

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, DECEMBER 16, 2013, AT 5:20 PM, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING AT 5:00 PM, AND THE SUBDIVISION AUTHORITY MEETING AT 5:04 PM.

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PRESENT: Mayor Henk De Vlieger  
Councillor Randy Sparks  
Councillor Andrew Prokop  
Councillor Rick Popadynetz  
Councillor Jack Brewin  
Councillor Joe Strojwas  
Councillor Laura Ross-Giroux

ALSO PRESENT:

Greg Birch, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)  
Dale Culler, Director of Corporate Services  
Rob Cressman, Director of Community Services  
Cory Armfelt, Manager of Planning & Economic Development  
Tom Moffatt, Manager of Information Technology  
Jordi Nickolet, Manager of Engineering and Public Works  
Kerry Van Ham, Council & CAO Assistant  
Trevor Busch, Taber Times

**ORDER**

Mayor De Vlieger called the Regular Meeting of Council to Order at 5:20 PM.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

RES.453/13 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – CONT'D****A) Notice of Resolution:  
Consideration of Agenda Item for Placement on a Following  
Meeting Agenda - Proposed Capital Funding Request**

G. Birch stated that at the November 25, 2013 Council Meeting, Administration proposed that Council approve a transfer of additional capital reserves to fund completed capital projects that had gone over budget. The motion to fund the additional transfers was defeated.

The Council Organizational Bylaw 3-2007 states that any issue addressed by Council at any Regular Meeting of Council where a resolution has been voted upon (either carried or defeated), other than a motion to table, shall not be allowed to be brought back to Council for further consideration until at least six months following the date of the Council Meeting where it was originally addressed. Exceptions may be considered with a Notice of Resolution passed by a majority of Council. Administration is requesting that Council consider using this process for the reconsideration of the proposed capital funding request.

RES.454/13 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council approves a Notice of Resolution to include the issue of additional capital reserve transfers that was previously defeated at the November 25, 2013 Council Meeting onto the Agenda for the January 13, 2014 Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS****A) Taber Splash Pad:  
Proposal for Taber Splash Pad**

Mr. Bruce Warkentin, a representative from the Taber Splash Pad Committee, presented the group's proposal which included conceptual ideas, location, budget, financial resources and requests from the Town. Council discussed the proposed project and the required support, noting that a potential decision on this project could come under Agenda Item 7.A) of this meeting.

**DELEGATIONS – CONT'D**

**A) Taber Splash Pad:  
Proposal for Taber Splash Pad – Cont'd**

RES.455/13 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council accepts the Taber Splash Pad proposal as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**A) Regular Meeting of Council – November 25, 2013**

RES.456/13 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 25, 2013, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**B) Special Meeting of Council – December 3, 2013**

RES.457/13 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council adopt the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on December 3, 2013, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NONE**

**BYLAWS**

**A) Proposed Land Use Rezoning Bylaw 16-2013 Direct Control:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council discussed this subject at this time and reviewed the comments made at the Public Hearing.

RES.458/13 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council gives Second Reading to Bylaw 16-2013, being a rezoning amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 4-2006.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BYLAWS – CONT'D****A) Proposed Land Use Rezoning Bylaw 16-2013 Direct Control:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Cont'd**

RES.459/13 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council gives Third and Final Reading to Bylaw 16-2013, being a rezoning amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 4-2006.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**B) Proposed Schedule of Fees Bylaw 17-2013:  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

G. Birch stated that during the 2014 budget deliberations, Administration presented Council with the 2014 Utility Rate Model for consideration. For those proposed rate changes to take effect January 1, 2014, Council should consider allowing the changes to be incorporated into the proposed Schedule of Fees Bylaw 17-2013, as Schedule E.

RES.460/13 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council gives First Reading to Schedule of Fees Bylaw No. 17-2013, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.461/13 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council gives Second Reading to Schedule of Fees Bylaw No. 17-2013, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.462/13 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council gives unanimous consent to proceed to Third and Final Reading of Schedule of Fees Bylaw No. 17-2013, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.463/13 MOVED by Councillor Prokop that Council gives Third and Final Reading to Schedule of Fees Bylaw No. 17-2013, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ACTION ITEMS****A) Taber Splash Pad:  
Proposal for Splash Pad**

In follow up to the earlier Agenda Item 3.A), R. Cressman stated that at the December 5, 2013 Recreation Board meeting, the Taber Splash Pad Committee made their presentation to the Recreation Board. At that time, the Recreation Board recommended that the Taber Splash Pad proposal be submitted to Council for consideration, and supported the proposal in principal.

MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council supports the Taber Splash Pad project with the input of a public works employee on their Committee.

Councillor Popadynetz requested a friendly amendment to also include a representative from Administration on the Committee.

Councillor Strojwas requested that the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) be the Administrative representative.

Councillor Strojwas accepted the friendly amendment to also include Mr. Birch, as a representative from Administration, on the Committee.

RES.464/13 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council supports the Taber Splash Pad project with the input of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and a public works employee on their Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D****B) Taber Emergency Services Shop Custodial Services:  
Custodial Service Options**

R. Cressman stated that at Council's November 12, 2013 meeting, Council requested Administration to explore alternatives for the delivery of custodial services at the Taber Emergency Services Shop, and bring back alternative suggestions to Council. R. Cressman presented the Emergency Services Caretaking Services – Other Options report.

Council reviewed the alternative suggestions.

RES.465/13 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council accepts the Emergency Services Caretaking Service – Other Options report and approves the addition of 4 hours/week to the department's existing in-scope position.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**C) Office of the Development Officer:  
Proposed Appointments**

G. Birch stated that due to the resignation of the current Development Officer, the need for establishing a new Development Officer has arisen.

RES.466/13 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council appoints Lorraine Belanger and Cory Armfelt, as Development Officers for the Town of Taber.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D****D) South Saskatchewan Regional Plan (SSRP):  
Draft Correspondence to the Land Use Secretariat**

C. Armfelt presented the draft correspondence for Council's consideration.

RES.467/13 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council endorses the draft letter regarding the Draft South Saskatchewan Regional Plan and authorizes the Mayor to finalize and sign the letter as the Town of Taber's formal position on the Draft Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**E) Council Meetings with Stakeholder Groups:  
Proposed Meeting with Downtown and Industrial Business  
Owners**

G. Birch stated that during its budget deliberations, some Councillors indicated a desire to meet with downtown business and land owners to discuss issues and improve communication.

Council discussed the inclusion of other groups in the proposed meetings.

RES.468/13 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council directs Administration to investigate how best Council could hold discussion forums with downtown and industrial business, land owners and the Chamber of Commerce early in 2014, specifically suggesting a venue, format, dates and times, and provide a recommendation to Council at the January 13, 2014 Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D****F) Alberta Treasury Branches (ATB) Agreement:  
Resolution by Council to Sign Banking Agreement**

D. Culler stated that the Town conducts business with Alberta Treasury Branches (ATB) and therefore, is required to sign their banking agreement.

Mayor De Vlieger requested that this item be postponed until after Closed Session.

RES.469/13 MOVED by Councillor Prokop that Council postpone Agenda Item 7.F) to be discussed after the Closed Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**G) Taber Gymnastics Club:  
Request for Support for New Building**

G. Birch stated that at its November 25, 2013 meeting, Council heard a request from the Taber Gymnastics Club for support to build a new, specifically designed gymnastics building. The Club requested Council to consider providing support in the way of funding for this venture.

Councillor Prokop left the meeting at 6:37 PM.

Council discussed the various available funding options.

Councillor Prokop returned to the meeting at 6:38 PM.

RES.470/13 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council agrees in principle to provide a loan to the Taber Gymnastics Club for construction of the Club's proposed gymnastics building in downtown Taber, and directs Administration to negotiate a draft agreement with the Club for Council consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

RES.471/13 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council recess for 20 minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:40 PM

Council reconvened the meeting at 7:12 PM.

**H) 2014 Budget:  
Proposed Final Operating and Capital**

G. Birch stated that at the December 9, 2013 budget meeting, Council indicated that they would consider funding certain expenditures that were removed from the operating budget to achieve a property tax increase of 1.5%. The funding would come from anticipated surpluses that are being forecast for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013. These items were presented as segregated out into a 2014 Special Operating Budget document.

Council reviewed the items that were included in the Special Operating Budget, and also discussed the proposed final operating and capital budgets.

MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council accept the budget presentation as submitted with an amendment added on for a snow blower for \$110,000.00.

WITHDRAWN

RES.472/13 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council approves the inclusion of the Special Operating Budget items which are to be funded from forecasted 2013 operating surpluses; and, if the forecasted 2013 operating surplus is proven to be insufficient to fund these expenditures they will be brought back to Council for reconsideration.

DEFEATED

RES.473/13 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that the 2014 Operating Budget be approved as presented with the exception of the exclusion of the Special Operating Budget items.

CARRIED

**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

**H) 2014 Budget:  
Proposed Final Operating and Capital – Cont'd**

MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council approves the 2014 – 2016 Capital Budget with the inclusion of a snow blower.

Councillor Popadynetz requested to amend the motion to state the snow blower funding of \$110,000.00 to be taken from capital reserves.

RES.474/13 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council approves the 2014 – 2016 Capital Budget with the inclusion of a snow blower in the amount of \$110,000.00 to be funded from capital reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**I) Information for Council**

RES.475/13 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council accepts the material received in this Agenda Item, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**J) Department Reports**

RES.476/13 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council accepts the Department Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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

RES.477/13 MOVED by Councillor Prokop that Council accepts the Mayor and Councillor Reports as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEDIA INQUIRIES**

T. Busch, Taber Times, inquired of the voting regarding Special Operating Budget under Agenda Item 7.H).

Mayor De Vlieger stated that Councillors Sparks, Prokop, Popadynetz and Strojwas were opposed, therefore the motion was defeated.

**CLOSED SESSION**

RES.478/13 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council moves to Closed Session to discuss land, legal and labour matters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:32 PM

**OPEN SESSION**

RES.479/13 MOVED by Councillor Prokop that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 9:08 PM

**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D****F) Alberta Treasury Branches (ATB) Agreement:  
Resolution by Council to Sign Banking Agreement – Cont'd**

RES.480/13 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council approves the Corporate Body (the Town) to open and continue to operate one or more accounts with ATB and authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign the Incorporated Society & Municipal Body Agreement relating to the operation of such accounts.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**OPEN SESSION – CONT'D**

RES.481/13 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council agrees to amend RES.400/13 so that the sale of Lots 5-22, Block 21, Plan 6390L, and the closed roadway contained within, be sold as set out in that motion except that the sale be allowed to take place in advance of operation of the new bulk water station provided the purchaser agrees to a lease with the Town that will allow the existing bulk water station to remain in operation until the new fill station is completed and operating successfully.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.482/13 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council appoints Mr. Luke Wijna to the Taber Recreation Board for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

CARRIED

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

RES.483/13 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 9:15 PM

  
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MAYOR

  
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER