

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, MAY 9, 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
Cote, Nathan
Holmen, Aline
Munshaw, Steve
Scherer, Gary
Van Ham, Kerry
Weiss, Donna

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.

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – CONT'D

Councillor Strojwas requested that Agenda item 7.F) should be added to the Agenda related to the establishment of a committee to review the Employee Code of Conduct Policy.

G. Birch requested that Agenda item 7.G) regarding the sudden deployment of resources to the Fort McMurray disaster area.

Mayor De Vlieger asked that a time of prayer for Councillor Brewin, the people of the municipality of Wood Buffalo and the victims and families of the highway 36 motor vehicle accident on Sunday, May 8, 2016 be added to the Agenda.

RES.249/2016 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council accepts the Agenda as amended to include agenda Items 7.F) Establishment of a Committee to Review the Employee Code of Conduct Policy and 7.G) Secondment of Town staff to Fort McMurray Disaster Response, and a prayer for Councillor Brewin, the people of the Municipality of Wood Buffalo and the victims of the Highway 36 accident on Sunday, May 8, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor De Vlieger continued to lead the meeting in a prayer for Councillor Brewin's transplant surgery and his donor, for the area of Fort McMurray, and for the families involved in the motor vehicle accident on highway 36.

DELEGATIONS

None.

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ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A) Minutes Public Hearing Meeting of Council, April 25, 2016

RES.250/2016 MOVED by councillor Prokop that Council adopts the minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting of Council held on April 25, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) Minutes Regular Meeting of Council, April 25, 2016

RES.251/2016 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 25, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A) Oldman Watershed Council Membership

G. Birch provided background information stating that at Council's April 25, 2016 meeting, Council resolved to renew its membership in this organization and agreed to donate \$250.00 in lieu of a membership fee.

Mr. Birch further stated that at that meeting, Council also resolved to appoint a Town of Taber representative to be decided at a later date and that this item comes under business arising from the minutes.

RES.252/2016 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council appoints Councillor Popadynetz as the Town of Taber's representative to the Oldman Watershed Council and appoints Mayor De Vlieger as the alternate member.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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BYLAWS

A) Fee Bylaw 12-2016 - Amendment to 18-2015

G. Birch, G. Scherer and A. Holmen presented information on Bylaw 12-2016 which is a draft amendment to Fee Bylaw 18-2015 and described the three elements of change recommended in the amending bylaw.

Council discussed the recommended changes to the Bylaw and expressed the concern that the three items needed further discussion by Council.

RES.253/2016 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that draft amending Bylaw 12-2016 be tabled for further information to be provided by Administration and for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) Bylaw 11-2016 - Amendment to Traffic Control Bylaw No. 6-2005

G. Birch detailed Traffic Control Bylaw 11-2016 as an amendment to Traffic Control Bylaw 6-2005. Mr. Birch provided information on the characteristics of change being recommended by the Traffic Safety Committee.

RES.254/2016 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council gives first reading to draft Bylaw No.11-2016, a bylaw to amend Traffic Control Bylaw No. 6-2005 by changing the definition of heavy vehicles and by specifying the effective time of playground zone speed limits.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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ACTION ITEMS

A) Joint Economic Development Committee

C. Armfelt presented background on the request for an alternate member for the Joint Economic Development Committee delegate stating that other organizations involved have selected an alternate member to attend when the appointed member is unavailable.

RES.255/2016 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council appoints Councillor Ross-Giroux as an alternate member to attend the Joint Economic Development Committee meetings in the absence of the Town's voting members.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) Tender Award

G. Scherer presented the results of the Tender submissions for the 50th Street Overlay Project.

Council discussed funding sources for this project.

MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council award the 50th Street asphalt overlay Tender to McNally Contractors Ltd for the amount of \$207,409.13 with funds in the amount of \$97,409.13 to be allocated from the capital reserves.

Councillor Prokop recommended a friendly amendment that the resolution include that this project refers to the asphalt overlay of 50th Street between 64th Avenue and 80th Avenue.

Councillor Strojwas accepted the friendly amendment.



ACTION ITEMS –CONT'D

B) Tender Award – Cont'd

RES.256/2016 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council award the 50th Street between 64th Avenue and 80th Avenue asphalt overlay Tender to McNally Contractors Ltd for the amount of \$207,409.13, with funds in the amount of \$97,409.13 to be allocated from the capital reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.257/2016 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council directs Administration to refund the balance of funds to match an equal 50/50% split to the anonymous donor of the 50th Street between 64th Avenue and 80th Avenue asphalt overlay Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C) 1st Quarter Financial Statements

D. Weiss provided an overview of the financial statements for the Town of Taber for the first quarter of 2016, ending March 31, 2016. Ms. Weiss stated that these Financial Statements were discussed at the Audit Committee meeting and it was recommended that Council accept this for information.

RES.258/2016 MOVED by councillor Ross-Giroux that Council accepts the unaudited financial statements for the three months ending March 31, 2016 for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D) Request for Letter of Support: Changes to the Disaster Recovery Program (DRP)

G. Birch provided information regarding correspondence received from the Town of High River, Alberta, which is lobbying for changes to the Disaster Recovery Program following their experience in the 2013 southern Alberta flooding.

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ACTION ITEMS –CONT'D

D) Request for Letter of Support: Changes to the Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) – Cont'd

RES.259/2016 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council authorizes a letter of support for the Town of High River's request that Minister Danielle Larivee review the Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) to address efficiency, responsiveness, and program shortfalls.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E) Information For Council

G. Birch presented information to Council on the Taber Library Board statistics for the period ending December 31, 2015.

RES.260/2016 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council accepts the material received in this Agenda Item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F) Establishment of Committee

Councillor Strojwas expressed the need to update the Employee Code of Conduct Policy with regards to a code of ethics and standard of professionalism required for Town of Taber employees.

Council discussed representation for the committee and the direction of change recommended.

MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that the Town of Taber appoints a sub-committee of Councillors and the Administrative Services Manager and the Union Steward to review and update all Town of Taber Code of Conduct, Professionalism, and Social Media Policies to be brought back to Council for the June 27th meeting.

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ACTION ITEMS –CONT'D

F) Establishment of Committee – Cont'd

Further discussion occurred regarding Council's participation in this review and update.

RES.261/2016 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council directs Administration to review the Town of Taber Employee Code of Conduct, Professional and Social Media Policies which are to be brought to Council at their Regular Meeting of June 27, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G) Secondment of Town Staff to Fort McMurray Disaster Response

G. Birch presented details on his decision to authorize Fire Chief Steve Munshaw to assist at the Provincial Operations Centre in Edmonton in support of the Fort McMurray disaster response.

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ACTION ITEMS –CONT'D

G) Secondment of Town Staff to Fort McMurray Disaster Response – Cont'd

RES.262/2016 That Council:

- a) authorize the Chief Administrative Officer's decision to allow Fire Chief Steve Munshaw to assist at the Provincial Operations Centre in Edmonton in support of the Fort McMurray disaster response, and agree to support his wage and expenses as a municipal contribution to assist with that disaster response; and
- b) apply for his wages to be reimbursed by the Province and in turn have these wages donated back to the Emergency Services of Fort McMurray; and
- c) authorize Councillor Sparks, Chair of the Town's Emergency Management Committee, and the Chief Administrative Officer to jointly make such decisions regarding other staff members should there be a future sudden request for assistance with the Fort McMurray disaster provided the secondment is no longer than 14 days.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEDIA INQUIRIES

T. Busch of the Taber Times inquired if any Town of Taber firefighters had been deployed to the Fort McMurray disaster response.

N. Cote responded the available fire fighters were ready to go if called but are still in Taber at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

RES.263/2016 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council moves into Closed Session to discuss matters related to FOIPP Act Section 16, Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party and FOIPP Act Section 19, Confidential Evaluations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:12 PM

OPEN SESSION

RES.264/2016 MOVED by Councillor Prokop that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:17 AM

RES.265/2016 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council offers to sell the 0.23 acre parcel legally described as Lot 49, Block 1, Plan 8410856 for \$25,000/acre for a total of \$5675.00 to Total Weed Control Ltd., and also requests Administration to commence the road closure process for the small piece of road situated immediately west of the subject Lot 49 and, subject to the road closure, also offer to sell that land to Total Weed Control Ltd. at the price of \$25,000/acre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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OPEN SESSION – CONT'D

RES.266/2016 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council accepts South Alta Trading Co. Ltd.'s proposal to trade two lots, legally described as, Block X, Plan 5440AQ and Lot 1, Block 17, Plan 0414376 with an approximate 33 acre portion of land owned by the Town of Taber, legally described as Block A1, Plan 7819AQ subject to the following:

1. A restrictive covenant be registered in title prohibiting the further subdivision of this parcel for 20 years removable only by the Town of Taber,
2. A environmental report is completed by a consultant of the Town's choosing (at the expense of South Alta Trading Company) and any remediation issues required on either Block X, Plan 5440AQ and Lot 1, Block 17, Plan 0414376 is completed by South Alta Trading Company at their expense,
3. The construction of the proposed salvage yard at Block A1, Plan 7819AQ must be undertaken based on current industry best management practices,
4. All intersection upgrades, roads or other items related to onsite or offsite transportation linkages must be completed at the expense of South Alta Trading Company,
5. Buffering along roadways must be completed as part of the future development planning for the parcel.

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RES.267/2016 MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Mrs. Darlene Mitchell be appointed to the Taber Municipal Library Board for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES.268/2016 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby Closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:24 PM



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

