

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, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2015, AT 5:00 PM.

Councillors

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

Absent

De Vlieger, Henk

Chief Administrative Officer

Birch, Greg

Staff

Armfelt, Cory
Brennan, Meghan
Holmen, Aline
Moffatt, Tom
Munshaw, Steve
Rudd, Alf
Scherer, Gary
Van Ham, Kerry
Wannop, Devon

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Popadynetz called the Meeting to Order at 5:00 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Popadynetz inquired if there were additions or deletions to the Agenda and advised that there were none.

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – CONT'D

RES.518/2015 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

A) Taber Municipal Police Commission 2016 Budget Narrative

G. Birch introduced Ken Holst, Chair of the Taber Police Commission.

Mr. Holst provided the 2016 budget narrative and budget request on behalf of the Taber Police Commission.

Mr. Holst described the Taber Police Service and Dispatch Services as meeting or exceeding Provincial standards.

RES.519/2015 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council accepts the Taber Municipal Police Commission budget narrative proposal for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

**A) Minutes Public Hearing Meeting of Council:
November 9, 2015**

RES.520/2015 MOVED by Councillor Prokop that Council adopts the minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting of Council held on November 9, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES – CONT'D

**B) Minutes Regular Meeting of Council:
November 9, 2015**

RES.521/2015 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 9, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

BYLAWS

A) Off-Site Levy Bylaw 19-2015 1st Reading

G. Birch presented information on proposed Bylaw 19-2015 stating that Council had previously given direction resulting in this proposal.

C. Armfelt described the changes that had been made to proposed Bylaw 19-2015 under Council's direction.

RES.522/2015 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council gives 1st Reading to Off-Site Levy Bylaw 19-2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.523/2015 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council sets a Public Hearing date for Off-Site Levy Bylaw 19-2015 on December 21, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) Proposed Fee Bylaw 18-2015

G. Birch presented proposed Bylaw 18-2015 that consolidates all Town of Taber fees into one Bylaw.

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B) Proposed Fee Bylaw 18-2015 – Cont'd

D. Wannop described alterations that had been made to the existing Fees Bylaw 18-2014 and explained that Bylaw 18-2015 is proposed to be effective January 2016.

RES.524/2015 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council gives 1st Reading to Fee Bylaw 18-2015, at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.525/2015 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council gives 2nd Reading to Fee Bylaw 18-2015, at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.526/2015 MOVED by Councillor Prokop that Council unanimously agrees to proceed to 3rd and Final Reading to Fee Bylaw 18-2015, at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.527/2015 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council gives 3rd and Final Reading to Fee Bylaw 18-2015, at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

A) MD of Taber Council Appointments

G. Birch presented a letter from the Municipal District of Taber stating the MD of Taber Council appointments to the Town of Taber's various committees and boards.

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

A) MD of Taber Council Appointments – Cont'd

RES.528/2015 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Town Council accepts the recommendations from the Municipal District of Taber Council for appointments to the Town's various committees, and acknowledges the MD's appointments to the joint committees and authorities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) New Development Officer Designation

G. Birch provided background information on the Town of Taber's Development Officer Designation. He informed Council it was an advantage to have two authorized designated Development Officers on staff to process development permits efficiently. Currently Mr. Armfelt is the only designated Development Officer for the Municipality.

RES.529/2015 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council hereby appoints Katie Tyo as a Development Officer for the Town of Taber.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C) Fire Department Response Times

G. Birch reviewed the current Taber Fire Department Response Times. Chief Munshaw stated that the Alberta Building code in 2006 addressed high density residential fires. This identifies a fire department's need to respond in under 10 minutes, more than 90% of the time. Towns with fire departments unable to achieve this within their response areas would then require new buildings sprinkler systems installed or increase set backs from property lines. Chief Munshaw stated that funding from the Operating Budget could be allocated to hire a third party to provide a Response Time Study prior to December 31, 2015.

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

C) Fire Department Response Times – Cont'd

RES.530/2015 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council directs Administration to hire a company to conduct a study of the fire departments response times within the Town of Taber limits.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D) 2016 Budget Proposal

D. Wannop provided the 2016 Budget Proposal including changes that are being proposed. Discussion occurred on staffing, land sales, and the walking trail to the MD of Taber.

Councillor Brewin left the meeting at 6:27 PM.

D. Wannop presented his recommendation for the options brought forward.

Councillor Brewin returned to the meeting at 6:32 PM.

Further discussion took place about the 2016 Budget Proposal.

RES.531/2015 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council break for 30 minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:17 PM

Deputy Mayor Popadynetz called the Meeting back to Order at 7:47 PM.

D. Wannop expressed the need for more direction about capital preferences from Council.

Councillor Brewin returned to the Meeting at 7:48 PM.

Further discussion occurred on the Council priorities for the proposed 2016 Capital Projects.

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

D) 2016 Budget Proposal – Cont'd

RES.532/2015 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that That Council accepts the 2016 Budget Proposal presentation for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E) 2015 Capital Budget Re-allocation

A. Holmen provided details on 2015 Capital Budget funding available to be re-allocated.

RES.533/2015 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council approves the re-allocation of \$65,000.00 currently in the 2015 Capital Budget to pay for detailed design fees for the Arena Upgrade.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F) Special Meeting of Council - Budget Presentation

G. Birch presented Administration's request for a Special Meeting of Council to occur on December 7, 2015 for the purpose of continued discussions regarding the 2016 Budget.

RES.534/2015 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council approves a Special Meeting of Council to be held on December 7, 2015 to discuss the 2016 budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G) Information For Council

G. Birch stated that this Agenda Item was carried forward from the November 9, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council due to time constraints.

Councillor Brewin left the meeting at 8:39 PM.

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

G) Information For Council – Cont'd

Council reviewed the items in the information package from November 9, 2015.

RES.535/2015 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council accepts the material received in this Agenda Item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H) Information For Council

Information for Council Items were presented by G. Birch and were reviewed by Council.

RES.536/2015 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council accepts the material received in this Agenda Item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I) Department Reports

The Department Reports were reviewed by Council.

Councillor Brewin returned to the meeting at 8:43 PM.

RES.537/2015 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council accepts the Department Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J) Mayor and Councillor Reports (Verbal)

Individual verbal reports were presented by the Deputy Mayor and Councillors.

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

J) Mayor and Councillor Reports (Verbal) – Cont'd

RES.538/2015 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council accepts the Mayor and Councillor Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEDIA INQUIRIES

T. Busch of the Taber Times inquired if the 2016 Police Commission budget proposal was reflective of upcoming Taber Police Association contract negotiations.

D. Wannop replied that a figure was included in the 2016 Police Commission budget proposal as an estimate at this phase.

CLOSED SESSION

RES.539/2015 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council moves into Closed Session to discuss matters relating to FOIPP Act, Section 19: Confidential Evaluations brought forward from the November 9, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council, and to discuss matters relating to the FOIPP Act, Section 19: Confidential Evaluations on this Agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:47 PM

OPEN SESSION

RES. 540/2015 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 9:06 PM

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OPEN SESSION – CONT'D

RES.541/2015 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council accepts the resignation of Ms. Lori Noble from the Taber Library Board, and thanks Ms. Noble for her valuable contributions to the Library and the Community during her tenure.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.542/2015 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council accepts the resignation of Ms. Nellie Hiemstra from the Taber Library Board, and thanks Ms. Hiemstra for her valuable contributions to the Library and the Community during her tenure.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.543/2015 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council appoints Darcy Firth to the Taber Recreation Board for a three year period to expire December 31, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES.544/2015 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 9:08 PM



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

