



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TABER, TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024 AT 5:30 PM.

	<u>MOTION</u>
1. CALL TO ORDER	X
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: Taber Baseball Association	X
7. MEDIA INQUIRIES	
8. CLOSED SESSION - None	
9. OPEN SESSION	
10. CLOSE OF MEETING	X



Recreation Board Request for Decision

Meeting Date: April 4, 2024

Subject:
Recreation Board Minutes

Recommendation:

That the Recreation Board adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on March 7, 2024, as presented.

Background:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on March 7, 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 Recreation Board adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on March 7, 2024 as amended.

Attachment(s): Minutes

APPROVALS:

Originated By:
Marty Planger

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or Designate:



01/2024

MINUTES OF THE TABER RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON March 7, 2024 AT
5:30 PM.

PRESENT:

Darcy Firth
Cody Fletcher
Councillor Joanne Sorensen
Councillor Brian Hildebrand
Brett McCoy
Councillor Jack Brewin (Arrived @ 5:44 PM)

ABSENT:

Taylor Gouw (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Martin, Recreation Manager
Derrin Thibault, CAO
Marty Planger, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

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

NOMINATIONS

B. Martin called for nominations from the floor for the position of Chair of the Taber Recreation Board.

Brett McCoy nominated Darcy Firth for the position of Chair of the Taber Recreation Board.

B. Martin called for further nominations, a second, and a third and final time.

Being as there were no further nominations, Darcy Firth was declared elected Chair of the Taber Recreation Board.

Nominations for Vice Chair

B. Martin called for nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chair of the Taber Recreation Board.

Darcy Firth nominated Brett McCoy for the position of Vice Chair of the Taber Recreation Board.

B. Martin called for further nominations, a second, and a third and final time.

Being as there were no further nominations, Brett McCoy was declared elected Vice Chair of the Taber Recreation Board.

B. Martin turned the meeting over to Chairperson Darcy Firth @ 5:33 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RES. 01/2024 MOVED by Councillor J. Sorensen that the Recreation Board adopt the agenda, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A) Regular meeting – December 7, 2023

RES. 02/2024 MOVED by Councillor B. Hildebrand that the Recreation Board adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on December 7, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None

ACTION ITEMS

BYLAW 2-2009 RECREATION BOARD BYLAW

Councillor Jack Brewin arrived @ 5:44 PM

Administration has brought the Recreation Bylaw to the Board for review as it has been years since its previous revisions.

The Members discussed the wording regarding the MD of Taber representatives on the Board having to be “from divisions 1-4 (South of the Oldman River)” is restrictive and may no longer be necessary.

I was also discussed that it may be advantageous to have the MD of Taber and the Town of Taber Councils appoint alternates to the Board to assist in making quorum.

The frequency of meetings was also discussed. While some members thought quarterly may be often enough to meet, others thought it was too long between meetings when users come forward with requests, concerns, or suggestions. It was also thought that maybe leaving it at 9 meeting/year with more flexible language for less, if the Chairperson and one other Member agrees to cancel a meeting would be better for productivity of the Board.

RES. 03/2024 MOVED by B. McCoy that the Recreation Board recommends Council accepts the proposed changes to the Bylaw 2-2009 Recreation Board Bylaw, as follows:

- **DELETE**
3.0 COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

The Recreation Board shall consist of the following seven (7) voting members appointed by the Council of the Town of Taber:

Two (2) Town of Taber Councillors

Four (4) residents of the Town of Taber; or three (3) residents of the Town of Taber and one (1) resident of the MD of Taber ~~from divisions 1-4 (South of the Oldman River),~~

One (1) M.D. of Taber Councillor ~~from divisions 1-4 (south of Oldman River)~~

- **ADD**
3.01 An alternate member of Council (from both the Town of Taber and the Municipal District of Taber) may be appointed.

- **ADD**
5.7 The Board ~~shall~~ should hold ~~no less than~~ nine (9) regular meetings each year, with the Chairperson's (along with one (1) other member) discretion to cancel or alter meeting dates and it may hold special meetings at the call of the Chairperson, or any three (3) members upon 24 hours notice.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 arena grant was declined and Administration reported that smaller projects are being planned and the town is looking at some different grants. There is a brine leak which will need to be addressed in the off season.

Some additional notes were made;

13. Department and Engineers are looking at resurfacing the skatepark's surface (formally the brick filled area). Users were picking out the brick and putting them in the "Red Bucket" at the spraypark. Brick has been removed, just looking for an affordable solution. It was suggested that the Red Bucket have a mesh installed for safety.
14. Tennis court is finally in the cue to be resurfaced after 2 years in Capital budget, which was due to contractor delays.

RES. 04/2024 MOVED by Councillor J. Brewin that the Recreation Board recommends to Council that the new urban park to be named "Tank 77".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Martin also updated the Board on the next steps for the Trout Pond, since the Master Plan has been approved. The Landscape Plan is next and hopefully the park will have many new trees this spring. The Members of the Board discussed the functionality of the Taber Trout Pond Committee and questioned why the Recreation Board is not part of the collaborations/decisions. They did acknowledge and appreciate that they did get updates from Administration throughout the process, however believed they should be more involved as the Taber Trout Pond is a recreation facility which falls under the Recreation Board's advisory mandate.

RES. 05/2024 MOVED by C. Fletcher that the Recreation Board recommends to Council to consider having the Taber Trout Pond Committee come under the oversight of the Taber Recreation Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

A) Taber Adventure Club

Wendy Einwechter, from the Taber Adventure Club, was at the meeting to update the Board on how the Club is doing and its future plans. They currently have 23 members who are 5-18 years of age. The Club is looking to do some fundraising and would like some help advertising as well is hoping to get some more volunteer opportunities.

The Members thanked W. Einwechter for her presentation and wished the club luck.

RES. 06/2024 MOVED by B. McCoy that the Recreation Board accepts the presentation given by the Taber Adventure Club, for information purpose.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECOGNITION AWARDS - None

The Members were once again reminded to let Administration 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).

MEDIA INQUIRIES - None

CLOSED SESSION - None

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES.07/2024 MOVED by Councillor J. Brewin that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:53 PM

CHAIRMAN



Recreation Board Request for Decision

Meeting Date: April 4, 2024

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. Aquafun Centre has been recruiting for multiple lifeguard position
2. Recreation recruiting its summer staff
3. Held Sportfield users meeting March 4th to discuss the upcoming season
4. Sportsfield schedules are complete which starts April 15th and started taking private bookings
5. Small ice turned off March 18th, Large ice turned off March 24
6. Held Lacrosse user meeting on March 5
7. Working on the Lacrosse season schedule which starts April 2
8. Recreation Department facilitated and assisted with 2 large hockey tournaments, Titans' Food Bank Game, 2 volleyball tourneys, 8 larger events in March
9. Spring Swim Lessons registration took place March 13th
10. \$3000.00 ACA Grant was approved for the 2024 Kids Can Catch event on June 15th and we are very grateful.
11. Taber Council would like to thank all of its Board volunteers for sharing your time and talents and have given \$100 / community Member, to be donated to a Group/Charity of one's choice or to purchase an item (clothing, etc). Thank you for all you do for Taber!

Attachment(s):

APPROVALS:



TOWN OF
TABER

Town of Taber
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Originated By:
Marty Planger

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or Designate:



Recreation Board Request for Decision

Meeting Date: April 4, 2024

Subject:

Delegation: Taber Baseball Association

Recommendation:

The Recreation Board accepts the information presented by the Taber Minor Baseball, for information.

Background:

Taber Minor Baseball has sent a letter requesting to be at this meeting (letter attached). The Club recognizes the expanding responsibilities on the Recreation Department over the years, and would like to discuss a few ways the Club could help out with the diamond maintenance, improving the batters cage, etc.

Legislation / Authority:

Recreation Board Bylaws

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Define & Practice Good Governance

Financial Implication:

N/A

Service Level / Staff Resource Implication:

N/A

Justification:

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

Alternative(s):


1. The Recreation Board could request more information to be brought back.

Attachment(s): TMB Letter to Recreation Board



APPROVALS:

Originated By:
Marty Planger

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or Designate: 

Taber Recreation Board

Hello Taber Minor Baseball is requesting to come to a recreation board meeting to discuss this years diamond usage and maintenance. The diamonds have been in rough shape the last few years and we at TMB would like to know where we can help and what the town can do to help get the diamonds into better shape and continued care.

Our asks are as follows.

1. We would like to get the netting on the batting cage fixed and hung properly.
2. We would like the shale in the batting cage leveled off and a batting mat placed at the west end to help with batters making ruts.
3. Look at an option for a pully system to lift the netting on the east end so that it is easier to get pitching machines in and out of the batting cage.

Diamond maintenance:

We know that this is time consuming and the town has many other parks and fields it needs to maintain. We would like to open up some dialog on how we can help with this.

Examples are we can help do some raking and dragging if tools are left where we can get to them. We can help clean out garbage cans in the dug outs and put in the big dumpster if we had access to more garbage bags to put back in the bin.

We are open to any other discussion with the Recreation Board and town staff on any other topics that come up as further discussion goes forward.

Thank you for your time.

The board of TMB (Taber Minor Baseball)