



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TABER, TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023 AT 5:30 PM.

MOTION

1. CALL TO ORDER

ITEM No.1.1 Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

X

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

ITEM No.3.1 Recreation Board Minutes

X

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5. ACTION ITEMS

ITEM No.5.1 Information for the Recreation Board

X

6. DELEGATIONS

ITEM No.6.1 Delegation - Ben Tams

X

7. MEDIA INQUIRIES

8. CLOSED SESSION

9. OPEN SESSION

10. CLOSE OF MEETING



Recreation Board Request for Decision

Meeting Date: February 2, 2023

Subject:

Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

Recommendation:

No recommendation required.

Background:

Brian Martin, Recreation Manager, to Call the Meeting to Order.

Brian Martin, Recreation Manager, to Call for Nominations from the floor for Chair.

Brian Martin, Recreation Manager, to Call for Nominations from the floor for Vice Chair.

The new Chair will now Chair the meeting.

Legislation / Authority:

Recreation Board Bylaw 2-2009

Strategic Plan Alignment:

No direct alignment.

Financial Implication:

No financial implications.

Service Level / Staff Resource Implication:

Does not apply.

Justification:

Election required as per Bylaw at the first regular meeting of the year.



Alternative(s):

The Recreation Board could defer this to another meeting

Attachment(s):

APPROVALS:

Originated By:
Marty Planger

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or Designate:



Recreation Board Request for Decision

Meeting Date: February 12, 2023

Subject:
Recreation Board Minutes

Recommendation:

That the Recreation Board adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on December 12, 2022, as presented.

Background:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on December 12, 2022.

Legislation / Authority:

MGA, Section 208(1)(a)(c)

Strategic Plan Alignment:

N/A

Financial Implication:

N/A

Service Level / Staff Resource Implication:

N/A

Justification:

Approval of minutes is in accordance with the Municipal Government Act Section 208

Alternative(s):



That the Recreation Board adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on December 12, 2022, as amended.

Attachment(s): Minutes

APPROVALS:

Originated By:
Marty Planger

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or Designate: 

06/2022

MINUTES OF THE TABER RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON December 12, 2022
AT 5:30 PM.

PRESENT:

Darcy Firth
Danielle Hansen
Councillor Joanne Sorensen
Councillor Jack Brewin
Jeff Bronsch
Brett McCoy

ABSENT: Councillor Brian Hildebrand

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Martin, Recreation Manager
Derrin Thibault, Town of Taber, CAO
Chris Eagan, Planning and Community Services Director
Kory Ostrup, Recreation Assistant Manager
Marty Planger, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Danielle Hansen called the Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board to order at 5:30 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RES. 24/2022 MOVED by Councillor J. Brewin that the Recreation Board adopt the agenda with the following changes:

Move: DELEGATIONS 6.1 and to be moved to prior to 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A) Regular meeting – November 3, 2022

RES. 25/2022 MOVED by Councillor J. Sorensen that the Recreation Board adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on November 3, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

A) Amanda Malone

Amanda Malone and Eric Szigli went through a Power Point Presentation explaining the organizations they belong to; Taber Riding Group Facebook group, Southern Alberta Trail Riders Association (SATRA), and Alberta Equine Federation (AEF) and the desire for horseback riders to be able to ride in the Taber Trout Pond area once again. They were asking the Recreation Board for their support to go to Town of Taber Council to have the Bylaws changed to allow horse riding on the Trout Pond Area.

It was highlighted that the riders do not like to ride on paved paths, all riders who belong to SATRA, participate in chariot rides, rodeos, clinic, and shows are required to have liability insurance by belonging to AEF and that horses very aware of their surrounding and avoid people/animals whenever possible as they see most things as predators. There are few places to ride which are close to this area and permission to ride in the area, would have SATRA hosting biweekly Sunday rides at the very least, coordinating with other user groups to avoid conflicting events, signage (rules/etiquette, and appropriate trails) and would also need an appropriate staging area. Agriplex does work as a staging area, however it's quite a distance from the trails and they would prefer to be able to use the old rodeo grounds. It was noted that SATRA does fundraising and would be willing to help with costs of signage and trail maintenance if needed. SATRA meets monthly and does have a trail maintenance sub-committee whose focus is to organize cleanup events.

It was noted by the Board Members that mapping and signage would be key at trail heads/staging areas and possibly requiring the riders to be SATRA members to have access which would ensure they are insured and knowledgeable of the rules. The current trail users put a lot of time/money into the infrastructure and the Board Members stressed the importance of doing everything the riders can do to avoid damaging the area (by not riding when wet), and ensuring to clean up after themselves and horses. The trail users have a big volunteer group, and the Board was concerned if damage was done, they would lose the good momentum they currently have going for them. Board members stressed, for this to work, all the trail users need to work together to maintain, self-police and educate everyone of the rules/etiquette. Many agreed that the area is large and they would like to see as many different users enjoying the area safely. The Board thanked Amanda Malone for her presentations and answers.

RES. 26/2022 MOVED by Councillor J. Brewin recommends Administration put Amanda Malone on the next available Council Meeting as a Delegation, with the Recreation Board support for Bylaw amendments to be made to allow future horseback riding on the area west of HWY 864 (known as Trout Pond area).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 27/2022 MOVED by D. Hansen that the Recreation Board would also like to recommend that Council directs Administration to create a Board that will take care of the policies, procedures, maintenance, and operations of the Trout Pond trails/park. This Board will consist of representative from each user group that uses the park, one representative from Town of Taber Recreation Board, and one representative from the residence of the M.D. of Taber.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None

ACTION ITEMS

A) Information for the Recreation Board

The Members reviewed the items presented and were given the opportunity to ask for any of these topics to be expanded on or to discuss any other topic of interest.

There was a comment made that the town should not be charging less money for their Christmas Market than other markets. Administration thanked the Member for the feedback.

RECOGNITION AWARDS – None

MEDIA INQUIRIES - None

CLOSED SESSION - None

CLOSE OF MEETING

Prior to closing the meeting, the Board Members thanked Chairperson Hansen and J. Bronsch for their time and dedication to the Board over the years and wished them luck.

RES. 28/2022 MOVED by J. Bronsch that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:30 PM

CHAIRMAN

Recreation Board Request for Decision

Meeting Date: February 2, 2023

Subject:

Information for the Recreation Board

Recommendation:

"No motion required"

Background:

This communication is provided simply as information for the Recreation and no comment is needed. In some cases, thought, the Recreation Board may wish to seek clarification on the matter from Administration, or even challenge the matter through discussion. Placing the information on the Recreation Boards agenda allows these opportunities:

1. The Aquafun Centre continues to deal with maintaining heat on deck while they wait for the new parts
2. Hosted 3 tournaments in the arenas throughout January
3. Winter Leisure Guide released on the Website in January
4. New Program - Winter Swim Lessons began
5. Backyard BBQ Committee 1st planning meeting was held
6. Parks and Recreation Manager met with Ben Tams to discuss possibility of a Jr B Hockey Team calling Taber home
7. Having the 3rd Annual Valentine's Day Cookie Delivery
8. Department researching grants for current projects
9. Aquafun Centre running their Annual Fitness Challenge
10. Staff working on 2023 Capital project and wrapping up 2022s
11. Administration is working on a grant submission for an Arena upgrade

Legislation / Authority:

N/A

Strategic Plan Alignment:

General information therefore does not specifically apply

Financial Implication:

Costs will be associated with various items listed above as per the 2023-Operating budget

Service Level / Staff Resource Implication:

Staff resources to be utilized for all items listed above



Justification:

To keep the Recreation Board informed of current municipal information and correspondences

Alternative(s):

1. The Recreation Board could seek clarification on any matters from Administration
2. The Recreation Board could discuss, in depth, any of the matters raised by the communication and take action through a resolution

Attachment(s):

APPROVALS:

Originated By:
Marty Planger

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or Designate:

Recreation Board Request for Decision

Meeting Date: February 2, 2023

Subject:

Delegation - Ben Tams

Recommendation:

Recreation Board supports Ben Tams' initiative and recommends Administration put him on the next available Council Meeting Agenda, as a Delegation.

Background:

Mr. Ben Tams approached the Parks and Recreation Manager in December to discuss the possibility of bringing a Heritage Junior Hockey League Team to Taber. Mr. Tams was invited to this meeting to present the plans and to ask for the Recreation Boards support to go to Council.

Teams currently in the HJHL are: Airdrie, Coaldale, Cochrane, High River, Medicine Hat, Mountainview, Okotoks, Ponoka, Red Deer, Rocky Mountain House, Strathmore, Sylvan, and Three Hills.

Legislation / Authority:

Recreation Board Bylaws

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Develop Community and Promote Growth

Financial Implication:

N/A

Service Level / Staff Resource Implication:

N/A

Justification:

It is important to hear from all user's requests and needs.

Alternative(s):

1. Recreation Board accepts the presentation of Ben Tams for information.
2. Recreation Board requests more information.



Attachment(s): Game Ice usage 2019-2023

APPROVALS:

Originated By:
Marty Planger

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or Designate: _____

Hours of Weekend Usage

Month	2022/2023					2021/2022					2019/2020					Tourney	Tiering Weekend No TMHA Games FULL - No available game times Number of hours /day Available Fridays 8-11pm 3hrs Saturday 8am-11pm 1.5hrs Sundays 8am-11pm 11.5hrs (15-3.5 Com League)
	Fri	Sat	Sun	Tourney	Fri	Sat	Sun	Tourney	Fri	Sat	Sun	Tourney	Fri	Sat	Sun		
Sept	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		
wk 1	2.5	11	7.5		0	3	3		2.5	6	7.5		2.5	6	7.5		
wk 2	2.5	13.5	7.5		0	4	5		2.5	8.5	5		2.5	8.5	5		
wk 3	2.5	13.5	7.5		2.5	10.5	6		2.5	1	3.75		2.5	1	3.75		
wk 4	7	30.25	30		9.5	42.5	32		4.5	44.5	29.75		4.5	44.5	29.75		
wk 5	2.5	3.5	5		2.5	7	2		2.5	5	7.5		2.5	5	7.5		
Avail Ice	2.5	11	3.5		3	3.5	0		0	12.5	7.5		0	12.5	7.5		
Oct	0	11	7.5		0	12.5	7.5		2.5	7.5	2.5		2.5	7.5	2.5		
wk 1	0	2.5	7.5		0	10	0		0	7.5	5		0	7.5	5		
wk 2	0	2.5	7.5		2.5	7.5	7.5		2.5	7.5	7.5		2.5	7.5	7.5		
wk 3	0	2.5	7.5		2.5	10	7.5		0	5	0		0	5	0		
wk 4	2.5	7.5	7.5		2.5	5	7.5		0	12.5	7.5		0	12.5	7.5		
wk 5	0	10	2.5		2.5	7.5	7.5		0	7.5	5		0	7.5	5		
Avail Ice	10	37	31.5		7	34.5	40.5		7	27.5	23.5		7	27.5	23.5		
Nov	0	2.5	7.5		0	10	7.5		2.5	10	7.5		2.5	10	7.5		
wk 1	0	6	5		2.5	7.5	1		2.5	12.5	5		2.5	12.5	5		
wk 2	2.5	7.5	7.5		2.5	10	7.5		0	5	0		0	5	0		
wk 3	2.5	7.5	7.5		2.5	5	7.5		0	12.5	7.5		0	12.5	7.5		
wk 4	2.5	7.5	7.5		2.5	5	7.5		0	12.5	7.5		0	12.5	7.5		
wk 5	7	36.5	18.5		4.5	27.5	22.5		10	22.5	30		10	22.5	30		
Dec	0	7.5	5		2.5	10	5		2.5	10	5		2.5	10	5		
wk 1	2.5	10	5		2.5	10	7.5		0	12.5	7.5		0	12.5	7.5		
wk 2	2.5	7.5	7.5		2.5	10	2.5		2.5	7.5	7.5		2.5	7.5	7.5		
wk 3	0	0	0	Holidays	0	0	0		0	1.25	0		0	1.25	0		
wk 4	0	0	0	Holidays	1.5	15	19.5		4	15	14.5		4	15	14.5		
wk 5	4	20	17	Holidays	0	0	5		0	5	5		0	5	5		
Avail Ice	2.5	5	2.5		0	10	5		0	7.5	5		0	7.5	5		
Jan	2.5	5	2.5		0	10	5		2.5	7.5	5		2.5	7.5	5		
wk 1	2.5	5	2.5		0	10	7.5		2.5	12.5	7.5		2.5	12.5	7.5		
wk 2	2.5	14.5	10		2.5	13.5	7.5		2.5	13.5	10		2.5	13.5	10		
wk 3	1.5	20.5	19.5		2.5	0	2.5		1.5	26.5	23.5		1.5	26.5	23.5		
Avail Ice	1.5	20.5	19.5		7	26.5	68.5		2.5	13.5	9		2.5	13.5	9		
Feb	2.5	11	7.5		2.5	9	5		2.5	7.5	5		2.5	7.5	5		
wk 1	2.5	11	7.5		2.5	10	0		2.5	7.5	5		2.5	7.5	5		
wk 2	2.5	11	7.5		2.5	10	5		0	7.5	5		0	7.5	5		
wk 3	2.5	11	7.5		2.5	10	5		0	7.5	5		0	7.5	5		
wk 4	2.5	11	7.5		2.5	11.5	2.5		0	7.5	5		0	7.5	5		
wk 5	12	60	46		2	19.5	33.5		7	24	22		7	24	22		
Avail Ice	12	60	46		2	19.5	33.5		2.5	10	2.5		2.5	10	2.5		
Mar	0	0	0		0	2.5	4		0	0	0		0	0	0		
wk 1	0	0	0		0	2.5	4		0	0	0		0	0	0		
wk 2	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		
wk 3	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		
wk 4	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		

Proposed game times:

Fridays	8-11pm	3hrs	1 game
Saturdays	8-9am	Pond	
	9:15-10:45	U11	6 games
	10:45-12:3	U11	
	12:30-3:00pm		
	3-5:30pm		
	5:30-8:00pm		
	8:00-11	3hrs	
Sundays	8:15-10:45		4 games
	10:45-1:15		
	1:15-4:15	3hrs	
	4:15-6:45		
	6:45-8:00	Commercial	
	8-9:15	Commercial	
	9:15-10:30	Commercial	

Current scheduled game times

Fridays	8-11pm	3hrs	1 game
Saturdays	9-10:15 air	Pond	
	10:30-1am		5 games
	1-3:30pm		
	3:30-6pm		
	6-8:30pm		
	8:30-11		
Sundays	10:30-1		3 games
	1-3:30	3hrs	
	3:30-6		
	6-7:15	Commercial	
	7:15-8:30	Commercial	
	8:30-9:45	Commercial	