

7/2023

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

PRESENT:

Tasha Tams
Mandy Simmons
Councillor Joanne Sorensen
Councillor Carly Firth
Reeve Tamara Miyanaga
Susie Thiessen

ABSENT:

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 5:30 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RES. 27/2023 MOVED by Reeve T. Miyanaga that the Arts & Heritage adopt the agenda, with the addition of ITEM No.5.4 Discussion of Christmas Events.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A) Regular meeting – October 17, 2023

RES. 28/2023 MOVED by Councillor C. Firth that the Arts & Heritage Committee adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Arts & Heritage Committee held on October 23, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION - None

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

ACTION ITEMS

A) Proposed Bylaw 16-2019 Arts and Heritage Committee Bylaw

At the October 17, 2023 the Committee discussed the need for monthly meetings and asked for the Bylaw 16-2019 Arts and Heritage Committee Bylaw to be brought back to discuss lessening the annual meetings. This was discussed and the Members agreed meeting quarterly on the months of March, June, September and November would better serve the Committee. They also recognized that the Committee always has the ability to call a special meeting if time dictates.

The Committee also acknowledged that Section 5.9 can be removed since it names and describes the role of the Arts, Culture and Event Coordinator, which is no longer a position within the Town of Taber.

Section 8.3 was discussed and it was said that the Regular Meeting held in June should be tagged for discussing the proposed upcoming events, to allow Administration to consider event funding while working through the Operations Budget in September.

RES. 29/2023 MOVED by Councillor J. Sorensen that the Arts and Heritage Committee recommends to Council to adopt the proposed Bylaw 16-2019 Arts & Heritage Committee Bylaw to include Regular Meeting being held the months of March, June, September, and November, each year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) Arts & Heritage Committee Information Item

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

The Committee discussed a few items further. They mentioned it would be nice if the Christmas Market could be promoted as part of the Farmers' Market Series in the future. This would make the optics better being as it is so much cheaper for vendor registration as some others.

The Urban Garden status update was given. Irrigation is in and it looks great!. Because of the powerlines, cost for custom design/build the Tank 77 replica is not possible at this time with the project budget. Administration will continue to think of this while researching grants. The Members also asked if the very least, could there be a historical write up on the approximate area where the tank stood. B. Martin agreed to ask the Project

Manager, Chris Eagan. It was reported that the garbage/recycling receptacles will be wrapped with photos of the Tank 77.

RES. 30/2023 MOVED by Councillor C. Firth that the Arts & Heritage Committee recommends administration investigate a historical component at the new Urban Park located at the western portion of Block 1, Plan 921 0689 civically know as 5120 47 Avenue which is to become a park upon subdivision, to honor the origins of Tank 77.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee also discussed the possibility of another Wonders of Wizardry event. It was reported that there may be discussions with a businessman in town possibly hosting the event. The Members thought the event was valuable if it stayed as a "Family" event and keep it low scale, as it would not need to be as costly as the original was. Banquet would not be suggested for future events. Some Committee Members offered to sit on an event committee or help out if it was to be planned again. It was also suggested that it would align well with the Taber Chamber of Commerce and a couple Members agreed to bring up the possibility of partnering on hosting this event, at their next meeting.

C) 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.

An upcoming Tango Fundraiser was mentioned at this time to promote the event.

A member brought forward that the Owner/Operator of Spider Entertainment asked how the Town could support the annual Corn Stalk event. Administration and members discussed because this is a business for profit, the town has to be careful what the support looks like. It was suggested that the Committee invite the gentlemen to a future meeting to hear his requests.

No motions were made at this time.

D) Discussion of Christmas Events

It was reported that there seems to be a lot of overlap with the Christmas Charity Programs. It was advised to make sure you are donating to the Charity you intend to and maybe do some research. The hopes is to get

the organizations together early next year and encourage the groups to work together to do the most good.

Some Season Events mentioned:

Kiwanis Christmas Festival – Dec 13

Taber Food Bank's Stuff the Bus – Dec 5

Santa's Gone Loonie – Dec 7

Hamper Deliver Dec 18/19

Community Supper at the Evangelical Free Church - Dec 16th

No motions were made at this time.

MEDIA INQUIRIES - None

CLOSED SESSION - None

CLOSE OF MEETING

Administration wished everyone "Happy Holidays" and thanked the Committee Members for sharing all their time and talents this year.

RES. 31/2023 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