

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 NOVEMBER 9, 2015, AT 5:12 PM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING AT 5:00 PM.

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**Mayor**

De Vlieger, Henk

**Councillors**

Brewin, Jack  
Popadynetz, Rick  
Prokop, Andrew  
Ross-Giroux, Laura  
Sparks, Randy  
Strojwas, Joe

**Chief Administrative Officer**

Birch, Greg

**Staff**

Armfelt, Cory  
Holmen, Aline  
Scherer, Gary  
Smith, Trent  
Van Ham, Kerry  
Wannop, Devon  
Moffatt, Tom

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor De Vlieger called the Regular Meeting of Council to Order at 5:12 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.

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**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – CONT'D**

RES.499/2015    MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council adopts the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS**

**A) Taber & District Chamber of Commerce, Town of Taber 2016 Budget Consideration**

G. Birch introduced Tyrel McLelland, President of the Taber & District Chamber of Commerce, who presented the budget request from this organization.

RES.500/2015    MOVED by Councillor Ross Giroux that Council receives the request for funding from the Taber & District Chamber of Commerce, for consideration in the Town of Taber 2016 budget deliberations, for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**A) Minutes of Organizational Meeting of Council:  
October 26, 2015**

RES.501/2015    MOVED by Councillor Prokop that Council adopts the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of Council held on October 26, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES – CONT'D**

**B) Minutes Subdivision Authority Meeting:  
October 26, 2015**

RES.502/2015      MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council adopts the minutes of the Subdivision Authority Meeting held on October 26, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**C) Minutes Regular Meeting of Council:  
October 26, 2015**

RES.503/2015      MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 26, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

**BYLAWS**

**A) Offsite Levy Bylaw 17-2015 2nd and 3rd Reading**

Council considered comments made at the Public Hearing of this Bylaw held previously this evening. Council discussed the fire suppression regulations for new builds in Taber and the areas affected throughout the Town.

RES.504/2015      MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council gives 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading to Off Site Levy Bylaw 17-2015.

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**BYLAWS – CONT'D**

**A) Offsite Levy Bylaw 17-2015 2nd and 3rd Reading – Cont'd**

MOVED by Councillor Prokop that Council Defers Second and Third Reading of Off Site Levy Bylaw 17-2015.

WITHDRAWN

RES.505/2015      MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council advise Administration to come back with a bylaw incorporating consolidating Areas 1, 2 and 3, and keep the Offsite Levy rate in place.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A) Oldman Watershed Council: Request for Funding**

G. Birch provided background on the Town of Taber's relationship with the Oldman Watershed Council and described changes that have been occurring recently with the Oldman Watershed Council, the Taber Irrigation District, and the Alberta Wilderness Association.

RES.506/2015      MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council accepts the information provided by the Oldman Watershed Council for information purposes.

CARRIED

**B) Old Provincial Courthouse, Police Station and Library Complex**

G. Birch provided details about the Old Provincial Court House, the Old Police Station, and the Old Taber Public Library. Discussion occurred on various concepts for the utilization of for these buildings.



**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

**B) Old Provincial Courthouse, Police Station and Library Complex - Cont'd**

RES.507/2015      MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council directs Administration to provide a set of options for Council's consideration, for use or disposal of the Old Police Station, Library buildings, and Historic Old Taber Courthouse.

CARRIED

**C) Fire Service Agreement - MD of Taber**

G. Birch provided an update regarding the Municipal District of Taber's response to the proposed Fire Services Agreement between the Town of Taber and Municipal District of Taber.

RES.508/2015      MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council agrees, in principle, to the changes to the draft fire service contract proposed by the Municipal District of Taber in its letter dated October 28, 2015 and directs administration to finalize the contract on that basis, with the final version to be vetted by the Town's lawyer to provide surety of wording for both parties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.509/2015      MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council recess for twenty minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:13 PM

Mayor De Vlieger called the Meeting back to Order at 6:42 PM.

**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

**D) 2016 Budget Narratives**

D. Wannop introduced the Town's Department Managers who then provided Budget Narratives for the individual departments.

Mayor De Vlieger left the meeting at 7:36 PM.

D. Wannop reviewed the proposed 2016 Utility Rate Model.

Mayor De Vlieger returned to the meeting at 7:38 PM.

RES.510/2015    MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council accepts the Manager's budget narrative proposals for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**E) 2016 Budget Proposal**

D. Wannop presented the 2016 budget proposal.

Councillor Brewin left the meeting at 8:04 PM

D. Wannop discussed impact analysis, infrastructure maintenance, and asset management and long term budget planning.

RES.511/2015    MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council accepts the 2016 Budget Proposal presentation for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.512/2015    MOVED by Councillor Prokop that this meeting be extended to not later than 10:00 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor De Vlieger left the meeting at 8:43 PM.

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**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

**F) EPCOR Contract Change Proposal**

G. Birch introduced Vince Corkery, Betty Icheria, and Chris Zuidhof of EPCOR. V. Corkery expressed they had a public presentation but requested that Council go into Closed Session to answer questions and discuss details and sensitive information.

Mayor De Vlieger returned to the meeting at 8:45 PM.

RES.513/2015    **MOVED** by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council moves into Closed Session to discuss matters relating to FOIPP Act, Section 16, Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party.

DEFEATED

Further Council discussion occurred regarding the existing EPCOR Contract and the proposed changes and whether this Agenda Item should be reviewed in Open Session or Closed Session.

**CLOSED SESSION**

RES.514/2015    **MOVED** by Councillor Sparks that Council moves into Closed Session to discuss matters relating to FOIPP Act, Section 16, Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party.

CARRIED AT 9:23 PM

**OPEN SESSION**

RES.515/2015    **MOVED** by Councillor Sparks that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 10:04 PM

RES.516/2015    **MOVED** by Councillor Sparks that the EPCOR Contract Change Proposal be tabled to the January 11, 2016 Regular Meeting Council.

CARRIED

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**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

**G) Information For Council**

Due to time constraints, Council agreed to carry this item forward to the November 23, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

**MEDIA INQUIRIES**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**A) FOIPP Act, Section 19: Confidential Evaluations**

Due to time constraints Council agreed to carry this item forward to the November 23, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

**OPEN SESSION**

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

RES.517/2015      MOVED by Councillor Prokop that this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 10:06 PM

  
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MAYOR

  
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

