

06/2023

MINUTES OF THE TABER RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON November 2, 2023
AT 5:30 PM.

PRESENT:

Darcy Firth
Cody Fletcher
Mayor Andrew Prokop (for Councillor Jack Brewin)
Councillor Joanne Sorensen

ABSENT:

Taylor Gouw (Excused)
Councillor Brian Hildebrand
Brett McCoy (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Martin, Recreation Manager
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 5:47 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RES. 21/2023 MOVED by Mayor A. Prokop that the Recreation Board adopt the agenda, with the amendment of moving Delegation to ITEM No 5.0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A) Regular meeting – September 7

RES. 22/2023 MOVED by C. Fletcher that the Recreation Board adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on September 7, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None

DELEGATIONS

A) Trail 77

Steve Van Geest was present on behalf of Trail 77 to update the Board on their projects and events. The Club had a great year, having built or renovated many trails, with a focus on beginner trails. The work has all been part of their approved Master Plan. The Taber Christian School was awarded a \$5000 education grant to learn about erosion and had the opportunity to work on a few areas where needed. Two annual events occurred; Taber Tough and Old Man Mayhem and both were a success, with most participants being from out of town. They also held an event with combined running and biking, and it too was a great event.

Mr. Van Geest reported that the club continues to get great feedback for the well maintained facilities. They are excited for the addition of the pump track, which has seen a few delays, but construction is getting back on track. Other projects being worked on is new directional signage and kiosk signage yet to come.

The club is grateful for all its volunteers and members. Programs like the group rides/runs and the Gnarly Nibblits continue to have a terrific response. They have considered hiring someone to offer programs and clinics however they want the right people and are heavily focused on the facilities at this time.

Mr. Van Geest stated the Club is grateful for their partnership with the Town of Taber and the MD of Taber and asked if they can give their feedback on the Trout Pond Master Plan. He was told they could attend the November Coffee with Council and/or fill out their questionnaires, as their feedback would be welcome and appreciated.

The Members thanked the Trail 77 for all the great work they are doing for the trails as well as the town, and for the presentation.

RES. 23/2023 MOVED by Mayor A. Prokop that the Recreation Board accepts the presentation given by the Trail 77, for information as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

A) Community Grant Program Applications

The Community Grant Program Applications were submitted by the October 15th deadline and Members reviewed each of the requests after reviewing the Community Grant Procedure guidelines.

Discussion around the ACE Place request to have a monthly swim rental waived was discussed. It was recognized that the school does not have facilities of its own to hold the physical education curriculum requirements, however this request is not eligible because of the Community Grant Procedure Item **2.4 Community Grants will not be considered for the following: 2.4.2 School activities which are already supported through school tax levy;**

At this time, Mayor Prokop did make the Board aware of his position on the Titans Charity Board and membership to the Fading Sons Association and recused himself in the discussion of those two applications.

The Members also recognized that the International Rugby Trip application was a cash request, **2.4 Community Grants will not be considered for the following: 2.4.9 Request for cash donations** makes the application ineligible.

The Board recognized that all the eligible applications added up to more than its \$25 000.00 budget and they would need to cut requests.

RES. 24/2023 MOVED by Councillor J. Sorensen that the Recreation Board approves the following Community Grant applications for the following 2024 waivers totaling \$24,998.21:

Name Of Applicant	Value of waiver (incl gst)
ACE Place Learning Centre - Monthly swim rental	\$0.00
Taber Titans	\$5,228.87
Community Keep Fit	\$2,847.00
Taber Fading Sons	\$4,212.96
TFSC - Demonstration Days	\$282.63
Cowboy Poetry & Western Music ***	\$1,000.00
Taber Competitive Gymnastics Parent Association	\$1,723.50
Family Connections - Resiliency Campaign	\$292.00
WR Myers - Grad	\$2,950.00
Eagle Spirit Nest Community Association - NIPD	\$694.00
St. Mary's School - Grad	\$2,127.00
Terry Fox Run	\$146.00
ACA - Pheasant Festival	\$1,686.50
Taber Public Library	\$1,078.00
St. Patrick's School - Christmas Concert	\$729.75
International Rugby Trip	\$0.00
	\$24,998.21

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B) 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.

The Members reviewed all items in this agenda item, line by line.

The second follow-up baseball user meeting was scheduled to take place on October 30, however only one representative showed up and they were from TMB. Chairperson Firth expressed disappointment for the lack of attendance, and thanked Administration for their efforts. Administration did report that they are working on a possible solution for the accessibility concern at Ken MacDonald Memorial Sports Complex, which is one of the higher priority enhancement requests of the user group.

November 23 and 24 at Coffee with Council will be an opportunity for the public to give feedback on the proposed Taber Trout Pond Master Plan. There is also a questionnaire hitting all the residents in town as well. The Town is looking forward to hearing the feedback.

The Park at the Parallel Church is coming along and was discussed briefly. It was also reported that the Farmers' Markets might be hosted on site next season to draw the visitors to the downtown area.

RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Members were pleased to be able to honor individuals/teams for their accomplishments, as it has been awhile. Administration reminded the Board to let them know if they know of any other eligible individuals/teams who medal at Provincials, National, International, or at their highest level (as is the case for school sports).

RES.25/2023 MOVED by C. Fletcher that the Recreation Board recommend the following teams/individuals receive Recognition Awards:

1. Gold– WR Myer's Rebels – 2023 SAHSBL Baseball Tier III Provincial Championships
2. Gold– WR Myer's Rebels – 2023 Tier II Girls High School Rugby Provincial Championships
3. Gold– Grace Holowiski – 2023 ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships – Specialty Breaking

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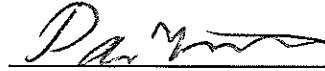
MEDIA INQUIRIES - None

CLOSED SESSION - None

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES.26/2023 MOVED by Councillor J. Sorensen that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:54 PM



CHAIRMAN