

03/2024

MINUTES OF THE ARTS & HERITAGE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON June
18, 2024, AT 5:30 PM.

PRESENT:

Mandy Simmons
Councillor Carly Firth
Councillor Joanne Sorensen
Susie Thiessen
Councillor Merrill Harris

ABSENT: Tasha Tams (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Martin – Recreation Manager
Marty Planger – Recording Secretary
Chris Eagan – Director of Planning and Public Works

CALL TO ORDER

Mandy Simmons called the Regular Meeting of the Arts & Heritage Committee to order at 5:30pm

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RES. 09/2024 MOVED by Councillor M. Harris 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 – March 19, 2024

RES. 10/2024 MOVED by S. Thiessen that the Arts & Heritage Committee adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Arts & Heritage Committee held on March 19, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

A) Parkside Manor

Colene Bennett and Gladys Klics presented to the Committee on the exciting programs, events and social happenings taking place at the Parkside Senior Centre which includes daily cards, biweekly meals, bingos, horse races, and other social events. They also host an annual Seniors' Heritage Dinner where the Senior of the Year is awarded and celebrated.

The building is looked after by the town and currently the group has 156 members which are made up of 50 years of age and older, however to be on the board you must be at least 55 years of age. The Society has one employee who is the caretaker and administrator of the building rentals, with the operating costs partially offset by the rental of the building.

One of the concerns the society is running into is the membership is on the older side and volunteers are getting harder to draw from the group. They would like to host more events, and looking for more ideas. They do visit other community Senior Centres, looking for new ideas. They agreed to reach out to the town if they need help advertising events or to the Committee if they have any future requests.

The Members of the Arts and Heritage Committee thanked the ladies for their presentation and all they do for the community.

RES. 11/2024 MOVED by Councillor C. Firth that the Arts & Heritage Committee accepts the Parkside Manor Society's presentation, for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

ACTION ITEMS

A) Tank 77 Planning Initiative

Chris Eagan, Director of Planning and Public Works was present to explain the history of the Tank 77 Replica Project and the next steps to move forward. The town has hired an engineering company, with the remainder of the Downtown Revitalization Grant, to help lead the inception planning step of the project. Through this step, questions to be answered are what is wanted, what do you want it to do, and where do you want it? This step is not to design or build or is it the time to get into details. The Arts and Heritage Committee Members were excited to accept the task of planning this "Big Picture" and agreed that the planning committee would be made up of this Committee as a whole.

The Committee discussed if a location has been chosen. C. Eagan reported that the original location was at the new park in the Parallel Church parking lot, however it is very restrictive (due to power lines, size, and railroad) and depending on what this Committee decides, it may or may not work at that location. This process will answer the location question in time.

Part of this process may also include a public consultation section portion. The Committee was asked to consider this between now and September when the first meeting will take place. The entire process is projected to take 2-3 meetings.

The engineers are able to meet with this committee in September and everyone agreed to have this meeting the same evening as their regular meeting of this Committee for ease of planning. The September 17th meeting evening will be a longer commitment and Administration will plan for dinner. Everyone agreed to start at 4:30 or 5:00pm.

Administration agreed to share some historical documents for their review. C. Eagan stated that it is beneficial to not have too much information prior to beginning this process so that your ideas are not limited to previous intentions, i.e. location, designs, etc.

No Motions were made at this time.

B) Arts & Heritage Committee Information Item

B. Martin reviewed the items in this agenda line by line with the committee.

No Motions were made at this time.

C) 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.

The Committee received a short impromptu update on the STAR on 54 construction. It was reported that a new Director has not been hired and the Board has been taking on this role. S. Thiessen agreed to see if Dr. Torrie would be willing to attend the September meeting for a formal update.

No motions were made at this time.

MEDIA INQUIRIES - None

CLOSED SESSION - None

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 12/2024 MOVED by Councillor J. Sorensen that the Regular Meeting of the Taber Arts and Heritage Committee is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:30 PM

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Simmons", is written over a horizontal line.

CHAIRMAN