

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TABER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024, AT 3:33 PM, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SUBDIVISION AUTHORITY MEETING AT 3:30 PM.

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**Mayor**

Andrew Prokop

**Councillors**

Garth Bekkering

Jack Brewin

Carly Firth

Monica McLean

Daniel Remfert

Joanne Sorensen

**Chief Administrative Officer**

Derrin Thibault

**Staff**

Amy Allred

Chris Eagan

Jordan Florchinger

Brittany Gilbertson

Steve Munshaw

Grace Noble

John Orwa

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Prokop called the Meeting to Order at 3:33 PM.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Prokop inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda, and there were none.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – CONT'D**

RES. 238/2024                      MOVED by Councillor McLean that Council adopts the Agenda, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**1) Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council: June 24, 2024**

RES. 239/2024                      MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 24, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

**BYLAWS**

None.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**1) Recognition of Service - Employees Policy C-1: Proposed Renewal**

D. Thibault introduced G. Noble, Human Resources Manager, who presented the proposed renewal of the Recognition of Services – Employees Policy C-1.

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**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

**1) Recognition of Service – Employees Policy C-1: Proposed Renewal – Cont'd**

RES. 240/2024                      MOVED by Councillor Remfert that the Town of Taber approves the Recognition of Service – Employees Policy C-1, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2) Staff Professional Development & Training Policy CS-HR-4: Proposed Renewal**

G. Noble presented the proposed renewal of the Staff Professional Development and Training Policy CS-HR-4.

RES. 241/2024                      MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council approves the Staff Professional Development and Training Policy CS-HR-4, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3) Travel and Subsistence Policy CS-HR-1: Proposed Renewal**

G. Noble presented the proposed renewal of the Travel and Subsistence Policy CS-HR-1.

RES. 242/2024                      MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council approves the Travel and Subsistence Policy CS-HR-1, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4) Report for Standing Item 27/2024: Arena Sound System**

D. Thibault introduced S. Munshaw, Director of Community and Protective Services, who detailed the response to Standing Item 27/2024: Arena Sound System.

Council discussed the financial contribution.

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## ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

### 4) Report for Standing Item 27/2024: Arena Sound System – Cont'd

MOVED by Councillor Remfert that Council directs Administration to initiate the installation of the Aquatics Treatment Option 1, as per attached report, to be funded through grants, capital reserves, at cost not to exceed \$196,000.00, contingent on a grant.

Council discussed the motion, and Councillor Sorensen requested an amendment to the motion, requesting Option 2 rather than Option 1.

MOVED by Councillor Remfert that Council directs Administration to initiate the installation of the Aquatics Treatment Option 2, as per the attached report, to be funded through Capital Reserves at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00, excluding GST, contingent on Administration searching for grants.

Council discussed the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Remfert that Council directs Administration to initiate the installation of the Acoustic Treatments Option 2, as per the attached report, to be funded through Capital Reserves, at a cost not to exceed \$196,000.00, excluding GST, conditioned of a grant of fifty percent.

Councillor Bekkering requested an amendment to the motion, to remove the statement regarding the grants.

Councillor Remfert agreed to the amendment.

## **ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

### **4) Report for Standing Item 27/2024: Arena Sound System – Cont'd**

RES. 243/2024                      MOVED by Councillor Remfert that Council directs Administration to initiate the installation of the Acoustic Treatments Option 2, as per the attached report, to be funded through Capital Reserves, at a cost not to exceed \$196,000.00, excluding GST.

CARRIED

### **5) Response to Standing Request No 208/2024 - 48 St. Parking Extension**

D. Thibault introduced C. Eagan, Director of Planning, Engineering and Operations, who detailed the response to Standing Item 208/2024: 48 Street Parking Extension.

Council discussed the project.

RES. 244/2024                      MOVED by Councillor Remfert that Council requests Administration to do a Needs Assessment on the 48<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Extension Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **6) Information For Council**

D. Thibault introduced the Information for Council item that included the Traffic Committee Minutes and the response to Standing Item 210/2024.

Councillor McLean left the Meeting at 4:26 PM.

### **7) Department Reports**

D. Thibault presented the Department Reports for Council to review.

No motion was made at this time.

**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

**8) Mayor and Councillor Reports (Verbal)**

Mayor and Council provided details of their monthly activity.

No motion was made at this time.

**9) Standing Items - Council Requests**

D. Thibault reviewed the current listing.

RES. 245/2024                      MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council directs Administration to report back on the Procurement Program or Procedure, and report back to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 246/2024                      MOVED by Councillor Brewin that the Town of Taber supplies the Taber Motocross Track with a Town of Taber flag.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS**

None.

**MEDIA INQUIRIES**

None.

**MEDIA INQUIRIES – CONT'D**

RES. 247/2024

MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council moves into Closed Session to prevent the disclosure of:

- Consultations or deliberations involving officers or employees of a public body, in accordance with Advice from Officials; Section 24(1)(b), of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;
- Third party business information, in accordance with Section 16(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; (a)(ii) to prevent the disclosure of commercial, financial, and technical information of a third party, (b) the information was supplied in confidence, and (c) the disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm significantly the negotiating position of the third party; and,
- Criteria developed for the purpose of contractual negotiations on behalf of a public body, and considerations that relate to those negotiations, in accordance with Section 24(1): Advice from Officials.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 4:38 PM

## CLOSED SESSION

**1) Southern Regional Storm water Drainage Committee (SRSDC)- Master Agreement**

**Council takes the meeting into Closed Session to prevent disclosure of consultations or deliberations involving officers or employees of a public body, in accordance with Advice from Officials, Section 24(1)(b), of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.**

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, there were the following members of the public and Administration in attendance for Agenda Item 10.1) Southern Regional Storm Water Drainage Committee (SRSDC) – Master Agreement; D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, J. Orwa, Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, B. Gilbertson, Executive Assistant, and from the Southern Regional Storm Water Drainage Committee, M. Harris, A. Crofts, G. Franz, and J. Dunsmore.

**2) Land Sale Offer TPC (Taber Pet Clinic) 47 Ave: Closed Session to prevent disclosure of third party business information, in accordance with Section 16(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; (a)(ii) to prevent the disclosure of commercial, financial, and technical information of a third party, (b) the information was supplied in confidence, and (c) the disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm significantly the negotiating position of the third party.**

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, there were the following members of Administration in attendance for Agenda Item 10.2) Land Sale Offer: TPC (Taber Pet Clinic) 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue; D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, J. Orwa, Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, A. Allred, Economic Development Manager, and B. Gilbertson, Executive Assistant.



## CLOSED SESSION – CONT'D

- 3) Proposed Lease Agreement: Solar Lagoon Site Closed Session to prevent disclosure of criteria developed for the purpose of contractual negotiations on behalf of a public body, and considerations that relate to those negotiations, in accordance with Section 24(1): Advice from officials.**

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, there were the following members of Administration in attendance for Agenda Item 10.3) Proposed Lease Agreement: Solar Lagoon Site; D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, J. Orwa, Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, and B. Gilbertson, Executive Assistant.

- 4) Proposed Lease Agreement - Skate Shack 24 Closed session to prevent disclosure of information related to criteria developed for the purpose of contractual negotiations by a public body, in accordance with Section 24 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.**

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, there were the following members of Administration in attendance for Agenda Item 10.4) Proposed Lease Agreement: Skate Shack 24; D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, J. Orwa, Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, and B. Gilbertson, Executive Assistant.

- 5) Proposed Road License Agreement - Renewal Closed Session to prevent disclosure of information related to criteria developed for the purpose of contractual or other negotiations, in accordance with Section 24 (c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.**

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, there were the following members of Administration in attendance for Agenda Item 10.5) Proposed Road License Agreement; D. Thibault, Chief Administrative Officer, J. Orwa, Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, and B. Gilbertson, Executive Assistant.

**OPEN SESSION**

RES. 248/2024

MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council moves into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:32 PM

RES. 249/2024

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council endorses the SRSDC (Southern Regional Storm Drainage Committee) Master Agreement, including the estimated financial contributions outlined in the Agreement as presented, and allocates the funds to come from Capital Reserves; and,

Directs the Mayor and the Chief Administrative officer to sign the Agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 250/2024

MOVED by Councillor Sorensen that Council accepts the offer as presented for 5403 47 Avenue, Lots 29-34, including servicing, for \$181,433.75.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 251/2024

MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council authorizes the lease as presented to Pieter Heger & Heidi Heger, for Plan 8611114, Block 1, Containing 1.82 Hectares (4.5 Acres), excepting thereout all mines and minerals (excepting thereout the oil/gas well lease lands), for a term to expire December 31, 2024; and,

Directs the Chief Administrative Officer and the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**OPEN SESSION – CONT'D**

RES. 252/2024

MOVED by Councillor Remfert that Council authorizes the lease agreement of the property located at the Community Centre, specifically a room located immediately south of the large ice arena main entrance, located at 4700 50 Street, to Skate Shack 24; and,

Directs the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the lease agreement document.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 253/2024

MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council authorizes the renewal of the Road License Agreement between the Town of Taber and 1786598 Alberta Ltd., for the existing, freestanding sign located on the land legally described as Plan 9611815, Block 2, Lot 4, with the civic address of 50 Barton Drive, for a term to expire December 31, 2034; and,

Directs the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the renewal documents.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

RES. 254/2024

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby Closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:35 PM

  
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MAYOR

  
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER