MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TABER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON FEBRUARY 22, 2016, AT 5:05 PM, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SUBDIVISION AUTHORITY MEETING AT 5:00 PM.

## 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 Van Ham, Kerry

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor De Vlieger called the Public Hearing to Order at 5:05 PM.

## **DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 16-07**

- I) Explanation of Purpose of Development Permit Application No. 16-07.
  - G. Birch stated that on January 25, 2016, Council passed a motion to hold a Public Hearing on February 22, 2016 for Development Permit Application 16-07.

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## DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 16-07 - CONT'D

## Explanation of Purpose of Development Permit Application No. 16-07 – Cont'd

The Development Permit Application is to develop a composting materials handling facility in a Direct Control (DC-3) district. This use is considered permitted and it would be located on a portion of Block A1 Plan 7918AQ.

C. Armfelt stated that administration has received several items from Bio-Cycle Solutions for the Development Permit Application including the application, a site plan, operations plan, and geotechnical study.

# II) Presentation of written or oral briefs AGAINST Development Permit Application No. 16-07

Mayor De Vlieger inquired if any written briefs had been received against Permit Application No. 16-07.

C. Armfelt advised that no written briefs had been received against Development Permit Application No. 16-07.

Mayor De Vlieger inquired if there were any oral briefs against Development Permit Application No. 16-07.

Terrence Hochstein, Executive Director of the Potato Growers Association, questioned if any consideration had been given to who would be held liable if blight were to occur due to the facility. He also asked whether spore traps had been considered.

Greg Nakamura asked where the waste would go, and stated that potential waste, such as glass, found within crops could cause the crops to be taken out of commission.

Mayor De Vlieger noted that there would be a delegation that could answer these questions speaking later in the agenda.

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## DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 16-07 - CONT'D

# II) Presentation of written or oral briefs AGAINST Development Permit Application No. 16-07 Cont'd

Mayor De Vlieger inquired if there were any additional oral briefs against Development Permit Application No. 16-07 and there were none.

# III) Presentation of Written or Oral Briefs FOR Development Permit Application No. 16-07

C. Armfelt advised that a letter from the Municipal District of Taber had been received, indicating the MD Council had reviewed the development permit application and provided their comments and requests regarding nuisance, odor, blowing garbage, operation of the facility in accordance with the plan provided, and that any comments from Alberta Transporation be considered as part of the Town of Taber's decision.

Don Francis, CEO of BioCan Solutions, indicated that they were requesting approval from the Town of Taber to work towards building and developing an organics composting pad at the proposed site. He also discussed odor control, drainage/leachate, traffic, security, the market from incoming material, and the markets for the finished product, and touched on each topic individually.

Mayor De Vlieger inquired if there were any additional oral briefs for Development Permit Application No. 16-07, and there were none.



# **CLOSE OF MEETING**

Mayor De Vlieger declared the Public Hearing Closed at 5:33 PM.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER