

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TABER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022, AT 3:30 PM.

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**Mayor**

Andrew Prokop

**Councillors**

Garth Bekkering

Jack Brewin

Monica McLean

Alf Rudd

Joanne Sorensen

**Chief Administrative Officer**

Derrin Thibault

**Staff**

Alaa Abdel Khaliq

Chris Eagan

Brian Martin

Steve Munshaw

John Orwa

Gary Scherer

Kerry Van Ham

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Prokop called the meeting to Order at 3:30 PM.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Prokop inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda, and advised the addition of Agenda Item 7.6, along with an amendment to the Agenda.

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – CONT'D**

RES. 294/2022      MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council adopts the Agenda as amended, to allow for the opportunity to undertake Closed Session items prior to the timing of Delegations at 5:00 PM; and,

The addition of Agenda Item 7.6: Minister Adrian Ouma, Representing the Governor's Office in Siaya County, Kenya.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

### **1) Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council: September 12, 2022**

RES. 295/2022      MOVED by Councillor Rudd that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 12, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **1) Effluent Irrigation for the Gun Range and Motocross Track Areas**

G. Scherer, Director of Engineering and Public works stated that previously, Council directed Administration to investigate the feasibility and availability to supply water to the gun range and motocross track.

Mr. Scherer stated that Administration has reviewed this request with MPE Engineering, with consultation from Alberta Environment & Parks, to look at the feasibility of supplying effluent irrigation to these two areas.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – CONT'D**

**1) Effluent Irrigation for the Gun Range and Motocross Track Areas – Cont'd**

Mr. Scherer reviewed the costs and process required, while Council stated that the project was not feasible at this time.

RES. 296/2022      MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council refers the discussion of Effluent Irrigation for the Gun Range and Motocross Track Areas to the Intermunicipal Development Committee meeting to discuss with the Municipal District of Taber's delegates to determine if a solution can be found.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BYLAWS**

**1) Bylaw 15-2022 - Clean Energy Improvement Tax**

B. Hranec, Municipal Energy Manager, stated that at the July 18, 2022 regular Council Meeting, Council gave First Reading to Clean Energy Improvement Tax Bylaw 15-2022.

Mr. Hranec also stated that since that time, Administration has made clarifications to the wording as requested by Council.

RES. 297/2022      MOVED by Councillor McLean that Council gives Second Reading to Clean Energy Improvement Tax Bylaw 15-2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.298/2022      MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council gives Third and Final Reading to Clean Energy Improvement Tax Bylaw 15-2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **1) Appointment of Assessment Review Board Members and Review Board Clerk**

D. Weiss, Finance Manager, stated that Administration has contracted the use of Benchmark Assessment Consultants Inc. for an Assessment Review Board.

As per Bylaw 20-2019, Council previously established an Assessment Review Board, and Administration is requesting that Council appoints an Assessment Review Board Clerk and Assessment Review Board members, as the previous appointments expired on December 31, 2021.

RES. 299/2022      MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council appoints the following members to the Assessment Review Board:

1.      Morgan Elemans – Board member, Chair
2.      Tom Golden – Board member
3.      Lee Koran – Board member
4.      Sue Medhurt – Board member

And that Council appoints Wendy Smith as the Assessment Review Board Clerk.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **2) Resignation: Recreation Board**

K. Van Ham, Administrative Services Manager, stated that on September 13, 2022, Administration received the resignation of Danielle Hansen from the Taber Recreation Board, effective December 31, 2022.

RES. 300/2022      MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council accepts the resignation of Danielle Hansen from the Taber Recreation Board, effective December 31, 2022, with regret; and,

Council wishes Ms. Hansen the best in any future endeavours.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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## **ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

### **3) Standing Item - Council Requests**

D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the Standing Item – Council Requests Action Item listing to Council.

Council discussed the work happening at the water treatment plant, provided clarification on a previous motion in which an address was specified, and slow drainage in the area of 60 Avenue and 52 Street.

RES. 301/2022      MOVED by Councillor Rudd that Council congratulates D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, on completing his first year of service in Taber, as Council is pleased with his performance and supports his efforts.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **4) Department Reports**

D. Thibault presented the Department Reports to Council.

Council made no motion at this time.

### **5) Mayor and Councillor Reports (Verbal)**

Mayor and Council provided their verbal reports.

Council made no motion at this time.

### **6) Minister Adrian Ouma, Representing the Governor's Office of Siaya County, Kenya**

Mr. Ouma stated that he was very pleased to bring greetings from the Governor of the County of Siaya, Kenya.

Mr. Ouma reviewed some of the specifics of the Memorandum of Understanding that was signed between the Town of Bondo in the County of Siaya, Kenya, and the Town of Taber related to waste management, fire services, knowledge sharing and other collaboration.

## ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

### 6) Minister Adrian Ouma, Representing the Governor's Office of Siaya County, Kenya – Cont'd

Mr. Ouma also stated that the new Governor of Siaya is looking forward to more areas of collaboration, and wishes the people of Taber prosperity.

No motion was made at this time.

RES. 302/2022      MOVED by Councillor Rudd that Council recesses to 4:45 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 4:21 PM

RES. 303/2022      MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council reconvenes into Closed Session to prevent disclosure of:

- Criteria developed for the purpose of contractual negotiations on behalf of a public body, and considerations that relate to those negotiations, in accordance with Section 24: Advice from officials, of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 4:45 PM

## CLOSED SESSION

### 1) Proposed Lease Addendum: Taber & District Chamber of Commerce

**Council takes the meeting in Closed Session to prevent disclosure of criteria developed for the purpose of contractual negotiations on behalf of a public body, and considerations that relate to those negotiations, in accordance with Section 24: Advice from officials, of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPP).**

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## CLOSED SESSION – CONT'D

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, there were the following members of Administration in attendance for Agenda Item 10.1) Proposed Lease Addendum: Taber & District Chamber of Commerce: D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, and K. Van Ham, Administrative Services Officer.

## OPEN SESSION

RES. 304/2022 MOVED by Councillor Rudd that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 4:51 PM

RES. 305/2022 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council authorizes Addendum #3 to the lease agreement with the Taber & District Chamber of Commerce, as presented, for a portion of Blocks C-D, Plan 7282JK, civic address of 4702 50 Street, Taber, AB.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 306/2022 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council adjourns the meeting for 7 minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 4:53 PM

RES. 307/2022 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council reconvenes the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:00 PM

## DELEGATIONS

### 1) 2021 Long Service Volunteers

D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that two of the Town's 2021 Long Service Volunteers will be in attendance to receive their official certificates and gifts of appreciation from Council for serving on their various Town boards, committees, and commissions as per Council's Recognition of Service - Elected Officials and Board Members Policy.

Council thanked Wanda Osburne-Campbell (9 years, Taber Police Commission) and Jeff Bronsch (3 years, Recreation Board & 3 years Arts and Heritage Committee) for their many years of service.

Council made no motion at this time.

## MEDIA INQUIRIES

None.

RES. 308/2022      MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council moves into Closed Session to prevent the disclosure of:

- Plans relating to the management of personnel or the administration of a public body that have not yet been implemented, in accordance with Section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:07 PM

## CLOSED SESSION

### 1) Delegation: The Meadows Development Progress Report

**Closed Session to prevent disclosure of plans relating to the management of personnel or the administration of a public body that have not yet been implemented, in accordance with Section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.**



**CLOSED SESSION – CONT'D**

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, there were the following members of Administration in attendance for Agenda Item 10.2) Delegation: The Meadows Development Progress Report: D. Bergen and B. Goode, representatives from Douglas J. Bergen & Associates, D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, J. Orwa, Chief Financial Officer, and C. Eagan, Director of Planning and Community Services.

**OPEN SESSION**

RES. 309/2022      MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:10 PM

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

RES. 310/2022      MOVED by Councillor McLean that this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby Closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:00 PM

  
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MAYOR

  
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER