

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, MAY 8, 2023, AT 3:30 PM.

Mayor

Andrew Prokop

Councillors

Garth Bekkering

Jack Brewin

Carly Firth

Monica McLean

Alf Rudd

Joanne Sorensen

Chief Administrative Officer

Derrin Thibault

Staff

Amy Allred

Chris Eagan

Celina Newberry

Grace Noble

John Orwa

Kerry Van Ham

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Prokop called the Meeting to Order at 3:31 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA - CONT'D

RES.145/2023

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: April 24, 2023

RES.146/2023

MOVED by Councillor Rudd that Council adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 24, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

BYLAWS

1) First Reading for Bylaw Amendment 5-2023

D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced C. Eagan, Director of Planning and Community Services, and C. Newberry, Planning Officer, to present the proposed amendments that will provide clarification, fix clerical errors, and address areas not previously covered in Land Use Bylaw 13-2020.

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BYLAWS – CONT'D

1) First Reading for Bylaw Amendment 5-2023 – Cont'd

Council discussed the amendments presented.

RES. 147/2023

MOVED by Councillor McLean that Council gives First Reading to Bylaw 5-2023 to amend Land Use Bylaw 13-2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

1) Proposed Renewal: Fit for Work (FFW) Policy CS-HR-6

D. Thibault introduced G. Noble, Human Resources Manager, to present the proposed Fit for Work Policy that is up for renewal.

G. Noble stated that the changes that had been made to the Policy are clerical and that the intent of the Policy has not changed.

Council discussed what the proposed Policy encompasses.

RES. 148/2023

MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council approves the Fit for Work (FFW) Policy CS-HR-6 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Recognition Award: Amy Allred

D. Thibault introduced A. Allred, Economic Development Manager, recipient of this year's Emerging Talent in Economic Development Award.

Mayor Prokop presented A. Allred with the Award.

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

2) Recognition Award: Amy Allred – Cont'd

RES. 149/2023

MOVED by Councillor McLean that the Town of Taber congratulates and recognizes Amy Allred, winner of this year's Emerging Talent in Economic Development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3) Information For Council

D. Thibault reviewed the Information for Council Agenda Item.

This item included an invitation for Council to attend an information event held by the Victim Services Unit, correspondence received from Taber Special Needs sharing the Provincial Declaration for Community Disability Service Worker Appreciation Week, the Meadows Progress Report, and Draft Meeting Minutes from the Traffic Committee Meeting held on April 24th, 2023.

Council discussed the items presented.

RES. 150/2023

MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council affirms the recent Declaration for the Community Disability Services Workers in the Province.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4) Standing Items: Council Requests

D. Thibault reviewed the existing Standing Items list.

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

4) Standing Items: Council Requests – Cont'd

RES. 151/2023

MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council directs Administration to investigate the opportunity of applying for the Local Food Infrastructure Fund Grant, including the community garden sprinkler system and other partnerships possible for this grant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 152/2023

MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council moves into Closed Session prior to Delegations 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 4:01 PM

CLOSED SESSION

- 1) The Chamber of Commerce 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*.**

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, there were the following members of the public and Administration in attendance for Agenda Item 10.1) The Chamber of Commerce; D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, C. Eagan, Director of Planning and Community Services, J. Orwa, Chief Financial Officer, K. Van Ham, Administrative Services Manager, and from the Chamber of Commerce H. Prummel, B. Warkentin, and B. Steinborn.

Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce left the meeting at 4:40 PM and Council took a 30-minute meal break to reconvene into the Delegation Agenda Item at 5:00 PM.

OPEN SESSION

The Meeting reconvened at 5:07 PM.

DELEGATIONS

- 1) Taber Arts and Crafts Society: Request for Support**

D. Thibault introduced N. Kerr, Treasurer, and C. Thiessen, President, as representatives from the Taber Arts and Crafts Society.

N. Kerr presented the Taber Arts and Crafts Society's request to Council that all future water bills be waived indefinitely. N. Kerr presented Council with the Organization's financials and membership status.

Council discussed any alternatives for the group and the financials.

DELEGATIONS – CONT'D

1) Taber Arts & Crafts Society: Request for Support – Cont'd

MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council waives the water consumption for Taber Arts and Crafts Society for one year.

Council discussed the motion made by Councillor Firth and the alternative motions presented by Administration.

Councillor Firth WITHDREW her motion.

RES. 153/2023

MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council provides a grant from the Council Discretionary Fund to cover the anticipated water consumption charges for 2023 (for all water, sewer, stormwater, garbage and recycling).

CARRIED

MEDIA INQUIRIES

None.

MEDIA INQUIRIES – CONT'D

RES. 154/2023

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council moves into Closed Session to prevent the disclosure of:

- Proposed plans, policies or projects of the public body which could reasonably be expected to result in disclosure of a pending policy or budgetary decision, in accordance with Section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; and,
- Third party business information, in accordance with Section 16(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; (a)(ii) to prevent the disclosure of commercial, financial, and technical information of a third party, (b) the information was supplied in confidence, and (c) the disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm significantly with the negotiating position of the third party.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:26 PM

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session Item 10.1) The Chamber of Commerce had been addressed earlier in this meeting, prior to Delegations.

- 2) Proposed 2023 Municipal Mill Rates
Closed Session to prevent disclosure of proposed plans, policies or projects of the public body which could reasonably be expected to result in disclosure of a pending policy or budgetary decision, in accordance with Section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, there were the following members of Administration and the public in attendance for Agenda Item 10.2) Proposed 2023 Municipal Mill Rates; D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, J. Orwa, Chief Financial Officer, and L. Wehlage of Benchmark Assessments.

- 3) Meadows Development
Council takes the meeting into Closed Session to prevent disclosure of third-party business information, in accordance with Section 16(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; (a)(ii) to prevent the disclosure of commercial, financial, and technical information of a third party, (b) the information was supplied in confidence, and (c) the disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm significantly with the negotiating position of the third party.

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, there were the following members of Administration in attendance for Agenda Item 10.3) Meadows Development; D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, and C. Eagan, Director of Planning and Community Services.

CLOSED SESSION – CONT'D

- 4) Colere Institute Partnership MOU Council takes the meeting into Closed Session to prevent disclosure of third-party business information, in accordance with Section 16(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; (a)(ii) to prevent the disclosure of commercial, financial, and technical information of a third party, (b) the information was supplied in confidence, and (c) disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm significantly the negotiating position of the third party.

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, there were the following members of Administration in attendance for Agenda Item 10.4) Colere Institute Partnership MOU; D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, and C. Eagan, Director of Planning and Community Services.

OPEN SESSION

RES. 155/2023 MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council moves into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:24 PM

RES. 156/2023 MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council directs Administration to execute the MOU with Colere Institute to formalize the Partnership, and directs Administration to enter into a lease agreement for the indicated lands.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 157/2023

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:25 PM



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



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