

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, JUNE 24, 2013, AT 5:00 PM, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SUBDIVISION AUTHORITY MEETING AT 5:00 PM.

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Greg Birch, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)  
Dale Culler, CA, Director of Corporate Services  
Jordi Nickolet, Engineering and Public Works Manager  
Kerry Van Ham, Council & CAO Assistant/Recording Secretary  
Stan Ashbee, Taber Times

**ORDER**

Mayor Bryant called the Regular Meeting of Council to Order at 5:23 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.206/13 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS - NONE**

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**ADOPTION OF MINUTES****A) Regular Meeting of Council – June 10, 2013**

RES.207/13 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 10, 2013, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NONE****BYLAWS****A) Proposed Bylaw 11-2013, Repeal of Bylaw 07-2001 to Establish Institutional Voting Stations for a General Election**

G. Birch stated that in 2001, the *Local Authorities Election Act* required Council to enact Bylaw 07-2007 to provide for the ability to establish institutional voting stations for a general election. Since that time, there have been changes to the *Act*, in which Council can consider providing for this ability by resolution. Also, since 2001, there is another potential institutional voting station facility, namely Linden View.

RES.208/13 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council gives First Reading to Bylaw 11-2013, a Bylaw to repeal Bylaw 07-2001 to Establish Institutional Voting Stations for a General Election.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.209/13 MOVED by Councillor Rochelle that Council gives Second Reading to Bylaw 11-2013, a Bylaw to repeal Bylaw 07-2001 to Establish Institutional Voting Stations for a General Election.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BYLAWS – CONT'D****A) Proposed Bylaw 11-2013, Repeal of Bylaw 07-2001 to Establish Institutional Voting Stations for a General Election – Cont'd**

RES.210/13 MOVED by Councillor Papp that Council unanimously agrees to proceed to Third and Final Reading of Bylaw 11-2013, a Bylaw to repeal Bylaw 07-2001 to Establish Institutional Voting Stations for a General Election.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.211/13 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council gives Third and Final Reading to Bylaw 11-2013, a Bylaw to repeal Bylaw 07-2001 to Establish Institutional Voting Stations for a General Election.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**B) Proposed Bylaw 12-2013, Rezone LM to LR-2, Repeal of Bylaw 10-2013**

G. Birch stated that at Council's May 27, 2013 Regular Meeting, three readings were given to Bylaw 10-2013. At that time, wording contained in Bylaw 10-2013 stated that Council considered the concerns of persons affected at a public hearing. Due to the fact that there was no public hearing held prior to the approval of Bylaw 10-2013, Administration is proposing Bylaw 12-2013, which would incorporate the appropriate wording to effectively describe the reason for Council's decision to authorize the rezoning of LM to LR-2, while repealing Bylaw 10-2013.

RES.212/13 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council gives First Reading to Bylaw 12-2013, a Bylaw intended to repeal Bylaw 10-2013 and accomplish the same objective of that repealed Bylaw through more accurate wording.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BYLAWS – CONT'D****B) Proposed Bylaw 12-2013, Rezone LM to LR-2, Repeal of Bylaw 10-2013 – Cont'd**

RES.213/13 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council gives Second Reading to Bylaw 12-2013, a Bylaw intended to repeal Bylaw 10-2013 and accomplish the same objective of that repealed Bylaw through more accurate wording.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.214/13 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council unanimously agrees to proceed to Third and Final Reading of Bylaw 12-2013, a Bylaw intended to repeal Bylaw 10-2013 and accomplish the same objective of that repealed Bylaw through more accurate wording.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.215/13 MOVED by Councillor Papp that Council gives Third and Final Reading to Bylaw 12-2013, a Bylaw intended to repeal Bylaw 10-2013 and accomplish the same objective of that repealed Bylaw through more accurate wording.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ACTION ITEMS****A) 2013 Capital Budget:  
Aquafun Centre Chemical Controller**

G. Birch stated that shortly after the 2013 budget was approved, the Aquafun Centre experienced problems with the chemical controller. This equipment is the water chemistry monitoring system that controls the pH and chlorine levels in the pools.

Council discussed the timing of replacing this piece of equipment and the reasonableness of the cost estimate.

**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D****A) 2013 Capital Budget:  
Aquafun Centre Chemical Controller- Cont'd**

RES.216/13 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council authorizes Administration to replace the existing pool chemical controller at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00 to be funded from the Town's accumulated surplus, and to report back to Council with the exact cost.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**B) Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership (AMWWP)  
Grant Application:  
North Pump Station Upgrade**

D. Culler, joined by Chris Zuidhof, EPCOR Site Manager, provided details of the proposed North Pump Station Upgrade project that was originally scheduled for 2014. Upon review of the project scope, it was determined that this project could be qualified under the AMWWP grant criterion. In order for an application to be made under the AMWWP grant program, a Council resolution is required prior to an application being made.

Council discussed the project scope and AMWWP grant application process.

RES.217/13 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council supports a grant application by the Town of Taber under the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership, requesting maximum funding assistance for the proposed North Pump Station upgrades.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D****C) Municipal Election 2013:  
Elections Calendar and *Local Authority Election Act*  
Decisions**

G. Birch stated that to assist municipalities in organizing and conducting the 2013 municipal elections, which will be held on October 21, 2013, Alberta Municipal Affairs has provided an "Election Calendar". It sets out a series of dates by which various actions must be undertaken prior to the election.

Council discussed the items of particular interest.

RES.218/13 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council:

- a) pursuant to Section 73 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*, directs that an advanced vote be held in 2013, with the Returning Officer to determine the days and hours when the advance vote is to be held;
- b) pursuant to Section 79 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*, directs the Returning Officer to arrange for voting in 2013 by incapacitated electors at home through the attendance of 2 deputies at the residence of an elector, during the hours an advance voting station is open, in order to take the votes of an elector who, because of physical incapability, is unable to attend a voting station or an advance voting station to vote;
- c) pursuant to Section 80 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*, designates the following Institutional Voting Stations for the Town of Taber for the 2013 Municipal Election:
  - 1) Taber Health Centre and Extended Care, located at 4326 50 Avenue, Taber, AB;
  - 2) Clearview Lodge, located at 4730 50 Avenue, Taber, AB; and
  - 3) The Good Samaritan Society, commonly known as Linden View, located at 4700 64 Avenue, Taber, AB.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D****D) Municipal Election 2013:  
Joint Election – Town and Separate School Board**

G. Birch stated that correspondence was received from the Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 4 School Board requesting to conduct its election in conjunction with the Town on October 21, 2013.

Council discussed the manner in which joint elections are conducted and the recompense involved.

RES.219/13 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council resolve that the Town of Taber conduct a joint election in 2013 with the Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 4 School Board under the same general terms and conditions as used for the 2010 joint election, and authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign an agreement to this end on the Town's behalf.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**E) EMS Dispatch:  
Proposed Town of Taber Consolidated Response  
Consultation Meeting**

G. Birch stated that at its June 10, 2013 meeting, Council asked the CAO to consult with Council Members and staff to prepare a submission to be used as the Town's presentation at the EMS Dispatch Consultation Meeting to be held in Lethbridge on June 26, 2013.

Council discussed the issues identified within the proposed submission.

RES.220/13 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council approves the Taber EMS Dispatch Consolidation Consultation Submission for use by the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer at the upcoming consultation session hosted by MLA Greg Weadick and Alberta Municipal Affairs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D****F) Water Fill Station:  
Approval of Site for Town Water Fill Station Relocation**

G. Birch stated that in 2012, Council decided that the existing water fill station on the south side of Highway 3 (at 54<sup>th</sup> Street) should be decommissioned and the land sold. Originally, the proposed site for the new fill station was on 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue, east of the storm water retention pond and west of 60<sup>th</sup> Street. Upon closer examination, Administration suggests that a more conducive location for this project would be the lot located on the east side of Highway 36, on 65<sup>th</sup> Street.

Council discussed the land suitability and water line availability.

RES.221/13 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council authorizes Administration to undertake the Water Fill Station Relocation Project, as previously budgeted, and utilize 6335 65<sup>th</sup> Street (Lot 4, Block 7, Plan 9911451) as the new fill station site.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**G) Town Municipal Office Building:  
Building Alterations, and Relocation of Planning and  
Development Department**

G. Birch presented a strategy in which Administration is proposing to move the Planning and Development Department to a different location in the Administration Building. The objective is to improve service levels by giving the public more direct access to staff.

Council discussed the benefit of this proposal to obtain better service access.

RES.222/13 MOVED by Councillor Rochelle that Council accept, as information, the proposal by Administration to move the Planning and Development Department and make corresponding alterations to the Municipal Office Building.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

RES.223/13 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council recess for thirty (30) minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:31 PM

The meeting reconvened at 7:07 PM

**H) Solid Waste Collection and Recycling:  
Update on the Bins to Carts Initiative and Action Plan**

G. Birch stated that at the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 10, 2013, Council requested that Administration provide regular monthly updates on its progress regarding this initiative while also allowing Council opportunities for input.

Council provided input on environmental stewardship, recycling, public and partner participation, cost feasibility, available alternative energy options, and the need for public input.

RES.224/13 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council requests that Administration take into consideration the information and ideas put forward by Council at this June 24, 2013 meeting into the evolving detailed Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Action Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**I) Proposed Health and Safety Policy C-4**

G. Birch stated that the existing Health and Safety Policy has been reviewed by the Joint Health and Safety Committee. Council discussed the proposed policy updates.

RES.225/13 MOVED by Councillor Rochelle that Council approves the revised Health and Safety Policy C-4, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

**J) Information for Council**

RES.226/13 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council accept the material received in this Agenda Item, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**K) Department Reports**

RES.227/13 MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council accepts the Department Head Reports, for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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

RES.228/13 MOVED by Councillor Rochelle that Council accepts the Mayor and Councillor reports, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEDIA INQUIRIES - NONE**

**CLOSED SESSION**

RES.229/13 MOVED by Councillor Papp that Council moves to Closed Session to discuss land matters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:46 PM

**OPEN SESSION**

RES.230/13 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:09 PM

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**CLOSE OF MEETING**

RES.231/13 MOVED by Councillor Rochelle that this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:10 PM

*R. Bryant*

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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