

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TABER MUNICIPAL
POLICE COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF TABER, IN THE PROVINCE
OF ALBERTA, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023,
AT 4:30 PM.

Chairperson

John MacDonald

Members

Wendi Chisholm

James Clements

Carly Firth

Daniel Remfert

Joanne Sorensen

Ferris Zaugg

Staff

Graham Abela

Secretary

Tenille Miller

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, J. MacDonald welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RES. 23/2023

MOVED by Councillor C. Firth that the Taber Municipal Police Commission adopts the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

25/2023

Meeting Date
3/22/2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Taber Municipal Police Commission: February 15, 2023

RES. 24/2023 MOVED by Councillor C. Firth that the Taber Municipal Police Commission adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 15, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Taber Municipal Police Commission: March 9, 2023

RES. 25/2023 MOVED by D. Remfert that the Taber Municipal Police Commission adopts the minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 9, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

26/2023

Meeting Date
3/22/2023

ACTION ITEMS

Chief of Police Report to the Commission

Chief, G. Abela shared highlights from his report to Commission.

Chief, G. Abela noted that Taber Police Services will be moving forward with the request to provide Community Standard Services to Barnwell and now that it has been approved he is working with the CAO to finalize the details.

Also, in recent news it has been announced that body worn cameras will become mandatory. He noted that there needs to be a standard developed by the province and that there will be procurement and implementation stage. So far there has been no information regarding funding for this initiative. The cost for Taber Police Services will be roughly \$100-120,000 for equipment and licensing. It was noted that this will likely not be implemented until after 2023.

Chief G. Abela also shared information on the upcoming memorial services for the two officers that were killed in Edmonton. He noted that he will be attending with the rest of the Alberta Chiefs of Police and that other members from Taber will also be in attendance. Chair, J. MacDonald thanked Taber Police Services for their representation at the services in Edmonton.

Commission made no motion at this time.

Taber Municipal Police Commission Financial Information

Chief G. Abela reviewed the following financial statements with Commission members for information:

- Operating Variance – December 31, 2022 – Interim
- Operating Variance – January 31, 2023 – Interim
- Operating Variance – February 28, 2023 – Interim

Commission made no motion at this time.

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3/22/2023

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

Use of Force Report 2022

Chief, G. Abela introduced Sergeant Johnson to the Commission. Sergeant Johnson is the Taber Police Services subject matter expert for the use of force and was in attendance to provide details from the 2022 report.

Sergeant Johnson noted that this overview helps the service to look at trends and it is also a requirement for the government. Chief, G. Abela reported that there have not been any use of force complaints since he has been Chief and spoke highly of the members for how they carry themselves.

At this time there was discussion regarding the training and tools available to the service. Chief, G. Abela spoke highly of the training the force takes part in and noted that Taber Police Services is very well equipped.

Commission made no motion at this time.

SRO Survey Report

Chief, G. Abela shared information on the School Resource Officer Program and noted that he was very impressed with the high scores, indicating satisfaction in the program. He also shared that the program is highly supported by school administration and Taber Police Services.

It was also noted that if any more schools are added to the program in the future, this is an initiative that may also have to grow to ensure that adequate support can be provided to schools.

RES. 26/2023 MOVED by Councillor C. Firth that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the School Resource Officer 2022/23 SRO Partner Survey Results for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

28/2023

Meeting Date
3/22/2023

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

Acceptance to Host the AAPG 2026 Conference

Chair, J. MacDonald shared that another community was selected to host the 2024 AAPG Conference. However, the selection committee has requested that the Taber Municipal Police Commission consider hosting the 2026 AAPG conference.

Commission agreed that they would like to move forward with this opportunity. Secretary, T. Miller will send correspondence to the AAPG to share our acceptance.

RES. 27/2023 MOVED by D. Remfert that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the offer to host the 2026 AAPG Conference.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Commission Member Reports (Verbal)

Chair, J. MacDonald shared his continued concern regarding red-light incidents and the possible need for red-light cameras in particular areas.

Chief, G. Abela noted that the deployment of a red-light cameras needs to be statistically driven. He suggested that they will increase patrol in the areas of concerns and bring statistics for review to an upcoming meeting.

Commission made no motion at this time.

Public Complaints Director Report

The report from the Public Complaints Director was reviewed for information. The Public Complaints Director indicated that there are current no complaints or issues being dealt with.

Commission made no motion at this time.

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

Commission Action Plan Listing

Chair, J. MacDonald reviewed items from the Commission Action Plan for information.

- It was agreed that Commission will book a strategic planning session. Secretary, T. Miller will book the facilitator and send tentative dates for the session to Commission.
- Commission discussed the upcoming AAPG Conference in Rocky Mountain House in June 2023.

RES. 28/2023 MOVED by D. Remfert that the Taber Municipal Police Commission will send up to four commission members to the upcoming AAPG Conference. Members should confirm their desire to attend with Secretary, T. Miller prior to April 10, 2023.

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- Commission agreed to direct their Volunteer Recognition donation to the Star on 54th. Secretary, T. Miller will notify their Town of Taber of their decision.
- Commission decided to form a subcommittee to complete the annual review process for Chief, G. Abela. The subcommittee will be comprised of: D. Remfert, B. Clements, and C. Firth. Secretary, T. Miller will send out the required documents and set a meeting for late April.

DELEGATIONS

None.

MEDIA INQUIRIES

None.

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CLOSE OF MEETING

As there were no further items for review the meeting was closed.

RES. 29/2023

MOVED by D. Remfert that the Regular Meeting of the Taber Municipal Police Commission is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:00 P.M



CHAIR



SECRETARY

31/2023

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3/22/2023