

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 TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017, AT 5:03 PM, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SUBDIVISION AUTHORITY MEETING AT 5:00 PM.

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**Mayor**

Prokop, Andrew

**Councillors**

Ross-Giroux, Laura

Sparks, Randy

Strojwas, Joe

**Absent**

Brewin, Jack

Popadynetz, Rick

**Chief Administrative Officer**

Armfelt, Cory

**Staff**

Brennan, Meghan

Busch, Barkley

Holmen, Aline

Malcolm, Andrew

Munshaw, Steve

Orwa, John

Scherer, Gary

Van Ham, Kerry

Weiss, Donna

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Prokop called the meeting to Order at 5:03 PM.

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## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Prokop inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda, and there were none.

RES. 215/2017      MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council adopts the Agenda, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DELEGATIONS**

None.

## **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

### **A) Minutes of Special Meeting of Council: May 1, 2017**

RES. 216/2017      MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council adopts the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on May 1, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **B) Minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting of Council: May 8, 2017**

RES. 217/2017      MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council adopts the minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting of Council held on May 8, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **C) Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council: May 8, 2017**

RES. 218/2017      MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 8, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

## **BYLAWS**

### **A) Proposed Property Tax Bylaw 2-2017**

C. Armfelt introduced John Orwa, the new Director of Finance, to Council.

J. Orwa clarified that the 2.5% increase referred to an increase in revenue, not an increase in tax rates. J. Orwa requested that Council approves the Proposed Property Tax Bylaw based on a residential and farmland increase of .02% and non-residential increase of 1.31% in order to be in line with the approved budget.

RES. 219/2017      MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council gives First Reading to Bylaw No. 2-2017 being the Property Tax Bylaw for the Town of Taber, at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 220/2017      MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council gives Second Reading to Bylaw No. 2-2017 being the Property Tax Bylaw of the Town of Taber, at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 221/2017      MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council unanimously agrees to proceed with Third and Final Reading of Bylaw No. 2-2017 being the Property Tax Bylaw of the Town of Taber, at this meeting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**BYLAWS – CONT'D**

**A) Proposed Property Tax Bylaw 2-2017 – CONT'D**

RES. 222/2017      MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council gives Third and Final Reading to Bylaw No. 2-2017 being the Property Tax Bylaw for the Town of Taber, at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**B) Road Closure Bylaw 5-2017 Second and Third Reading**

A. Malcolm presented Bylaw 5-2017, Road Closure Amendment, to Council and clarified that this amendment pertains to Bylaw 17-2016 that was adopted by Council on February 27, 2017.

A. Malcolm stated that through conversation with Municipal Affairs and Alberta Transportation, a solution was found that did not require the repeal of Bylaw 17-2016, and an amendment would be accepted by both parties.

RES. 223/2017      MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council gives Second Reading to Bylaw No. 5-2017, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 224/2017      MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council gives Third and Final Reading to Bylaw No. 5-2017, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A) Sanitary Sewer Collection Master Plan**

M. Harker, MPE Engineering representative, presented the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan to Council.

RES. 225/2017      MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council accepts the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan for information and directs Administration to bring forward future sanitary sewer collection capital projects for Council's consideration in upcoming capital budgets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**B) Skateboard Park**

A. Holmen presented the required construction and repairs needed for the Skateboard Park due to repeated vandalism and cracked concrete.

Council discussed the requested repairs and alternatives.

RES. 226/2017      MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council authorizes the repairs required at the Skateboard Park to the amount up to \$10,200.00 from Capital Reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**C) Wailen Park Deficiencies**

A. Malcolm stated that with the standard development agreement, a security deposit was provided and stated that the security deposit from 13004258 Alberta Ltd. (Wailen Developments) was taken to address deficiencies in Wailen Park when it was transferred to the Town.

A. Malcom stated that deficiencies have been identified and Administration is requesting that the funds be released from Operating Reserves in order to rectify and address the current deficiencies in Wailen Park.

**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

**C) Wailen Park Deficiencies – CONT'D**

Council discussed the approach proposed to be taken by Administration in repairing the deficiencies outlined in Wailen Park.

RES. 227/2017      MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council accepts the information on the deficiencies of Wailen Park; and,

That Council supports the spending of up to \$35,022.47 from Operating Reserves that was taken as a security to repair deficiencies with the Wailen Development, with Administration coming back to Council for final approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**D) Downtown Sidewalk Improvements  
5402 50th Avenue**

C. Armfelt and G. Scherer presented a public request from Communities in Bloom to rebuild the sidewalk and add planters in front of 5402 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue, with costs being primarily covered by the building owner.

G. Scherer stated that this is a mutually agreed upon project that would create a nice overall view of Downtown and fits well with previous upgrades to the area.

Council discussed Administration and the Town's potential commitment for agreeing to the proposed upgrade to the area.

G. Scherer clarified that there is room in the Public Works budget to allow for the removal of the concrete, the only financial commitment from the Town for this project and stated that the building owner would be paying for the majority of the cost for the upgrade.

Council discussed the potential of other downtown businesses requesting similar projects.

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**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

**D) Downtown Sidewalk Improvements  
5402 50th Avenue – CONT'D**

RES. 228/2017      MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council accepts the public request for sidewalk improvements at 5402 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue as information; and,

That Council approves the sidewalk improvements and authorizes the CAO to enter into a service agreement to ensure the improvements are completed and maintained to Town of Taber standards.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**E) Council Boards, Committees and Commissions (BCCs)  
Review: Council Participation on Boards, Committees and Commissions**

Council reviewed the current memberships and vacancies.

RES. 229/2017      MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council appoints Councillor Randy Sparks to be a member of the Audit Committee, to fill the existing vacancy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 230/2017      MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council appoints Councillor Jack Brewin to be an alternate member of the Municipal Emergency Management Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 231/2017      MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council appoints Councillor Laura Ross-Giroux to the Highway #3 Ad Hoc Committee, to fill the existing vacancy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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## **ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

### **E) Council Boards, Committees and Commissions (BCCs) Review: Council Participation on Boards, Committees and Commissions**

RES. 232/2017      MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council appoints Mayor Andrew Prokop to attend the Mayor's/Reeves Meetings Ad Hoc Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 233/2017      MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council appoints Councillor Randy Sparks to the South Grow Regional Initiative Ad Hoc Committee, joining the existing member.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **F) Recreation Project Support**

A. Holmen presented four projects recommended from the Recreation Board for Council to provide letters of support in order for Administration to search and apply for grant funding.

RES. 234/2017      MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council provides a letter of support for each of the following projects in order for grant funding to be sought out:

1. Sunrise Park – Playground Equipment
2. Confederation Park – Wheelchair Accessible Play Equipment
3. Confederation Park – Climbing Apparatus
4. Aquafun Centre – Climbing Wall

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



## **ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

### **G) Canada Day 2017**

A. Holmen presented the schedule of events that will be occurring in Taber on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, pending final approval, A. Holmen requested that the Mayor, or a designate, attending the event, execute a Welcome speech, and help celebrate the event.

A. Holmen also presented an invitation received from the Town of Vauxhall, inviting Council to attend and participate in their Canada Day activities, particularly their parade.

Council discussed their availabilities to participate in events on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

NO MOTION

### **H) Information for Council**

C. Armfelt presented the information to Council regarding the Kinsmen Club sponsorship, the security camera installations on Town property, and the asphalt concern in Westview Phase 1.

RES. 235/2017      MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council accepts the material received in this Agenda Item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

C. Armfelt presented the updated Standing Item listing.

Council discussed information pertaining to a new commercial development by the existing Boston Pizza.

NO MOTION

**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

**J) Department Reports**

RES. 236/2017      MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council accepts the Department Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**K) Taber Municipal Police Commission Report to Council**

RES. 237/2017      MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council accepts the Taber Municipal Police Commission Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**L) Mayor and Councillor Reports (Verbal)**

There was nothing to report by any of the members.

NO MOTION

**MEDIA INQUIRIES**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION**

RES. 238/2017      MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council moves into Closed Session to discuss matters subject to FOIPP ACT, Section 19: Confidential Evaluations, Section 21: Disclosure Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations, and Section 24: Advice from Officials.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:27 PM

**OPEN SESSION**

RES. 239/2017      MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:02 PM

RES. 240/2017      MOVED by Councillor Sparks that Council authorizes the farm land lease renewal of approximately 191 acres of lands described as Portion of Plan 7819AQ, Blocks X and B1, and Plan 1611336, Block 4, Lot 2 to David Klassen, for a 5 year term to expire December 31, 2021; and,

Directs the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the lease renewal documents

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 241/2017      MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council donates \$40,000 from the Community Trust Fund to the Taber and District Handibus Association for the purchase of a new handibus.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

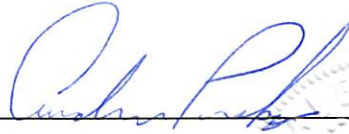
RES. 242/2017      MOVED by Councillor Ross-Giroux that Council accepts the Constructed Wetlands material for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

RES. 243/2017      MOVED by Councillor Sparks that this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby Closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:03 PM

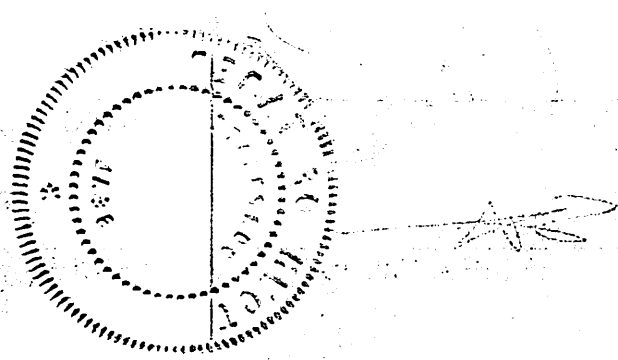


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