

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 OCTOBER 11, 2016, 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

**Staff**

Armfelt, Cory  
Holmen, Aline  
Munshaw, Steve  
Scherer, Gary  
Van Ham, Kerry  
Wannop, Devon

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor De Vlieger made a statement on the relationship of Council and the media, and expressed hope that local media would have a positive impact on helping the community grow and flourish.

Mayor De Vlieger called the meeting to order at 5:03 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.

RES.490/2016      MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council adopts the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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## DELEGATIONS

### **A) Taber Food Bank Society, Town of Taber 2017-2019 Budget Consideration**

D. Wannop introduced Vicki Koersen, President of the Taber Food Bank, who provided information about the increased use and volunteerism associated with the Taber Food Bank.

RES.491/2016      MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council receives the request for funding from the Taber Food Bank Society, for consideration in the Town of Taber 2017-2019 budget deliberations, for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **B) Taber & District Handibus Association, Town of Taber 2017-2019 Budget Consideration**

Paul Primeau, representative from the Taber & District Handibus Association presented information regarding the Association's request for funding to be considered in the 2017-2019 budget deliberations. He also stated that the Association was looking into expanding their operations for the future.

RES.492/2016      MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council receives the request for funding from the Taber & District Handibus Association, for consideration in the Town of Taber 2017-2019 budget deliberations, for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **C) Delegation: Taber Public Library, Town of Taber 2017-2019 Budget Consideration**

Cindy Varga and Pat Bremner, Board Members presented information regarding the Taber Public Library's request for funding to be considered in the 2017-2019 budget deliberations.

Council discussed user fees and the benefits of waiving the user fees for the patrons of the library.

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## **DELEGATIONS – CONT'D**

### **C) Delegation: Taber Public Library, Town of Taber 2017-2019 Budget Consideration- Cont'd**

RES.493/2016      MOVED by Councillor Ross Giroux that Council receives the request for funding from the Taber Public Library, for consideration in the Town of Taber 2017-2019 budget deliberations, for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

### **A) Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council: September 26, 2016**

RES.494/2016      MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 26, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

## **BYLAWS**

None.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A) Contractors Meeting Sept 27: Minutes/ Highlights on Information for Council**

C. Armfelt presented the highlights of the Contractors Meeting held on September 27, 2016. He stated that there was a lot of discussion regarding permitting processes, as well as comparisons between the Town of Taber and other municipalities in regards to building structures and sales of property.

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**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

**A) Contractors Meeting Sept 27: Minutes/ Highlights on Information for Council – Cont'd**

C. Armfelt also stated that an additional meeting with contractors would be held in March 2017.

RES.495/2016      MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council accepts the Contractors Meeting Minutes from September 27, 2016 as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**B) Public Hearing Deferral for Road Closure**

C. Armfelt stated that he had received a request to change the Public Hearing date. He also stated he was waiting to receive correspondence from a utility provider in order to bring that information to Council.

RES.496/2016      MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council amends resolution 443/2016 to reflect the change in date for the Public Hearing from October 11, 2016 to October 24, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**C) FOIPP Document Destruction**

C. Armfelt provided information regarding a list of documents that would be destroyed according to Town of Taber Bylaw 10-99: Retention of Municipal Documents.

## **ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

### **C) FOIPP Document Destruction – Cont'd**

RES.497/2016      MOVED by Councillor Prokop that Council approves request for the destruction of the following building documentation:

- 2012 Building Permit TTB B 0001 12 MU – TTB B 0125 12 MU
- 2011 Building Permit TTB B 0001 11 MU – TTB B 0058 11 MU
- 2011 Superior Safety Code Files TTB B 0001 11 MU – TTB B 0058 11 MU
- 2010 Superior Safety Code Files TTB B 0036 10 MU – TTB B 0084 10 MU
- 2009 Business License Box 1-4
- 2009 Building Permit 09-10696 – BP 09-10828

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **D) Tax Penalty Waiver**

D. Wannop provided information that on September 6, 2016 the owner of a rental property in Taber attended the Town office to pay the balance of the tax account, but was only willing to pay if the Town reversed the tax penalties and fees associated with the utility arrears being transferred to the tax account.

The property owner stated that not only did the renter not pay his rent but was supposed to be responsible for the utilities and the taxes and did not pay them as promised. The property owner had been advised monthly that the utilities were in arrears and were going to be transferred to the tax account and was also advised when the utilities, along with a transfer fee, had been transferred to the tax account. He also received a letter advising him of the tax penalties that were applied. The property owner requested that because he was left to pay all the taxes and utilities (water, power and gas) the Town of Taber should take this into consideration and give him a break.

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## **ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

### **D) Tax Penalty Waiver- Cont'd**

Councillor Popadynetz questioned if a situation like this had ever occurred before. D. Wannop stated that there had been similar requests, but the fees were never waived as it falls upon the property owner to ensure payment of taxes.

RES.498/2016      MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council not waive any portion of the taxes and/or penalties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **E) Information for Council**

Council discussed the Traffic Committee draft minutes from the September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, the response from MPE Engineering regarding transferring heat from the Ice Plant to the Aquafun Centre, the statistics for the MNP Whistleblower Hotline, and correspondence received from the Municipal District of Taber regarding the development of an Intermunicipal Development Plan

RES.499/2016      MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council accepts the material received in this Agenda Item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **F) Standing Item - Council Requests**

Council discussed a possible solution to people crossing a ditch along 44A Street as well as the publication of Councillor's phone numbers to the public.

RES.500/2016      MOVED by Councillor Ross Giroux that Council uses this standing agenda item opportunity to address administration about their concerns, ask questions and direct municipal resources as presented to administration for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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## **ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

### **G) Department Reports**

S. Munshaw presented the Taber Emergency Services Department Report.

RES.501/2016      MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council accepts the Department Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **MEDIA INQUIRIES**

None.

RES.502/2016      MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council recesses for 20 minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:22 PM

Mayor De Vlieger called the meeting back to order at 6:57 PM.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

RES.503/2016      MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council moves into Closed Session to discuss matters under the FOIPP Act, Section 16: Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party, Section 16: Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party, and Section 24: Advice from Officials.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **OPEN SESSION**

RES.504/2016      MOVED by Councillor Ross Giroux that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:54 PM

**OPEN SESSION – CONT'D**

RES.505/2016 MOVED by Councillor Ross Giroux that Council extends the meeting time to 9:30 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CLOSED SESSION**

RES.506/2016 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that Council returns to Closed Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:55 PM

Councillor Brewin left the meeting at 9:35 PM.

**OPEN SESSION**

RES.507/2016 MOVED by Councillor Prokop that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 9:44 PM

RES.508/2016 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council declines the offer from Spitfire Investments Ltd.'s offer to purchase Plan 5638L; Block 15, Lot 10, Plan 5638L; Block 15; Lot 11 and Plan 5638L; Block 15; Lots 12-14.

CARRIED



**CLOSE OF MEETING**

RES.509/2016      MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby Closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 9:45 PM



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(Deputy)

MAYOR



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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER