



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF TABER,
TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON TUESDAY,
MARCH 19, 2024 AT 5:30 PM.

MOTION

1. CALL TO ORDER

ITEM No.1.1 Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

ITEM No.3.1 Arts and Heritage Committee Minutes X

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5. ACTION ITEMS

ITEM No.5.1 Arts & Heritage Committee Information Item

ITEM No.5.2 Arts & Heritage Committee Standing Item X

6. DELEGATION

ITEM No.6.1 Delegation: Taber Public Library X

7. MEDIA INQUIRIES

8. CLOSED SESSION

9. OPEN SESSION

10. CLOSE OF MEETING X



Arts and Heritage Committee Request for Decision

Meeting Date: March 19, 2024

Subject:

Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

Recommendation:

No recommendation required.

Background:

Brian Martin, Recreation Manager, to Call the Meeting to Order.

Brian Martin, Recreation Manger, to Call for Nominations from the floor for Chair.

Brian Martin, Recreation Manager, to Call for Nominations from the floor for Vice Chair.

The new Chair will now Chair the meeting.

Legislation / Authority:

Arts and Heritage Committee Bylaw

Strategic Plan Alignment:

No direct alignment.

Financial Implication:

No financial implications.

Service Level / Staff Resource Implication:

Does not apply.

Justification:

Election required as per Bylaw at the first regular meeting of the year.



Alternative(s):

The Arts and Heritage Committee could defer this to another meeting.

Attachment(s):

APPROVALS:

Originated By:
Marty Planger

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or Designate: 

Arts and Heritage Committee Request for Decision

Meeting Date: March 19, 2024

Subject:
Arts and Heritage Committee Minutes

Recommendation:
That the Arts and Heritage Committee adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Arts and Heritage Committee held on January 16, 2024 as presented.

Background:
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Arts and Heritage Committee held on January 16, 2024.

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 Arts and Heritage Committee adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Arts and Heritage Committee held on January 16, 2024 as amended.

Attachment(s): Minutes

APPROVALS:

Originated By:
Marty Planger

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or Designate: _____

01/2024

MINUTES OF THE ARTS & HERITAGE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON
January 16, 2024, AT 5:30 PM.

PRESENT:

Tasha Tams
Mandy Simmons
Councillor Carly Firth
Councillor Merrill Harris

ABSENT: Councillor Joanne Sorensen (Excused)
Susie Thiessen

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Martin – Recreation Manager
Derrin Thibault - CAO
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. 01/2024 MOVED by Councillor C. Firth that the Arts & Heritage adopt the agenda, with the following amendment; MOVE 6.1 to occur prior to 4.0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A) Regular meeting – November 21, 2023

RES. 02/2024 MOVED by M. Simmons that the Arts & Heritage Committee adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Arts & Heritage Committee held on November 21, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

A) Taber Cotton Pickers Quilt Club

Val Leahy, President of the Taber Cotton Pickers Quilt Club, was on hand to present to the Committee. She shared the history, how the society came about, plans to change the name, programming, and membership information. She brought many examples of some of the quilt work and also explained the club does a charitable project annually.

The groups' mandate places a heavy emphasis on education within the club and giving the opportunity for the members to learn new skills monthly, usually from other members. Occasionally, at an additional cost, the club will host a clinic/course.

The club fees are just enough to pay for the rent and utilities for their room, which is only big enough to hold up to 25 members which limits their membership. They average 22 members/year, and would like to see some younger members to keep the traditions going. It was stressed that you do not need to be a member to take part in the clinic/courses and you are welcome to come to their monthly programs, if there is room, for a prorated fee.

When asked by Committee Members how the Town could support them, it was mentioned that maybe with grant writing, advertising, fundraiser/course events (if held at a town facility) a Community Grant may be possible for a partial/full rental waiver. If there was anything the town could do, the club was encouraged to reach out to M. Planger at the Recreation Offices.

The Committee thanked Ms. Leahy for her presentation and wished the Taber Cotton Pickers Quilt Club well for the future.

RES. 03/2024 MOVED by M. Simmons that the Arts & Heritage Committee accepts the Taber Cotton Pickers Quilt Club presentation, for information.

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.

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 2024 Farmers' Market was discussed further. The weekly events will run Thursdays, June 13-September 12, and it was reported that it's being planned to take place weekly downtown, instead of the park, with different activities/music to draw attendance.

No motions were 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.

An update was given in response to:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Administration reported that a bigger space is desired by the museum, however as of now, a suitable location has not yet been found. It was confirmed that the current Chamber of Commerce space is a perfect/desired location for recreation, however the town will not leave the museum without a home.

There was also an update on STAR on 54. It was reported that the society was granted almost \$600,000.00, the Gym will be open as soon as the inspections are completed and then Phase 2 will begin. It was also noted that there was a Utility Bill error discovered by the Town and it is being corrected.

It was reported that the Arts & Heritage Committee Bylaws are going to the next Council Meeting and therefore the Members agreed to meet again March, which will align with their request to move the meetings quarterly. M. Planger agreed to move the Library Delegation to the March meeting.

No motions were made at this time.

MEDIA INQUIRIES - None

CLOSED SESSION - None

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 04/2024 MOVED by Councillor M. Harris that the Regular Meeting of the Taber Arts and Heritage Committee is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:23 PM

CHAIRMAN

Draft

Arts and Heritage Committee Request for Decision

Meeting Date: March 19, 2024

Subject:

Arts & Heritage Committee Information Item

Recommendation:

No motion is required.

Background:

What has been happening in the art, culture, event world:

1. The Recreation Department has had two Canada Day planning meetings
2. "Urban Garden" is complete and is waiting to be named
3. Facilitating the May 10-12 Powwow event
4. The Arts & Heritage Committee Bylaw Review Update
5. 2024 Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled to take place in Confederation Park on March 30th and is being hosted by the Taber FCSS Youth Do Crew

Legislation / Authority:

N/A

Strategic Plan Alignment:

General information, therefore, it does not specifically apply.

Financial Implication:

Staff resources to be utilized for all items listed above.

Service Level / Staff Resource Implication:

Staff resources to be utilized for all items listed above.

Justification:

To keep the Arts & Heritage Committee informed of the current municipal information correspondences.



Alternative(s):

1. The Arts & Heritage Committee could seek clarification on any matters from administration.
2. The Arts & Heritage Committee could discuss, in depth, any matters raised by this communication and take action through resolution.

Attachment(s):

APPROVALS:

Originated By:
Marty Planger

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or Designate: _____

Arts and Heritage Committee Request for Decision

Meeting Date: March 19, 2024

Subject:

Arts & Heritage Committee Standing Item

Recommendation:

That the Art & Heritage Committee uses this standing agenda item opportunity to address administration about their concerns, ask questions or ask for further information on a topic of interest.

Background:

To assist in this information sharing and ensure agreement on the relative importance of activities, and to facilitate a common understanding, administration established a standing item on the Arts & Heritage Committee agenda that would allow the members to raise issues of individual concern.

This allows discussions amongst the Arts & Heritage Committee members and with administration on how best to deal with these concerns. It is an opportunity for the Art & Heritage Committee to provide suggestions or direction to administration as to how best proceed. The intention of this RFD is for items to be brought forward from the floor at the meeting.

Legislation / Authority:

Bylaw 16-2019

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Improve Internal & External Communications

Financial Implication:

The financial implication will vary depending on the discussion outcomes but should consider the alignment of Town facility and service provision with the approved budget.

Service Level / Staff Resource Implication:

Having a regular Arts & Heritage Committee discussion about service levels will improve the ability of administration to meet the expectations of the Arts & Heritage Committee rather than dealing with the request of individuals on an ad hoc basis.

Justification:

This will bring administration efficiencies and the better alignment of service and expenditures with the budget. It will also help with communication protocols.



Alternative(s):

Alternatives will vary based on the discussion.

Attachment(s):

APPROVALS:

Originated By:
Marty Planger

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or Designate:





Arts and Heritage Committee Request for Decision

Meeting Date: March 19, 2024

Subject:

Delegation: Taber Public Library

Recommendation:

The Arts and Heritage Committee accepts the information presented by the Taber Public Library, for information.

Background:

Part of the Arts and Heritage Committee mandate is to “act as a liaison between Council and all community organizations” therefore Administration has been inviting a few groups to attend the Committee meetings as delegations. The Taber Public Library plays a significant role within the Taber Community with its youth/adult programming throughout the year. Administration is excited to hear from Dawn Kondas at the meeting, to speak to the projects being worked on, and what they have planned for 2024.

Legislation / Authority:

Arts & Heritage Committee Bylaws

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Define & Practice Good Governance

Financial Implication:

N/A

Service Level / Staff Resource Implication:

N/A

Justification:

The Committee is always welcoming groups and is willing to help anyway it can with projects and events.

Alternative(s):

1. The Arts & Heritage Committee could request more information to be brought back.



Attachment(s):

APPROVALS:

Originated By:
Marty Planger

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