough reviewed the items in this agenda line by line with the committee. Also mentioned was the new Recreation Manager, Brian Martin, will start December 1st and the department is excited to welcome him to the team.

Regretfully, the Committee was given Shayla Farough resignation. Shayla reported her family is moving, however she very much enjoyed her time on the Committee. Chairperson Bronsch and the rest of the members thanked her for her dedication and wished her the best for her future.

Councillor Miyanaga took this opportunity to thank the Recreation Department staff for their work on the Halloween Party and the "Door to the World" event. As a volunteer at both events, she appreciated all the support given from the town staff.

RES. 36/2021 MOVED by J. Bronsch that the Arts and Heritage Committee accepts 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 took this time to discuss the future of this Committee and this was a great discussion. While some would like to see it become a working committee and would like to be more hands on, others felt it might just be better for the members to sit on other boards and bring back information to these meetings. Most like this idea, because it's better to get the existing groups to work together than to created new groups. It was also mentioned that so many organizations are struggling to get volunteers and it would be more productive, help with new ideas, and show more support by having this committee members join theirs. Silos are not productive. This Committee was created to become a spokesperson to Council for these groups and what better way than to integrate with existing societies/groups.

The members discussed how to get more volunteers. The town is planning to have a sign-up promotion in the New Year. It was suggested that anyone looking for volunteers to focus on youth generation to build a volunteer culture, advertising is to be precise about what is needed, and focus on newcomers to volunteer as a way to meet people.

Also discussed were some events the members would like to possibly see within the Town of Taber. E. Hembough is excited to consider new ideas however cautioned that the town is already planning for 20 events for 2022 and there is only so much funds and staff resources available. The members were encouraged to approach other groups with similar interests in town to work with the town to see these ideas through. This is also a great way to approach grant funding applications, because the town can't apply for grants.

Members were also interested in getting an update on the status of the STAR Theatre's search for a facility. T. Tams agreed to have a delegation from the Society to attend in January. J. Bronch and J. Beebe have been looking for a space for musicians to gather and play, it was suggested he approach the STAR Theatre Board.

MEDIA INQUIRIES - None

CLOSED SESSION - None

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 37/2021 MOVED by Councillor Firth that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Arts and Heritage Committee is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:32 PM



CHAIRMAN