

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, MARCH 28, 2011 AT 5:00 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Ray Bryant
Councillor Randy Sparks
Councillor John Papp
Councillor Rick Popadynetz
Councillor Louie Tams
Councillor Garth Bekkering
Councillor Murray Rochelle

ALSO PRESENT:

Gordon Frank, CLGM, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Dale Culler, Director of Corporate Services
Rob Cressman, Director of Public Services
Jim Coughlin, Director of Planning & Economic Development
Neil Bryan, Planner
Kerry Van Ham, Council & CAO Assist./Recording Secretary
Garrett Simmons, Taber Times

ORDER

Mayor Bryant called the Regular Meeting of Council to Order at 5:00 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

RES.80/11 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS**A) Chinook Arch Regional Library System**

Robin Thiessen Hepher, Assistant Director of Chinook Arch Regional Library System, presented information to orient the function and configuration of the library system throughout the municipality and the region.

RES.81/11 MOVED by Councillor Rochelle that Council receives the presentation from Chinook Arch Regional Library System, for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) Agricultural Interpretative / Visitor Centre Concept

Bill Chomik, Principal Architect with Kasian Architecture Interior Design and Planning Ltd. presented the concept for an Agricultural Interpretive / Visitor Centre.

This concept is Phase 3 of the Taber Tourism Project, which is supported by Canadian Badlands Ltd. and the Rural Alberta Development Fund.

RES.82/11 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council accepts the presentation of the Agricultural Interpretive / Visitor Centre Concept by Kasian Architecture Interior Design and Planning Ltd., for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**A) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council – March 14, 2011**

RES.83/11 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 14, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**A) SAHURI + partners architecture inc.**

The Town of Taber Municipal Facility report, in its entirety, was provided to Council at the March 14, 2011 regular Council Meeting to better understand the need for upgrades, renovation or expansion over the next twenty years for Town facilities.

G. Frank, CLGM, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that Administration recommends that in the fall of 2011, Council should further discuss this report, along with the life cycle costing program to ensure the integrity, safe guarding and protection of the Municipality's assets.

Administration will prepare a facility capital plan, in conjunction with the 2012 operating and capital budget process.

RES.84/11 MOVED by Councillor Papp that Council accepts the Facility Assessment Report and directs Administration to implement a capital facility plan for 2012, which identifies priorities for the next 20 years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS - NONE**ACTION ITEMS****A) Facility Rental Fee Waiver Request – Taber Cares – Japanese Relief Fundraiser**

Rob Cressman, Director of Public Services presented the facility rental fee waiver request from a local group, collectively known as the Taber Cares group.

This group is hosting a fundraising event to raise funds for the benefit of people in Japan who have been impacted by the recent earthquake and tsunami.

RES.85/11 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council approves an auditorium rental fee waiver in an amount not to exceed \$704.00 for the April 9 – 10, 2011 Taber Cares – Japanese Relief Fundraiser event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**B) Water Treatment Plant Upgrades**

R. Cressman, Director of Public Services, was joined by Craig Bonneville and Darren Peel of EPCOR, who presented the preliminary design report.

Council discussed the report at this time.

RES.86/11 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council table the Water Treatment Plant Preliminary Design report and directs Administration to bring the report and additional information specific to the benefits of fluoridation and odour control to the April 11, 2011 Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.87/11 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council recess for 30 minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY at 6:41 PM

C) Subdivision Application TT-09-002 – Request for Extension

J. Coughlin, Director of Planning and Economic Development detailed the request for extension.

RES.88/11 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council grants a time extension for Subdivision Application TT-09-002 (with the identical conditions as the original approval) for a period ending on July 23, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D) SouthGrow Regional Initiative

G. Frank, CLGM, Chief Administrative Officer detailed the SouthGrow Regional Initiative Special General Meeting held March 17, 2011.

This meeting was held to discuss the future of SouthGrow and consideration for sustainability as a result of funding being eliminated from Alberta Finance and Enterprise.

A draft resolution was presented for Council's consideration.

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**D) SouthGrow Regional Initiative – Cont'd**

The SouthGrow Regional Initiative – Community Support Declaration states:

“The Town of Taber by this Resolution in council pledges its support to SouthGrow Regional Initiative for a one year period covering January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

The Town of Taber further agrees to provide membership fees at the rate of \$0.35 per capita per annum to support projects of SouthGrow Regional Initiative.

In September of 2011, SouthGrow Regional Initiative will evaluate the current partnership with member communities and with Alberta Finance and Enterprise, and will recommend an additional two year commitment at a new per capita rate or other recommendation as determined by the evaluation.

The above community further agrees to provide information and data specific to the community that may be required to maintain the accuracy and currency of information products and services that SouthGrow Regional Initiative may undertake to support economic growth in the SouthGrow Region.

The above community further agrees to designate two (2) voting representatives (one elected representative and one community representative). These representatives shall form the membership of SouthGrow as defined in SouthGrow’s Articles of Association.”

The current representatives to SouthGrow are Mayor Ray Bryant and Councillor Murray Rochelle, who will both continue to represent the Municipality.

RES.89/11 MOVED by Councillor Rochelle that Council pass the resolution, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E) Monthly Operating Financial Statements

D. Culler, Director of Corporate Services detailed the year to date unaudited operating financial statements for the two months ending February 28, 2011.

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**E) Monthly Operating Financial Statements – Cont'd**

RES.90/11 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council accepts the unaudited operating financial statements for the two months February 28, 2011 for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F) Department Reports

RES.91/11 MOVED by Councillor Rochelle that Council accepts the Department Head Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G) Mayor and Councillor Reports (Verbal)

Council briefly discussed their various Committee activities during the past month.

RES.92/11 MOVED by Councillor Papp that Council accepts the Mayor and Councillor reports, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEDIA INQUIRIES - NONE**CLOSED SESSION - NONE****OPEN SESSION - NONE****CLOSE OF MEETING**

RES.93/11 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:44 PM

P. Bryant

MAYOR

Condon, J.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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