

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, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013, AT 5:00 PM.

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

ABSENT: Councillor Louie Tams

ALSO PRESENT: Greg Birch, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)  
Dale Culler, Director of Corporate Services  
Rob Cressman, Director of Community Services  
Jordi Nickolet, Engineering and Public Works Manager  
Barkley Busch, Human Resources Manager  
Brandon Bullock, Community Peace Officer  
Lori Farough, Recording Secretary  
Trevor Busch, 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.308/13 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS****A) Taber & District Chamber of Commerce Budget Presentation**

Mr. Bruce Warkentin of the Taber & District Chamber of Commerce presented the Association's request for funding for inclusion in the Town of Taber 2014 Budget.

Council discussed the various projects and the request for funding details.

RES.309/13 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council receives the request for funding from the Taber & District Chamber of Commerce, for consideration for inclusion in the Town of Taber 2014 budget, for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**B) Taber Food Bank Budget Presentation**

Ms. Vicki Terrick presented the Taber Food Bank request for funding inclusion in the Town of Taber 2014 Budget.

After obtaining general information about the characteristics of the Food Bank's customers, Council expressed appreciation to the Taber Food Bank for the information and for the service they provide.

RES.310/13 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council receives the request for funding from the Taber Food Bank Society, for consideration for inclusion in the Town of Taber 2014 budget, for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**C) Communities in Bloom Society**

Ms. Jean Holman and Ms. Karen Ingram presented the Taber Communities in Bloom Society request for funding inclusion in the Town of Taber 2014 Budget. They voiced thankfulness for Town staff participation in the Communities in Bloom projects, but asked that the Town water the planters into the fall.

**DELEGATIONS – CONT'D****C) Communities in Bloom Society – Cont'd**

Council related their gratitude to the Communities in Bloom group for how beautiful the Town of Taber looked this past summer.

RES.311/13 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council receives the request for funding from the Taber Communities in Bloom Society, for consideration for inclusion in the Town of Taber 2014 budget, for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**D) Taber & District Irrigation Impact Museum**

Ms. Karen Ingram and Ms. Anne Perl presented the Taber & District Museum Society request for funding inclusion in the Town of Taber 2014 Budget.

Thankfulness was expressed to the two ladies for the great work that is done at the museum.

RES.312/13 MOVED by Councillor Papp that Council receives the request for funding from the Taber & District Museum Society, for consideration for inclusion in the Town of Taber 2014 budget, for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**E) Appeal of Notice/Order to Comply No. 3117**

Mr. Constantine Correia and Mr. Doug Broadfoot presented evidence of why the trees referred to in Order to Comply No. 3117 should not be removed and expressed the beauty and value of these trees planted in 1969.

**DELEGATIONS – CONT'D****E) Appeal of Notice/Order to Comply No. 3117 – Cont'd**

Lengthy discussion occurred on the nuisance bylaw in relation to these trees.

RES.313/13 MOVED by Councillor Rochelle that Council confirms the Notice/Order to Comply No. 3117.

DEFEATED

RES.314/13 MOVED by Councillor Rochelle that Council recommend that Administration endeavor to resolve the matter between the two neighbors and provide a summary of that effort at the October 15, 2013 general meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES****A) Regular Meeting of Council – September 9, 2013**

RES.315/13 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 9, 2013, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES****A) Arts Council of Taber for the Performing Arts**

R. Cressman introduced the delegation of Robert Hirano, RKH Architecture and Ray Sheen, President of the Arts Council of Taber who presented a condensed version of the concept design for the renovation project of the Centre Court for the Performing Arts. D. Culler offered the financial documents which included funding from several different grant sources.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – CONT'D****A) Arts Council of Taber for the Performing Arts – Cont'd**

Council debated the difference between hard accurate numbers and funding from various grants that may or may not be approved.

RES.316/13 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council accepts the interim report on the Centre Court for the Performing Arts renovation project for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.317/13 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council recess for thirty (30) minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:50 PM

The meeting reconvened at 7:24 PM.

**BYLAWS – NONE****ACTION ITEMS****A) Southern Alberta Flood Victims Assistance:  
Recreation Facility Rental Fee Waiver Request**

RES.318/13 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council approves the auditorium rental fees waiver requested by the Southern Alberta Flood Victims Assistance Group.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**B) Taber Community Action Prevention Society (TCAPS)  
Ladies Night Out:  
Recreation Facility Rental Fee Waiver Request**

RES.319/13 MOVED by Councillor Papp that Council approves the auditorium rental fees waiver requested by TCAPS.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D****C) Taber Exhibition Association:  
Request for Support**

R. Cressman informed Council that this request had been withdrawn by the Taber Exhibition Association.

**D) Cenotaph Park – Cenotaph Upgrade Request for Assistance**

Discussion occurred on the cenotaph improvement project. Based on the information provided in the agenda package, it was determined that the memorial is in the custody of the Town of Taber.

RES.320/13 **MOVED** by Councillor Bekkering that Council accepts the cenotaph report, and directs administration to include up to \$15,000.00 in the Town's 2014 budget for the 2014 cenotaph upgrade project; and Council further directs administration to provide municipal labour and equipment for the cenotaph and walkways removals and reconstruction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**E) Franchise Fees: Establishment of Franchise Fee Percentages for 2014**

RES.321/13 **MOVED** by Councillor Bekkering that Council retains the 2014 franchise fee rates for Fortis Alberta and Atco Gas at 20% respectively, directs administration to inform the two utility companies of its decision, and also directs that a new Town of Taber reserve account be established for energy conservation initiatives, and that 7.5% of the franchise fees be directed into that reserve in 2014.

CARRIED

**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D****F) Bulk Water Fill Station: Tender Approval**

G. Birch presented information regarding the bids received in response to this tender and the related recommendation from Associated Engineering.

RES.322/13 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council awards the Bulk Water Truck Fill Station Site Development Tender to G. Wiebe Excavating Ltd. and authorizes the Mayor and Chief Administration Officer to sign the necessary contract related to this work for \$181,151.77 including GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**G) 2014 Budget Presentation**

D. Culler presented the Proposed Budget Agenda Document.

RES.323/13 MOVED by Councillor Papp that Council accepts the proposed 2014 Budget Agenda Document for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**H) Information for Council**

G. Birch provided relevant communication that was received by the Municipality for Council's information and possible further action, if Council so decided.

RES.324/13 MOVED by Councillor Rochelle that Council accept the material received in this Agenda Item, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**I) Department Reports**

RES.325/13 MOVED by Councillor Rochelle that Council accepts the Department Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

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

There were no reports presented.

RES.326/13 MOVED by Councillor Rochelle that Council accepts the Mayor and Councillor Reports as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEDIA INQUIRIES – NONE**

**CLOSED SESSION**

RES.327/13 MOVED by Councillor Papp that Council moves to Closed Session to discuss land, legal and labour matters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:00 PM

**OPEN SESSION**

RES.328/13 MOVED by Councillor Rochelle that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 9:23 PM

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

RES.329/13 MOVED by Councillor Papp that this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 9:24 PM

*R. Bryant*

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER