

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