

6/2023

MINUTES OF THE ARTS & HERITAGE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON
OCTOBER 17, 2023, AT 5:30 PM.

PRESENT:

Tasha Tams
Mandy Simmons
Councillor Joanne Sorensen
Councillor Carly Firth
Councillor Tamara Miyanaga (6:04 PM)

ABSENT: Susie Thiessen

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Martin – Recreation Manager
Marty Planger – Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

T. Tams called the Regular Meeting of the Arts & Heritage Committee to order at 5:32 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RES. 22/2023 MOVED by M. Simmons that the Arts & Heritage adopt the agenda, with the amendment of moving Delegation to ITEM No 4.0.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A) Regular meeting – June 20, 2023

RES. 23/2023 MOVED by Councillor C. Firth that the Arts & Heritage Committee adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Arts & Heritage Committee held on September 19, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

A) Taber Irrigation Impact Museum

Brenda Pyne and Dawn Kondas were in attendance to update the Committee Members on the Taber Irrigation Impact Museum's programs and operations. They reported the museum gets 8-100 visitors each month, which includes school visits and many out of town traffic. The ladies also brought some items with them to share with the Committee.

The displays get changed three times per year. Currently the space only allows them to display 20% of their collection and would very much like to be consider once the Chamber of Commerce space opens up. Ms. Pyne reported that there was a letter sent to this Committee two years ago requesting permission to expand once the Chamber moves to their new building. At the time, the Town Council didn't want to make a decision, because the new Chamber of Commerce building was seeing some delays and still have not yet broke ground to date. The museum has been looking at other spaces in town, however without knowing what the town's plans are for the current space, they are in limbo. They are grateful to the town for the Community Centre space and appreciate that their monthly expenses are affordable.

It was reported that STAR on 54 hopes to partner with the museum and have a rotating display once they open their doors. The Committee thanked the delegation for all they do and their presentation.

RES. 24/2023 MOVED by Councillor T. Miyanaga that the Arts & Heritage Committee requests the Town of Taber Council to review and consider ongoing and current space for the Taber Irrigation Impact Museum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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.

There was a discussion surrounding the "Door to the World" event, previously held by the Taber Community Adult Learning Association (TCALA), which celebrated different cultures in Taber with a highlight on food. The organization discontinued the event due to lack of funding and some members of the Committee thought it was a highly valuable event and possibly the Town could consider partnering with TCALA to bring the event back. It was reported that the use of the Food Bank in town is high, indicating and stressing the importance of having "FREE" public events. Administration offered to speak with Amy to revisit hosting a "cultural food event".

RES. 25/2023 MOVED by Councillor J. Sorensen that the Arts & Heritage Committee recommends Administration investigate the possibility of holding a cultural food event and report back to a future meeting with information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEDIA INQUIRIES - None

CLOSED SESSION - None

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 26/2023 MOVED by Councillor C. Firth that the Regular Meeting of the Taber Arts and Heritage Committee is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:39 PM



CHAIRMAN