



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TABER, TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 AT 5:30 PM.

	<u>MOTION</u>
1. CALL TO ORDER	
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 - None	
5. ACTION ITEMS	
ITEM No.5.1 Information for the Recreation Board	
6. DELEGATIONS	
ITEM No.6.1 Delegation - Tactical Paintball and Airsoft Association of Southern Alberta	X
7. MEDIA INQUIRIES	
8. CLOSED SESSION	
9. OPEN SESSION	
10. CLOSE OF MEETING	X

Recreation Board Request for Decision

Meeting Date: September 7, 2023

Subject:
Recreation Board Minutes

Recommendation:
That the Recreation Board adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on June 1, 2023, as presented.

Background:
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on June 1, 2023

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 June 1, 2023 as amended.

Attachment(s): Minutes

APPROVALS:

Originated By:
Marty Planger

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or Designate: 

04/2023

MINUTES OF THE TABER RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON June 1, 2023 AT 5:30 PM.

PRESENT:

Darcy Firth
Cody Fletcher
Taylor Gouw
Councillor Brian Hildebrand
Councillor J. Brewin
Councillor Joanne Sorensen (5:34pm)

ABSENT:

Brett McCoy (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Martin, Recreation Manager
Derrin Thibault, Town of Taber, CAO
Kory Ostrup, Recreation Assistant Manager
Marty Planger, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RES. 13/2023 MOVED by Councillor B. Hildebrand that the Recreation Board adopt the agenda as presented:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A) Regular meeting – May 4, 2023

RES. 14/2023 MOVED by C. Fletcher that the Recreation Board adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on May 4, 2023, as presented.

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.

Councillor J. Sorensen arrived at 5:34pm

An update on the KMMSC Concession Project also was requested and it was reported that everyone involved is working hard to get it complete this summer. There have been a few occurrences which have slowed down the project.

The baseball field conditions were discussed. It was stated that with little maintenance done through the 2 years of COVID, lack of snow this year, and the early heatwave this spring, has resulted in poor conditions, throughout southern Alberta. Lethbridge reported having the same issues. The conditions were perfect for weed growth and our contractor had us in a que and we just got sprayed this week. Our staff are working hard to catch-up since we had such an early sportsfield start to the season, with no rain and the irrigation water only came in 2 weeks ago, and we had the usual breaks and some pump issues. A new groomer has been purchased, which was commissioned this week and staff are in the process of learning how to use it and improvements have already been noticed. It was suggested that the town go back to utilizing the field boxes to store the bases, using base plugs, and making it the responsibility of the users to put out the bases and home plate mat and placing them back into boxes after use in an attempt to protect the bases from wear and tear. The problem in the past is the plugs go missing. Administration agreed to look into this option as well as reported they plan to meet with the users at the end of the season to discuss future plans. It was also noted by Board Members, that the users also need to take responsibility for keeping the fields tidy by picking up their own garbage and repairing any large holes they may put into the infields.

The Dog Park has also been an area of concern for its users and was discussed. Council and Board Members who had been contacted by the users, replied that the users didn't give Administration enough time to respond. Administration reported that it had been contacted by one of the users and had responded that with its current priorities, and that staff would be able to work on the park on Monday. The complaint was posted on the Saturday. Administration reported that the Dog Park does not have any funds budgeted for maintenance, however they meet with the users and do

the best they can to address their concerns with the operating budget. The park has received solar lights, is getting gravel to help keep the dirt down in the shelter, supplied with dog bags, ashtrays installed, and put in a water spigot over the last two years. The Department beautifies and improves when they can by using what we have and with no budget this inevitably takes time. The Board Members stressed that the users of the park need to do their part to keep the park in good condition as well.

DELEGATIONS

A) Mayor Andrew Prokop (Taber Trout Pond Presentation)

Mayor Prokop presented a history of the Taber Trout Pond and where the project is headed. He is one member of the West Trail Expansion Project Committee, which was formed to help plan the walking trail with loops around the Taber Trout Pond which now connects with the rest of the Taber Walking Trail circuit. Alberta Conservation Association approached the Town of Taber proposing a partnership to revitalize the Taber Trout Pond. Since then, the pond was cleaned up, pipes were modernized, pond filled and later stocked with trout.

The Town was gifted some money from William Ferguson, with a portion being set aside for the Taber Trout Pond Project. The project was phased and we have seen the addition of boat launch, 9 camp sites (with electricity), trees planted, a 3 season washroom, irrigation at the campsites, potable water access just outside of the washroom building, playground, and accessible pad for fishing. A day use has also been approved to be completed this year or next, and a \$300 000 tree grant has been awarded with trees being planted next spring. Currently the Committee is working on a Master Plan which will ultimately be the plan for all future work, (where the picnic shelters will go, sani-dump, group camp site, where and what kind of trees will be planted, if and where the campground will be extended, etc.).

Other additions to the area include, Trail 77 bike trails and pump track continue to be built. A future community garden is also being considered.

RES. 15/2023 MOVED by Councillor J. Sorensen that the Recreation Board accepts the presentation given by Mayor Andrew Prokop regarding the Taber Trout Pond, for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECOGNITION AWARDS – None

MEDIA INQUIRIES - None

CLOSED SESSION - None

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES.16/2023 MOVED by Councillor J. Brewin that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:27 PM

CHAIRMAN

DRAFT

Recreation Board Request for Decision

Meeting Date: September 7, 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, though, 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. Recreation Department hosted the Council sponsored Senior Week Breakfast – June 5
2. Recreation Department hosted a successful Kids Can Catch Event – Jun 17 which fed over 300 people
3. Canada Day Committee hosted a successful July 1st event (including free breakfast, flag raising, games in the park, cultural performances, petting zoo, bouncy castles, Firemen Water fight, Fundraiser BBQ ending off with a terrific firework show)
4. Movie in the Park – August 11 was hosted in Confederation Park
5. Lacrosse season wrapped up July 13 and the Large ice was installed for VERSET Hockey Camp and both ran exceptionally well
6. The Recreation Department facilitated and assisted with over 80 Special Events June-August
7. Staff worked hard to get irrigation throughout the parks and green spaces
8. Department researching grants for current projects
9. Continue to work with the ice users to schedule the 2023/24 ice season. Unfortunately, the Taber Skating Club was unable to secure coaches for the September-December session and hope to have someone in place for the January-March session.
10. Administration has met several times with the Trout Pond Committee and have developed a draft rendering of the park (attached). The next step will be a public consultation this fall for feedback
11. Administration met with the baseball users September 6th to discuss the past season, field maintenance, and plans for the upcoming season
12. Promotion for the Community Grant Program Application Deadline (Oct 15th) has begun
13. KMMSC Concession completed by the Kinsmen Club of Taber the last week of August



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): Taber Trout Pond Render - July 31

APPROVALS:

Originated By:

Marty Planger

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or Designate: _____

Recreation Board Request for Decision

Meeting Date: September 7, 2023

Subject:

Delegation - Tactical Paintball and Airsoft Association of Southern Alberta

Recommendation:

That the Recreation Board accepts the presentation given by the Tactical Paintball and Airsoft Association of Southern Alberta, for information purpose.

Background:

Administration reached out to the President of Tactical Paintball and Airsoft Association of Southern Alberta, Eric Trudel, to invite him to the Recreation Board September Meeting as a delegation. Mr. Trudel will be on hand to report how the club is faring, future plans, struggles, and answer any questions the Board Members may have.

This group has had a lease agreement with the Town of Taber for many years, and it's been a while since they attended a Recreation Board Meeting.

Legislation / Authority:

Recreation Board Bylaws

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Improve Internal & External Communication

Financial Implication:

N/A

Service Level / Staff Resource Implication:

N/A



Justification:

Some of the Board Members were not on the Recreation Board or do not know the history of the Tactical Paintball and Airsoft Association of Southern Alberta and the lease agreement they have with the Town.

Alternative(s):

1. The Recreation Board could request more information.

Attachment(s):

APPROVALS:

Originated By:
Marty Planger

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or Designate: