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MINUTES OF THE ARTS & HERITAGE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON March  
21, 2023, AT 5:30 PM.

PRESENT:

Tasha Tams  
Councillor Tamara Miyanaga (Remote)  
Councillor Joanne Sorensen  
Susie Thiessen  
Mandy Simmons  
Councillor Carly Firth

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Martin – Recreation Manager  
Derrin Thibault – CAO  
Chris Eagan – Director of Planning & Community Services  
Marty Planger – Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

Brian Martin called the Regular Meeting of the Arts & Heritage Committee to order at 5:30 PM.

**NOMINATIONS**

**Nominations for Chair**

B. Martin called for nominations from the floor for the position of Chair of the Taber Arts & Heritage Committee.

Mandy Simmons nominated Tasha Tams for the position of Chair of the Taber Arts & Heritage Committee.

B. Martin called for further nominations, a second, and a third and final time.

Being as there were no further nominations, Tasha Tams was declared elected Chair of the Taber Arts & Heritage Committee.

**Nominations for Vice Chair**

B. Martin called for nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chair of the Taber Arts & Heritage Committee.

Councillor J. Sorensen nominated Mandy Simmons for the position of Vice Chair of the Taber Arts & Heritage Committee.

B. Martin called for further nominations, a second, and a third and final time.

Being as there were no further nominations, Mandy Simmons was declared elected Vice Chair of the Taber Arts & Heritage Committee.

B. Martin turned the meeting over to Chairperson Tasha Tams @ 5:33 PM

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

RES. 6/2023 MOVED by M. Simmons that the Arts & Heritage adopt the agenda, with the following amendments:

MOVE 6. DELEGATION to proceed before 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

#### **A) Regular meeting – February 21, 2023**

RES. 7/2023 MOVED by S. Thiessen that the Arts & Heritage Committee adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Arts & Heritage Committee held on February 21, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **DELEGATION**

#### **A) Taber Arts & Crafts Society**

Nancy Kerr and Carol Thiessen, Members from the Taber Arts & Craft Society, were at the meeting asking for support to go to Council to ask for a waiver on their building's water bill, which was \$92.42/month in 2022. The Society finds their membership down, have been running a defecate for a few years and have been fortunate to have had a donation, which has kept them afloat. The building is owned by the Town, and the Society pays utilities (water, gas, and power). Currently they have eleven members (down from twenty in 2022) and plan to have a few membership drives this year. Classes are their main revenue source; however membership

manpower is required to offer programs, thereby making membership promotion a priority. More classes offered tends to increase membership interest.

RES. 8/2023 MOVED by Councillor J. Sorensen that the Arts and Heritage Committee accepts the Taber Arts & Crafts Society's presentation, for information.

CARRIED

## **B) STAR on 54**

Chairperson Tasha Tams, recused herself from these proceedings, citing she has a conflict of interest as she is a member of the STAR on 54 Board and left the meeting at 5:39pm.

Vice Chairperson, Mandy Simmons took over to chair the meeting.

Joel Mills, Executive Director of STAR on 54<sup>th</sup> and Dr. Ryan Torrie, were at the meeting to ask the Committee for their support to go to Council to ask for the \$250,000.00 loan to be reconsidered as a grant, for funds to be released right away (currently held until permits are signed off on), and for the town to provide ongoing building/landscaping maintenance.

The Society has discovered some unexpected safety requirements for their renovations and are in need of more funding than originally planned. They are seeking out as many grants as available and are looking for fundraising opportunities. Releasing of the Town funds would allow the construction to move forward with the building of a fire wall, however everything will halt without funds for the wall. Once the wall is built, the phased opening will continue with the Gym projected to open in May, Gymnasium and meeting rooms in June, and the Theatre to follow in the fall.

The projected total for the project was discussed and reported to be 1-1.2 million dollars. They currently have \$468,910 committed (not including the Town loan), and have applied for \$919,000 worth of grants.

The Committee Members thanked the gentlemen for their presentation.

RES. 9/2023 MOVED by Councillor J. Sorensen that the Arts & Heritage Committee supports the STAR on 54<sup>th</sup> to attend a future Town Council meeting as a delegation to present their request.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chairperson, Tasha Tams returned to the meeting at 5:58pm and resumed as chair of the meeting.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** - None

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A) Arts & Heritage Committee Information Item**

B. Martin reviewed the items in this agenda line by line with the committee.

There was no "Motion" made at this time.

**B) Standing Item – Arts & Heritage Committee Requests**

Mirroring Council's agenda, this item gives the Committee an opportunity to bring forth anything they would like Administration to bring back at future meetings.

RES. 10/2023 MOVED by Councillor C. Firth that the Arts and Heritage Committee supports the Taber Arts & Crafts Society to attend a future Town Council meeting as a delegation, to present their requests.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEDIA INQUIRIES** - None

**CLOSED SESSION** - None

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

RES. 11/2023 MOVED by M. Simmons that the Regular Meeting of the Taber Arts and Heritage Committee is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:08 PM



CHAIRMAN