

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, FEBRUARY 8, 2016, AT 5:00 PM.

Mayor

De Vlieger, Henk

Councillors

Popadynetz, Rick

Prokop, Andrew

Ross-Giroux, Laura

Sparks, Randy

Strojwas, Joe

Absent

Brewin, Jack

Chief Administrative Officer

Birch, Greg

Staff

Armfelt, Cory

Farough, Lori

Holmen, Aline

Lahiji, Ramin

Moffatt, Tom

Planger, Marty

Wannop, Devon

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor De Vlieger called the meeting to Order at 5:00 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor De Vlieger inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda and advised that he would like to add a prayer for Councillor Brewin to the Agenda.

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – CONT'D

RES.57/2016 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that the Agenda be adopted as amended to include the addition of a prayer for Councillor Brewin.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor De Vlieger led a minute of silence followed by a prayer for Councillor Brewin.

DELEGATIONS

A) Canadian Award for Financial Reporting

G. Birch introduced D. Wannop, D. Weiss, L. Clark and C. Kunz from the Town of Taber Finance Department. Mr. Birch expressed that the Government Financial Officers Association Canadian Award for financial reporting does not go to many municipalities in Alberta and given the size of the Town of Taber this is a notable accolade.

Mayor De Vlieger made the official presentation to Mr. Wannop and the Finance Team.

RES.58/2016 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council accepts the presentation of the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting for its Annual Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2014 to the Finance Department for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) Taber & District Chamber of Commerce - Cornfest Stage

G. Birch introduced M. Garner and T. Paterson, from the Chamber of Commerce Cornfest Stage Committee, and Martin Groen from Venture Holdings Ltd. Mr. Groen presented an artistic rendering of a permanent, handicapped accessible stage and dance floor proposed for Confederation Park.

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DELEGATIONS – CONT'D

**B) Taber & District Chamber of Commerce - Cornfest Stage –
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RES.59/2016 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council accepts the presentation of the Taber & District Chamber of Commerce regarding the Cornfest Stage design, for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

**A) Minutes Subdivision Authority Meeting:
January 25, 2016**

RES.60/2016 MOVED by Councillor Prokop that Council adopts the minutes of the Subdivision Authority Meeting held on January 25, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**B) Minutes Regular Meeting of Council:
January 25, 2016**

RES.61/2016 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 25, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A) Recreation Management Software

G. Birch introduced A. Holmen and M. Planger from the Recreation Department and T. Moffatt from the Information Technology Department. Ms. Holmen presented Administration's recommendation for the purchase of alternative software and hardware to resolve anticipated issues with the CLASS Recreation Software system coming to the end of service December 31, 2016.

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – CONT'D

A) Recreation Management Software – Cont'd

A. Holmen explained the shared search for replacement software involving the City of Lethbridge and the University of Lethbridge, and the results of that process.

Council discussed the proposed recreation software project.

RES. 62/2016 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that the Recreation Management Software decision be Tabled for further discussion and referred to the Taber Recreation Board and returned to Council no later than March 14, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

A) Response to Delegation: Taber and District Chamber of Commerce – Cornfest Stage

C. Armfelt stated he was in agreement with the design concept presented by the Chamber of Commerce Cornfest Stage Committee and Mr. Groen, and suggested approval for this project as presented.

RES.63/2016 MOVED by Councillor Prokop that Council accepts the concept plan for the stage and recommends a development permit application be accepted by the Municipal Planning Commission for consideration of approval.

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

B) RFP Award for Wheeled Excavator

G. Birch introduced Ramin Lahiji, Manager of Engineering and Public Works.

Mr. Lahiji presented information on the Request for Proposal award for the wheeled excavator, explaining the 6 points on which the proposals were evaluated.

Councillor Ross-Giroux left the meeting at 6:06 PM.

Council requested and was provided copies of the tender opening minutes for review of all of the submissions.

Councillor Ross-Giroux returned to the meeting at 6:08 PM.

RES.64/2016 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council awards the RFP for a new wheeled excavator to CEM Heavy Equipment with the amount not to exceed \$284,350.00, exclusive of GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C) 2016 Public Auction Reserve Bid and Conditions of Sale

D. Wannop stated that when tax accounts are delinquent longer than recommended by the MGA, municipalities have property tax sales as an option to recover the delinquent property taxes. These type of tax sale measures are legislated by the Municipal Government Act.

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

**C) 2016 Public Auction Reserve Bid and Conditions of Sale –
Cont'd**

RES.65/2016 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council approves the following conditions pertaining to the March 30, 2016 tax sale of property tax account #4250510:

- a) \$137,460.00 be set as the reserve bid (This being the assessed value as provided by the Town's Assessors); and
- b) Terms of the sale are 10% cash deposit, balance within forty-five (45) working days.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D) MD and Town of Taber Walking Trail

C. Armfelt provided an update on the MD and Town of Taber trail project. The project was discussed by Council.

MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council approves the tendering of the east trail connection on lands owned and under jurisdiction of the Town of Taber.

Councillor Popadynetz suggested a friendly amendment to include correspondence sent to the Municipal District of Taber including the date this project will be undertaken.

The friendly amendment was declined by Councillor Sparks.

RES.66/2016 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council approves the tendering of the east trail connection on lands owned and under jurisdiction of the Town of Taber.

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E) MD of Taber Municipal Campus Site Plan

C. Armfelt provided detail on the MD of Taber Municipal Campus Site Plan. Mayor De Vlieger expressed his beliefs about this project and the sewage field decision made by Council at the previous meeting.

Council reviewed the request for approval received from the Municipal District.

RES.67/2016 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council of the Town of Taber supports the Development Permit and directs Administration to write a letter expressing such and include a thank you to the MD of Taber for providing a site plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F) Development Permit 16-07

C. Armfelt provided background on Development Permit 16-07 stating that Administration has received a Development Permit application for a composting materials handling facility on a portion of Block A1/B1 Plan 7918AQ, zoned Direct Control (DC-3). Mr. Armfelt explained that this use is considered permitted however this district requires Council to be the Development Authority.

Mayor De Vlieger left the meeting at 6:38 PM.

Mr. Armfelt stated that Administration is requesting Council's acceptance of the development permit application as complete in order to move forward with Development Permit 16-07.

Councillor Popadynetz left the meeting at 6:39 PM

C. Armfelt provided details on the approval process and the public hearing scheduled for February 22, 2016.

Mayor De Vlieger returned to the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Council requested the addition of the Potato Growers Association as an affected party in the approval requests.

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F) Development Permit 16-07

Councillor Popadynetz returned to the meeting at 6:41 PM.

RES.68/2016 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council accepts the Development Permit application information and gives direction to Administration to issue notice of the Development Permit application to affected parties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F) Higashiomi City Exchange 2016

G. Birch provided background on the Higashiomi exchange program.

Councillor Strojwas noted that 2016 marks 35 years that the Town of Taber and the community of Higashiomi City have been twinned.

Council discussed sending a larger group than typical to recognize the 35 years. Councillors Strojwas and Ross-Giroux indicated that they would be interested in going.

RES.69/2016 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council approves the request of Chief Administrative Officer Greg Birch to participate in the 2016 exchange with Higashiomi City, Japan, as a representative of the Town of Taber at his own expense with the understanding that he is a paid employee for the five days he is in Higashiomi City.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

G) Information For Council

Information was provided to Council regarding the asphalt patching program and the seven submissions received in the recent RFP.

Res.70/2016 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council accepts the material received in this Agenda Item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEDIA INQUIRIES

T. Busch requested a copy of the tender minutes from the 2 RFP processes and was provided to Council at the meeting.

T. Busch also asked the name of the Manager of Engineering and Public Works. Mr. Birch told him it was Ramin Lahiji.

CLOSED SESSION

RES.71/2016 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 and FOIPP Act, Section 24, Advice from Officials.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:03 PM

OPEN SESSION

RES.72/2016 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:30 PM

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OPEN SESSION – CONT'D

RES.73/2016 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council denies the offer of \$155,000 per acre with a waiver of the off-site levy charges for a 1.5 acre parcel in the Eureka Industrial Park, (Lot 10 Block 2 Plan 071 2104) and instead submits a counter proposal of \$155,000 per acre with a waiver of 50% of the off-site levy charges and the requirement that the purchaser constructs a building of a least 1,000 sq. ft. in area within one year of the purchase.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.74/2016 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council affirms its decision of September 28, 2015 regarding enforcement of the restriction of truck traffic on 50th Street between 64th and 80th Avenues (Resolution No. 437/2015), and requests the Taber Police Service to enforce that restriction after assuring that proper signage and any other necessary notifications are in place to clearly demonstrate that this road is no longer on the list of Town of Taber truck routes pursuant to Bylaw No. 14-2015.

CARRIED

RES.75/2016 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council proposes a meeting with the Municipal District of Taber Council to discuss the restriction of truck traffic on 50th Street between 64th Avenue and 80th Avenue in an effort to resolve the situation as soon as possible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CLOSE OF MEETING

RES.76/2016 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby Closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:33 PM



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

