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Business Licenses Renewals & Online Business Directory Coming in 2023!

Happy New Year! It's that time of year to renew your Town of Taber Business License! If you own a business in town, operate a business from your home, or work in Taber but are based out of town – you require a business license. Simply put, if you do business in the Town of Taber, you need to have a business license by law.

Renewals will be coming out early January, so watch your mail for them. If you are looking to start a business, come visit us at the Planning & Economic Development Department (in the Town Office) and we'll help you through the process. It's easy! We also have different types of licenses depending on your business and the length of time you may operate in Taber. If you need to update your business information, just give us a call: 403-223-5500 ext 6865.

Some may ask why the Town requires business licenses? Well, other than that it's a requirement of a bylaw, it helps legitimize your business to customers and helps the municipality ensure you have the proper permits, licenses/inspections from any other levels of regulating Agencies/Governments and that you know the specific rules & regulations required for your business. It helps customers to know your business is legitimized by the government in order to help reduce or identify fraudulent businesses.

New for 2023, we're adding another benefit to having a valid business license. We are introducing an **Online Business Directory** on the Town of Taber's official website! A QR code with a link to a short survey and related information will be included in your 2023 business license renewal letter. If you're a new business, you will receive this information when you apply for your license. Please take a few moments to fill this out to be included in the directory. Only businesses who have a valid and paid Town of Taber business license will be allowed on the directory, so it's important to get yours!

With great community programs like the Beautification Program, the Investment Incentive Bylaw and the Alberta Advantage Immigration Programs, our Economic Development team is here to provide a wide range of support to Taber businesses. Be sure to follow the Economic Development Team on LinkedIn. We are excited to share many exciting initiatives that are business-focused for the upcoming year!

Please feel free to visit our office, call us, or send us an email us at any time. Our contact info is available at www.taber.ca/contact

Our goal is to help you grow; we are excited connect with you!

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Scheduled Meetings

The public is welcome to attend:

Council

Special/Regular Meetings:

January 9th: 3:30 pm @
Council Chambers

January 23rd: 3:30 pm @
Council Chambers

*We encourage the public to view the
livestream or recordings of Council
meetings at www.taber.ca/livestream*

Library Board

January 12th: 5:15 pm @
Library Board Room

Development Authority (MPC)

January 16th: 1:30 pm @
Council Chambers

Arts & Heritage Committee

January 17th: 5:30 pm @
Council Chambers

Municipal Police Commission

January 18th: 4:30 pm @
Council Chambers

*The above dates are subject to changes
at any time. See www.taber.ca/calendar
for current meeting info.*

2023 Holiday Closures

To see future dates when our offices, facilities, or services may be closed, please visit:

www.taber.ca/calendar

Swim Schedules

Looking for Aquafun swim schedules?

Want to know when we have open swim, senior swim, Aquafit, special events, and more? Our monthly schedules are available 24/7 on our website:

www.taber.ca/swimschedule

Community Centre Walk-about



This FREE Community Centre program offers a warm, clean & safe location for anyone who wishes to walk throughout the winter

Nov 2-Mar 31
Mon-Fri
8-10am

2022/ 2023 Schedule
www.taber.ca/drop-in



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Taber Public Library

- Mondays from Jan 2 to Feb 20 **Essentrics with Lindsay** at 6 pm at the library. Please use the east door if attending.
- Thur Jan 5 **Book Club** meeting at 11 am. New members are always welcome.
- Wed Jan 11 **Lego Club** begins again at 3:30 pm. Come build something with our bricks and then have it put on display.
- Thur Jan 12 **Basic Computer Help**. A one-on-one hour-long session to help you specifically where you need the help. Choose either 2 or 3 pm when you call to pre-register.
- Fri Jan 13 **Family Movie** is back and our first on of the New Year will be “**Encanto**”. It will begin at 6:00 pm. **Please use the east doors as the library is closed**. Popcorn is provided and you are welcome to bring your own snacks.
- Sat Jan 14 **Open Mic** from 1-3 pm in the Program Room. Open to all ages and abilities. For musicians and listeners.
- Wed Jan 18 **Senior Speaker Series** at 10:45 am. The topic will be “**Capturing your Life Story**” by Stan Torrie. This is a more personal depiction of your family than Ancestry. Learn tips and tools to make this enjoyable and manageable for every member of your family.
- Thur Jan 19 **Memory Café** for families dealing with dementia and Alzheimer’s disease. A support type group for the both the caregiver and cared for. Begins at 11:00 am in the Program Room.
- Thur Jan 19 **Trivia Night** at the Legion. Come out for another fun night at the Taber Legion. You can have a team of up to 6 people. Small prizes available. No need to register.
- Wed Jan 25 AHS program for LGM families. Topic is **Self-Care Through Crafts**. 10:00 AM to Noon.
- Thur Jan 26 **Memory Café** for those dealing with dementia and Alzheimers Disease and their caregivers. Begins at 11:00 am in the Program Room.
- Thur Jan 26 **Tracking Your Fitness with Technology** with Jeff Hamilton. Did you receive a Garmin, Fitbit Apple product etc for Christmas? These devices along with Strava, MyFitnessPal and more are tools that can help you keep track of your fitness. This session will introduce you to using technologies such as these to help track your fitness over time. We will discuss suitability of tools, matching the tool for what to track and sharing those results with friends and coaches. Must pre-register at the library. Program will begin at 6:45 pm. Please use east doors if attending.
- Fri Jan 27 is Family Literacy Day. We will be celebrating with a **Family Karaoke Dance Party** featuring Taber Police Constable Chris Nguyen. The party is from 4-6 pm. We encourage you to dress as a tacky tourist and practice your dance skills as there will be prizes given out for both! Popcorn and a punch bowl will be available.

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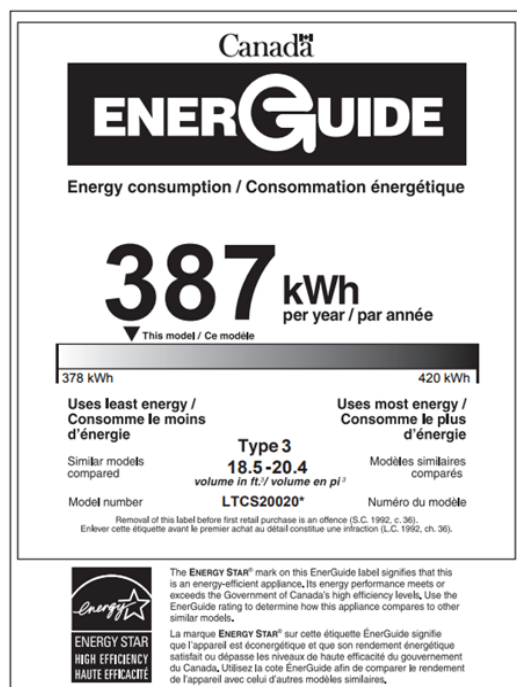
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Monthly Energy Management Tip

Looking to update some of your old appliances over the winter? Large home appliances like washing machines, dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, and freezers account for roughly 20% of your home's electricity bill. Replacing them with a certified Energy Star appliance means you're buying a product which uses 10% -50% less energy than a non-energy efficient equivalent, lowering your bill and reducing your carbon footprint.

Old appliances can be recycled at the Taber Waste Transfer Site at no charge to residents.

When shopping for new appliances, look for the enerGuide sticker for the estimated yearly consumption of the appliance to compare to other models or non-energy star rated models.



Vauxhall High School Reunion 2023

Vauxhall High School Reunion 2023 for classes 1967 - 1972.

Sept 8, 9, 10 2023. All Vauxhall High students welcome

Reply @ Facebook Group: Vauxhall High School Reunion 2023 OR email: vh sreuniongroup@gmail.com OR text: 403-654-0433

Registration opens Mar 1, 2023

Taber Police Service CCTV Security Camera Registry

The purpose of the Registry is to assist the Taber Police Service with investigations where a private security camera(s) may have captured video evidence. The program allows the registrant to register the existence of their CCTV system.

The goal of the CCTV Camera Registry program is to detect crime and promote public safety through collaboration between the Taber Police Service and the community we serve. Registration in the program is voluntary. Accordingly, all CCTV Camera registrants agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. The Taber Police Service (TPS) may request access to video footage containing or related to criminal activity, that was collected by the home or business. The owner may decide to disclose the requested video footage to TPS.
2. If necessary, the TPS will contact the home or business owner directly, using the information provided upon registration, to request the appropriate CCTV camera footage.
3. Under no circumstances shall registrants construe that they are acting as an agent and/or employee of the Town of Taber and/or the TPS through the CCTV Camera Registry program.
4. Under no circumstances shall the TPS obtain any information or footage/feeds without the direct assistance from the registrants.
5. The provided CCTV footage may be disclosed to the court for any criminal or civil proceedings.

The Taber Police Service does not own any CCTV cameras in the community, but frequently utilizes business and residential CCTV Security systems for its investigations.

We believe the Registry will enhance the ability of the Taber Police Service to solve crimes which occur within our community.

To register and for more information:

www.taber.ca/cameraregistry

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Common Online Services

With a new year, we thought we would remind residents of some of our most common online services and ways you can access our services and information 24/7:

Contact Information

Looking for the contact information for Councillors, Town staff, or our Department Emergency on-call numbers? They're always available at www.taber.ca/contact

Service Requests

Want to report some work you think needs to be taken care of in Taber? We have an online Service Request tool where you can request different topics from our various departments, ranging from roads and sidewalk maintenance, weeds and grass mowing, cemetery maintenance, general comments, and much more. You can submit service requests any time at www.taber.ca/servicerequests

eNotifications

Don't miss news, announcements, and alerts from the Town. Whether you want to know about events, job posts, emergency updates or more, get them sent directly to your phone or email, your choice! You can unsubscribe at any time. Sign up for our eNotifications (email or SMS) at www.taber.ca/enotifications

Utility eBilling

Want your utility bills sent to your email instead of receiving a paper copy? No problem! Sign up for eBilling at www.taber.ca/ebilling and we will send your bill to the email you submit. Don't worry, you still get the Corn Husk Chronicles by email too. If you change your mind, you can go back to paper at any time.

Online Payments (Paying with Credit Cards)

Do you prefer paying your bills with a credit card? We can make that happen. Certain Town services can be paid online through OptionPay. You can make payments for your utilities, taxes, business licenses, and other accounts receivables by visiting www.taber.ca/onlinepayments for instructions and the link to pay.

As always, you can visit www.taber.ca for Town information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

Text With 911

Taber 9-1-1 offers the Text with 911 (T911) service in the Taber area for deaf, deafened, hard of hearing or speech impaired persons. This service allows members of this community to communicate with 911 services using wireless-based text messaging.

Initiating a Text with 911 call during an emergency:

If you are a deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired person who requires 911 services, dial 911 on your cell phone. You will not need to speak, as the Communications Operator taking your 911 call will receive an indicator that tells them that they need to communicate with you via text messaging. The Communications Operator will then initiate text messaging with you to address the emergency.

This service is only available if you are part of the deaf, deafened, hard of hearing or speech impaired (DHHSI) community.

To register for Text with 911 services visit www.textwith911.ca



WATER SAVING TIP #77

When you cook vegetables, save the water! During the cooking process nutrients are leached into the leftover water in your pan. Vegetable water provides a nutritious cooking broth for rice and pasta, soups and sautés, and even braising and pan roasts.

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Interested in becoming a lifeguard?

The Aquafun Centre will be offering advanced courses that will help you work toward becoming a lifeguard. Lifeguarding is a great job and swimming is an awesome lifelong skill. Have questions? Come in and talk to us today.

Bronze Medallion & CPR C

Bronze Medallion challenges the candidates both mentally and physically. Judgment, knowledge, skill and fitness- the four components of water rescue- form the basis of this course. Candidates acquire the assessment and problem-solving skills needed to make good decisions in, on and around the water.



Bronze Medallion is a prerequisite for Bronze Cross.

February 24-26, 2023

Friday, Feb 24, 4:00-10:00

Saturday and Sunday, Feb 25 & 26, 2:00-10:00

Taber Aquafun Centre

Cost: \$151.50

****All applicants must be 13 years of age or older****

Standard First Aid – CPR C AED

This 2 day course covers the skills in for life threatening injuries or illnesses plus first aid for other injuries and illnesses including head and spinal injuries, fractures of the upper and lower limbs. This course includes Level C CPR training and certification (Adult, child, infant and 2-rescuer) and AED training.



St. John Ambulance
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Feb 11 & 12, 2023

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Green Room (Civic Centre Meeting Room)

Cost: \$157.00

Bronze Cross

Bronze Cross transitions from lifesaving to lifeguarding and prepares the candidate for responsibilities as an assistant lifeguard. Candidates strengthen and expand their lifesaving skills and begin to apply active surveillance principles and techniques for aquatic facilities. It emphasizes teamwork and communication in preventing and responding to aquatic emergencies. Bronze Cross is the prerequisite for the National Lifeguard Certification.



March 10-12, 2023

10th @ 4:00 -10:00

11th & 12th @ 2:00-10:00

Taber Aquafun Centre

Cost: \$164.25

**** Prerequisite: Bronze Medallion and Workplace Standard First Aid with CPR C ****

Call for more information or to register: Aquafun Centre 403-223-5544 Ext. 3

National Lifeguard - Pool Option



The primary role of the National Lifeguard is the prevention of emergency situations and the timely and effective resolution of emergencies. The National Lifeguard certification prepares lifeguards to fulfill this role as professional facilitators of safe, enjoyable aquatics in a pool setting.

The National Lifeguard program develops the basic lifeguarding skills, principles, and decision-making process to help lifeguards evaluate and adapt to different aquatic facilities and emergencies.

March 31-April 2 & April 14-16, 2023

Fridays (31st & 14th) 4:00-10:00

Saturdays (15th & 22nd) and Sundays (16th & 23rd) 2:00-10:00

Taber Aquafun Centre

Cost: \$360.00

Pre-requisite: Bronze Cross, Standard First Aid and a minimum of 16 years of age.

National Lifeguard – Recert.

April 22, 2023

5:00-10:00pm

Taber Aquafun Centre

Cost: \$66.75

**** Bring proof of NL Certification (need not be current) ****

Swim & Lifesaving Instructor

Swim Instructors are responsible for teaching and evaluating swimmers participation in the **Swim For Life** and **Canadian Swim Patrol** programs. Lifesaving Instructors are responsible for teaching and evaluating candidates in the **Canadian Swim Patrol**, **Bronze Medals** and **CPR** programs. This course helps candidates gain and apply critical knowledge and skill to become a quality instructor through in class and pool activities as well as peer teaching assignments.

March 17-19 & 24-26, 2023

Fridays (17, 24) 3:00-9:00, Saturdays & Sundays (18, 19, 25, 26) @ 2:00-10:00

Taber Aquafun Centre

Cost \$420.00

**** Pre-requisite: 16 years or older by the last day of the course, Bronze Cross Certification or higher (need not be current) ****

Call for more information or to register: Aquafun Centre 403-223-5544 Ext. 3

Sponsored Free Swim

Thanks to the generosity of United Nurses, the Aquafun is having a sponsored swim! Bring your family for a free dip in the pool:

Friday, January 6th, 2023
7 PM - 9 PM

The Town of Taber gratefully thanks United Nurses for their generous sponsorship!



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 Badminton Walk-About Public Skating
 Volleyball

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Monthly Emergency Preparedness Tips

We encourage you to make a New Years Resolution to become more prepared for emergencies. But why? **The more you prepare ahead of time, the less you have to worry when an emergency does occur.** Being prepared helps reduce your own stress during an already stressful situation, keeps you focussed on staying safe, and helps you understand your role better when an emergency occurs. It also makes emergency responders' jobs easier if you are prepared to keep yourself safe for at least 72 hours, letting them focus on those who may be more vulnerable or have more complicated needs. Being prepared does not have to cost a lot of money; there are many simple and cost-effective steps you can take to prepare yourself, your family, and your property. Here is a checklist to help you get started:

×	Action to Take	How & Why?
	Understand the hazards that can affect our community	In Southern Alberta, common hazards can be summer/winter storms, tornadoes, train derailments, hail, power outages, and windstorms. Each one has different actions you must take to stay safe. Know before they happen. Learn about different hazards at https://www.alberta.ca/hazard-preparedness.aspx
	Keep important documents safe	Make & securely store copies of birth/marriage certificates, passports/IDs, licenses, wills, deeds, insurance policies, mortgage/banking documents, vehicle/property info, etc. Consider putting them in a safety deposit box, fireproof safe, or giving them to friends/family who live out of town so you can access them in an emergency. These are the documents you will likely need during an emergency or when it comes time to make insurance claims if damage has occurred.
	Ask childcare about their emergency policies & get children involved in emergency preparedness	Ask your children's school or daycare about their emergency policies. Find out how they will contact you in an emergency. Communicate this to your children as well, so they are also aware. It helps when children are part of an age-appropriate conversation about emergency preparedness so they can be part of preparedness as well. It helps reduce their stress too when emergencies occur. There are great resources to help available at https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/plns/mrgncychildrn-en.aspx
	Connect with your neighbours & community	Often in emergencies, community members such as neighbours, coworkers and friends in the affected area are first-on-scene. It's easier to offer or ask for help when you know who is there. Reach out and make connections!
	Understand your home	Depending on the situation, authorities may give instructions to protect your home. These could include shutting off water, electricity, or gas. Learn where your shut-off valves are located. Do not shut off utilities unless directed to do so.
	Know important phone numbers	There are lots of phone numbers to remember during an emergency. Obviously 911 is well-known, but here are others: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 211 if someone is in distress or in an unsafe place ◆ 1-877-303-2642 for the 24/7 Mental Health Helpline ◆ Take note of phone numbers local authorities may post during emergencies
	Prepare for emergencies anywhere	Most know to have emergency kits prepared at home, but what happens when the emergency is at your workplace, when you're in your car, or you're far from home? Consider creating emergency plans and kits to keep at your workplace and in your car. That way no matter where you are, you have some supplies readily available. Ideas for kits are available at: https://www.alberta.ca/build-an-emergency-kit.aspx

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