

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, AUGUST 15, 2011, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SUBDIVISION AUTHORITY MEETING OF COUNCIL 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)
Jim Coughlin, Director of Planning & Economic Development
Kerry Van Ham, Council & CAO Assist./Recording Secretary
Garrett Simmons, Taber Times

ORDER

Mayor Bryant called the Regular Meeting of Council to Order at 5:31 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.200/11 **MOVED** by Councillor Sparks that Council adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS - NONE

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**A) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council – July 18, 2011**

RES.201/11 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on July 18, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NONE**BYLAWS - NONE****ACTION ITEMS****A) Regional Emergency Management Framework Agreement**

G. Frank, CLGM, Chief Administrative Officer detailed the Regional Emergency Management Framework Agreement.

The Municipal District of Taber, Town of Taber, Town of Vauxhall and the Village of Barnwell have been working on an Intermunicipal Emergency Services Plan for the last few years. The Plan provides for a common plan that addresses similar potential emergencies within the region.

The Agreement has been formatted for consideration to provide guidelines and direction in case of a disaster or emergency of a multi-jurisdictional nature.

In order to facilitate the potential adoption of the Intermunicipal Emergency Services Plan, the Regional Emergency Management Framework Agreement must be in place.

RES.202/11 MOVED by Councillor Papp that Council adopts the Regional Emergency Management Framework Agreement, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) Intermunicipal Emergency Services Plan

G. Frank, CLGM, Chief Administrative Officer, discussed the purpose and provisions of the proposed Intermunicipal Emergency Services Plan.

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**B) Intermunicipal Emergency Services Plan – Cont'd**

The Plan provides clear direction to all mutual aid municipalities involved within the Municipal District of Taber. The participants are the Municipal District of Taber, Town of Taber, Town of Vauxhall and Village of Barnwell.

The Plan provides a comprehensive listing of Municipal Emergency Services Organizations, Disaster Services Agencies, Emergency Procedures and Leader Responsibilities to ensure a co-ordinated, succinct and multi-dimensional approach and response.

RES.203/11 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council adopts the Intermunicipal Emergency Services Plan, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C) Notice of Motion Consideration

G. Frank, CLGM, Chief Administrative Officer, reviewed the correspondence received from Peter Demong, Alderman, Ward 14, City of Calgary, which requested Council's consideration to raise the profile of the need for additional municipal revenue.

The Notice of Motion asks that;

"The Town of Taber engage the leadership candidates, and subsequently the new Premier, in a discussion to garner at least 10% of oil sands royalties from the provincial government for distribution to Alberta municipalities on a per capita basis."

Council discussed the initiative at this time.

RES.204/11 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council accepts the information forwarded by Alderman Peter Demong, City of Calgary, for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**D) Land Use Planner Internship Program**

J. Coughlin, Director of Planning & Economic Development detailed the program sponsored by Alberta Municipal Affairs which provides funding to municipalities to hire and train an intern for a two-year period for the May 2012 program.

Council's consideration is being sought to apply for this program in which only eight municipalities will be selected.

Council discussed the benefits of internship programs at this time.

RES.205/11 MOVED by Councillor Rochelle that Administration apply under the Municipal Internship Program for funding to host a Land Use Planner Intern.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E) Monthly Operating Financial Statements

G. Frank, CLGM, Chief Administrative Officer detailed the year to date unaudited operating financial statements for the six months ending June 30, 2011.

Council reviewed and discussed the various budget lines at this time.

RES.206/11 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council accepts the unaudited operating financial statements for the six months ending June 30, 2011, for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F) Department Head Reports

RES.207/11 MOVED by Councillor Tams 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.208/11 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council accepts the Mayor and Councillor reports, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEDIA INQUIRIES - NONE

RES.209/11 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council recess for 30 minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION

RES.210/11 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council move to Closed Session to discuss labour matters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:58 PM

OPEN SESSION

RES.211/11 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:17 PM

RES.212/11 MOVED by Councillor Rochelle that Council accepts the resignation of Ms. Melody Wasylciw from the Taber Municipal Library Board and directs Administration to advertise for the vacancy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CLOSE OF MEETING

RES.213/11 MOVED by Councillor Papp that this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:17 PM

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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