



AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TABER, TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024 AT 3:30 PM.

MOTION

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

X

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. BYLAWS

7. ACTION ITEMS

ITEM No.7.1 Taber Unity Pow-wow by Eagle Spirit

X

8. DELEGATIONS

9. MEDIA INQUIRIES

10. CLOSED SESSION

X

ITEM No.10.1 2024 Proposed Municipal Mill Rates
Closed Session to prevent disclosure of proposed plans, policies or projects of the public body which could reasonably be expected to result in disclosure of a pending policy or budgetary decision, in accordance with Section 24(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

ITEM No.10.2 2024 Amended Operating Budget
Closed Session to prevent disclosure of proposed plans, policies or projects of the public body which could reasonably be expected to result in disclosure of a pending policy or budgetary decision, in accordance with Section 24(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.



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11. OPEN SESSION

X

12. CLOSE OF MEETING

X

Council Request for Decision

Meeting Date: April 29, 2024

Subject:

Taber Unity Pow-wow by Eagle Spirit

Recommendation:

1. That Council directs administration to create and sign a letter of support and financial commitment to the Ministry of Immigration and Multiculturalism to amend the payee of the grant disbursement of \$45,000 from Eagle Spirit Nest Community Association to the Town of Taber.
2. That Council directs administration to advance Eagle Spirit Nest Community Association \$45,000 to be reimbursed by the Ministry of Immigration and Multiculturalism grant.

Background:

Eagle Spirit Nest Community Association has organized the "Unity Pow-wow," in Taber and is wholly committed to the successful execution of this culturally significant event.

Eagle Spirit Nest Community Association applied for the Ministry of Immigration and Multiculturalism grant in the amount of \$45,000 which was approved and will be disbursed at the end of June, but the event is scheduled to take place in May. The association had planned to use this grant money to offset some of their expenses prior to the event. But due to unforeseen circumstances regarding the timing of the grant disbursement, the association found themselves in a situation where immediate financial assistance is necessary to alleviate potential hardship. Considering this, and recognizing the Town of Taber's unwavering support, administration is requesting Council to bridge the financing of the grant portion of the funds.

Transferring the grant disbursement from Eagle Spirit Nest Community Association (payee) to the Town of Taber is a viable solution to address their immediate financial needs while ensuring the continuation of the project. In addition, this will guarantee that the Town of Taber is reimbursed. Administration is hoping that there is a window of opportunity to amend the agreement before it is executed.

The Eagle Spirit Nest Community Association will retain full operational control and responsibility for the planning, organization, and execution of the event.

Administration is requesting Council to advance Eagle Spirit Nest Community Association \$45,000 to be reimbursed by the Ministry of Immigration and Multiculturalism grant.



The sample letters to be sent to the Ministry of Immigration and Multiculturalism from the Administration and Eagle Spirit Nest Community Association are attached.

Legislation / Authority:

MGA section 3

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Develop Community & Promote Growth

Financial Implication:

\$45,000 – if not refunded

Service Level / Staff Resource Implication:

No change in service levels

Justification:

To bridge the financing of the Ministry of Immigration and Multiculturalism grant due to unforeseen circumstances regarding the timing of the grant disbursement.

Alternative(s):

1. That council does not approve disbursement of \$45,000 to Eagle Spirit Nest Community Association
2. That council requests additional information.

Attachment(s): Eagle Sprit Nest Community Association Letter
Administration Letter of Support and Financial Commitment

APPROVALS:

Originated By: John Orwa

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or Designate: _____



Box 4854, Taber AB, T1G 2E1

Ministry of Immigration and Multiculturalism
Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Branch
420 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Re: Request to Transfer Grant Disbursement Payee to the Town of Taber

I am writing on behalf of the Eagle Spirit Nest Community Association to formally request a transfer of the grant disbursement payee for our project, the "Taber Unity Pow-wow: Celebrating Indigenous Culture and Cross-Cultural Connections," to the Town of Taber.

As the organizing entity behind the "Taber Unity Pow-wow," our association remains wholly committed to the successful execution of this culturally significant event. However, due to unforeseen circumstances regarding the timing of the grant disbursement, we find ourselves in a situation where immediate financial assistance is necessary to alleviate potential hardship.

In light of this, and recognizing the Town of Taber's unwavering support and willingness to bridge the financing of the grant portion of the funds, we believe that transferring the grant disbursement payee to the Town of Taber is a viable solution to address our immediate financial needs while ensuring the continuation of the project. We are hoping that there is a window of opportunity in advance of a construction agreement being executed that this will be an administrative amendment. While the "Taber Unity Pow-wow" project is not in jeopardy - the proposed financing arrangement with the Town of Taber provides peace of mind and ensures the smooth execution of the event.

We assure you that despite this proposed change in the grant disbursement payee, the Eagle Spirit Nest Community Association will retain full operational control and responsibility for the planning, organization, and execution of the event. The Town of Taber's involvement as a payee is solely intended to provide timely financial assistance and support to facilitate the successful realization of the project.

We kindly request your understanding and cooperation in processing this transfer of payee request at your earliest convenience. Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your attention to this request. We appreciate your continued support of our organization and the "Taber Unity Pow-wow" project.

Sincerely,



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Re: Letter of Support and Financial Commitment for the "Taber Unity Pow-wow" by Eagle Spirit Nest Community Association

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Taber to express our unwavering support for the "Taber Unity Pow-wow: Celebrating Indigenous Culture and Cross-Cultural Connections," organized by the Eagle Spirit Nest Community Association. We recognize the significant cultural and community-building impact of this event and are fully committed to its success.

As a supportive partner to this project, the Town of Taber was pleased to offer our endorsement in the grant application. Upon learning that the Eagle Spirit Nest Community Association was successful in their application but that grant funds may not be disbursed until a month after the event (June 30th), causing potential financial hardship - the Town has agreed to bridge the financing of the grant portion of the funds.

We understand the importance of timely financial support in executing such vital community initiatives and are proud to stand alongside the Eagle Spirit Nest Community Association in making the "Taber Unity Pow-wow" a resounding success. As no grant contribution agreement has been executed - we are hoping to use this as a window of opportunity to amend the payee of the grant disbursement to include the Town of Taber. This initiative remains wholly operated by Eagle Spirit Nest Community Association but the Town has the ability to mitigate the financial strain of a delayed disbursement.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information or assistance. We are committed to supporting the cultural enrichment and unity of our community and are honored to be a part of this meaningful endeavor.

Sincerely,

Derrin Thibault

CAO / Town of Taber