

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, FEBRUARY 27, 2023, AT 3:30 PM.

Mayor

Andrew Prokop

Councillors

Garth Bekkering

Jack Brewin

Carly Firth

Monica McLean

Joanne Sorensen (Virtual)

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.

Mayor Prokop stated that Councillor Rudd would not be in attendance, and Councillor Sorensen would be in attendance virtually for this Meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Prokop inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda, and there were none.

RES. 60/2023

MOVED by Councillor McLean 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1) Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council: February 13, 2023

RES. 61/2023

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council adopts the Minutes of the February 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council, as amended, to indicate that RES. 42/2023 was Carried, instead of Carried Unanimously.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1) Disposal of Animal Carcasses at the Landfill

G. Scherer, Director of Engineering and Public Works, stated that from the February 13th Council meeting the specific standing item was brought forward: MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council requests Administration to investigate the disgraceful disposing of animal carcasses on Town property, specifically the dump.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – CONT'D

Mr. Scherer recapped that residents using the trail system north of the transfer station found some garbage bags with a cow carcass in them.

The residents reported the carcass to the Landfill manager who then instructed the landfill operator to gather the carcass up and bury it immediately. Under the Town's approval to operate a landfill/transfer station this was the appropriate action as per the *Code of Practice for Landfills*. The carcass was in an area outside of day-to-day operation of the landfill and staff would never have seen the carcass unless reported.

Mr. Scherer also stated that Administration contacted Alberta Environment's Environmental Protection Officer to verify the burying of the animal carcass was the appropriate action and it was verified under the legislation it was the appropriate action. It was also confirmed that a cow carcass falls under the term "animal(s)" and also verified that under the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA) cattle fall under the definition of being an animal. Mr. Scherer added that the Town's practice is not to accept any cattle carcasses, but this was hidden in garbage bags unrecognizable to any of the landfill staff.

Council discussed the access to the area, and the number of these types of incidents.

No motion was made at this time.

BYLAWS

1) Proposed Supplementary Assessment Bylaw 3-2023

J. Orwa, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed Section 313 of the *Municipal Government Act* which requires Council to annually consider a Supplementary Assessment Bylaw authorizing the Town's Assessor to assess improvements that have not been previously assessed or increased value of an improvement since it was last assessed.

BYLAWS – CONT'D

**1) Proposed Supplementary Assessment Bylaw 3-2023 –
Cont'd**

RES. 62/2023 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council gives First Reading to Bylaw 3-2023 being the Supplementary Assessment Bylaw for the Town of Taber, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 63/2023 MOVED by Councillor McLean that Council gives Second Reading to Bylaw 3-2023 being the Supplementary Assessment Bylaw of the Town of Taber, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 64/2023 MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council unanimously agrees to proceed with Third and Final Reading to Bylaw 3-2023 being the Supplementary Assessment Bylaw of the Town of Taber, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 65/2023 MOVED by Councillor McLean that Council gives Third and Final Reading to Bylaw 3-2023 being the Supplementary Assessment Bylaw for the Town of Taber, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

1) Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Council noted that as Councillor Rudd was not at this meeting, the Oath of Office for Deputy Mayor could not be administered.

RES. 66/2023

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council chooses not to do the Oath of Office at this meeting and instead do it at the next Regular Meeting scheduled for March 13, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) 2022 Capital Projects Carry Forward

Council reviewed the requested carry-forward listing.

RES. 67/2023

MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council approves the list of 2022 Capital projects to be carried forward to 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3) Feral and Stray Cat Discussion

D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that Administration had provided Council an opportunity to discuss a feral cat control program at the November 14th Regular Meeting of Council, at that time it was the resolution of Council to have Administration look further into the services that the Town of Taber would receive through a contracted service provider.

D. Thibault provided additional information supplied by the proposed contracted service provider.

Council discussed the cost parameters and further specifics based on the number of cats the contractor would catch.

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

3) Feral and Stray Cat Discussion – Cont'd

RES. 68/2023

MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council requests additional information related to the discussion of this item.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4) Information for Council

Administration reviewed the Meadows Progress Report.

No motion was made at this time.

5) Department Reports

Council reviewed the Department Reports.

No motion was made at this time.

6) Mayor and Councillor Reports (Verbal)

Mayor and Council provided details of their activity.

No motion was made at this time.

7) Standing Item - Council Requests

D. Thibault reviewed the current listing.

No motions were made at this time.

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

RES. 69/2023

MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council moves 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(1) Advice from officials, of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 4:02 PM

CLOSED SESSION

1) Proposed Lease Agreement Renewal: Taber Minor Hockey Association

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 Advice from officials: Section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP)*.

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, there was the following members of Administration in attendance for Agenda Item 10.1) Proposed Lease Agreement Renewal: Taber Minor Hockey Association: D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, and K. Van Ham, Administrative Services Manager.

OPEN SESSION

Council reconvened the meeting at 5:00PM for the Delegation Agenda Items.

45/2023

Meeting Date
2/27/2023

DELEGATIONS

1) Presentation to Ashley Timm: Commendation for Turning in Money

Mayor Prokop and Council presented Ms. Timm with a cheque for the found funds that she turned in to the Taber Police Service.

RES. 70/2023

MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council thanks Ashley Timm for her honesty and integrity in turning in the found funds to the Taber Police Service and commends Miss Timm for her extraordinary strength of character.

That Council releases the \$5000.00 turned into the Taber Police Service by Ashley Timm back to Ashley Timm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Communities in Bloom: Mural Project Sponsorship Change Request

M. Rombough, President of Communities in Bloom, presented the Organization's request to change the July 18, 2022 Council Resolution 249/2022 award from the structure of "in-kind" to cash funding.

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council authorizes \$15,000.00 to be given to Communities in Bloom (CiB) for their mural work project in the Downtown area to be taken from Operating Reserves.

Councillor Bekkering requested that the rescinding motion should be considered prior to the above motion.

Councillor Brewin agreed and WITHDREW his motion.

DELEGATIONS – CONT'D

RES. 71/2023

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council rescinds Resolution 249/2022 which states: *“MOVED by Councillor Rudd that Council directs Administration to provide in-kind services to assist Communities in Bloom (CiB) mural work in the Downtown area up to the amount of \$15,000.00 which could consist of labour, materials and/or equipment.”*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 72/2023

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council authorizes \$15,000.00 to be given to Communities in Bloom (CiB) for their mural work project in the Downtown area to be taken from Operating Reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3) Oldman Watershed Council Funding Request

Shannon Frank, Executive Director of the Oldman Watershed Council, presented information related to the Organization’s scope, and past and current projects.

RES. 73/2023

Council provides a donation to the Oldman Watershed Council in the amount of \$3,961.00, to be taken out of the Council Discretionary Fund for 2023; and,

Requests that Administration includes the donation amount in the future operating budgets going forward.

CARRIED

MEDIA INQUIRIES

None.

MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council recommends the lease renewal with the Taber Minor Hockey Association, for a portion of facility and equipment known as the Large Ice Arena Boards, the South Wall, the Large Ice Surface, and the Ice Resurfacer Sides, as specifically detailed in the lease for a term to expire March 31, 2027 (2026/2027 Ice Season).

Councillor Bekkering requested an amendment to state that Council "authorizes" instead of "recommends".

Councillor Sorensen accepted the amendment.

RES. 74/2023

MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council authorizes the lease renewal with the Taber Minor Hockey Association, for a portion of facility and equipment known as the Large Ice Arena Boards, the South Wall, the Large Ice Surface, and the Ice Resurfacer Sides, as specifically detailed in the lease for a term to expire March 31, 2027 (2026/2027 Ice Season).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 75/2023

MOVED by Councillor Firth that this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby Closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:45 PM



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

