

10/2014

MINUTES OF THE TABER RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON October 2, 2014 AT  
5:30 PM

PRESENT: Luke Wijna  
Councilor Andrew Prokop  
Danielle Hansen  
Councilor Randy Sparks  
Garrett Simmons

ALSO PRESENT:

Aline Holmen, Recreation Manager  
Chad Glasser, Recreation Supervisor  
Marty Planger, Recording Secretary  
Greg Price, Taber Times

ABSENT: Darcy Firth (Excused)  
Councilor Merrill Harris

**CALL TO ORDER**

Luke Wijna called the Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board to order at 5:30 PM.

A. Holmen introduced Chad Glasser to the Recreation Board as the new Recreation Supervisor.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

RES. 47/2014 MOVED by Councilor A. Prokop to adopt the agenda as presented:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS**

**A) 3A Girls Basketball Provincials**

Julie Wood represented the Barnwell School Parent Committee that is organizing the 3A Girls Provincial Basketball Event in the spring. J. Wood reviewed the projected budget for the event and answered all the Recreation Boards questions. The request for waiver is for the Thursday evening banquet which will be serving 200 players and coaches.

The Recreation Board thanked J. Wood for her attendance and presentation.

## **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

### **A) Regular meeting – September 4, 2014**

RES. 48/2014 MOVED by G. Simmons that the Recreation Board adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on September 4, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **A) Sponsorship Update**

Dave Higgins joined the meeting via teleconference to update the Recreation Board on the status and direction of the sponsorship program. D. Higgins announced he will be the Town of Taber's rep for the remainder of the term and explained that the company is in a better position to focus on the Town of Taber's account than the last time he spoke with the board.

The Recreation Board expressed disappointment for the lack of progress the program has made to date and reiterated the purpose of the program is to generate additional funds to be able to protect the user fees from large increases that were necessary in the past.

The Recreation Board thanked D. Higgins for his update and asked for another update in a couple of months' time.

RES. 49/2014 MOVED by Councilor R. Sparks that the Recreation Board accepts the Sponsorship Update as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **B) Recreation Facilities Rental Fee Waiver and Reduction Request – 3A Girls Provincial Basketball**

The Recreation Board discussed their concern for the precedent they would be setting by waiving events such as these and its potential cost to the town. The Recreation Board discussed the events budget in relation to the request.

RES. 50/2014 MOVED by D. Hansen that the Recreation Board recommend to Council to deny the Recreation Facility Rental Fee Waiver & Reduction Request for the 3A Girls Provincial Basketball event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **C) Recreation Master Plan Update**

Greg Birch, CAO of Taber, presented the Recreation Board with a proposed plan to create a Recreation Master Plan in-house. The Recreation Board reviewed suggestions with Administration for consideration.

RES. 51/2014 MOVED by Councilor R. Sparks that the Recreation Board accepts the Recreation Master Plan Outline as presented along with suggestions to administration from the Recreation Board noted:

-Suggested that the focus groups for the workshops include the groups that may not necessarily be “organized” such as skate park users, walkers, BMX, etc.

-Members of the Recreation Board were concerned that by doing the survey through the Utility billing you miss the MD of Taber users and they cautioned administration could then miss valuable input.

-It was also suggested that the Town of Taber have a registration for the workshop so the town could get a few of those less known organizations and ensure that as many groups as possible are represented. Representation would then be more diverse in attendance and discussion may be less biased.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A) Recreation Facilities Rental Waiver and Reduction Requests**

A. Holmen explained to the Recreation Board that Council has a directive to review Recreation Facility Rental Fee Waiver and Reductions policy annually and looks to this board for any feedback or suggestions prior to its decision. It was also confirmed that the process is under review and will be presented later this fall.

The Recreation Board expressed concern for the cost associated with waivers for all the great causes every year and the frustration at the lack of direction to aid in dealing with these requests more fairly and consistently.

RES. 52/2014 MOVED by D. Hansen that the Recreation Board recommends Council approve Schedule “A” within the Recreation Facilities Rental Fee Waiver & Reduction Requests Policy for 2015 with the understanding that a new process will be implemented within the 2015 Budget Deliberations.

## **B) Information for Recreation Board**

The Recreation Board discussed the challenges with swimming lesson registrations. A. Holmen reported that the lesson registration was handled as well as it could have been. Currently the town is unable to host online registration and does not accept credit cards. Soon the CLASS software which is currently used by the town will be obsolete and so the town is looking at other software options. This is not a unique problem, as most municipalities are in the same position. Council has directed administration to investigate the cost of credit cards for the recreation department only as well as online registration. The Recreation Board recognized that the lessons were not all full and that it was only a couple of classes which are in high demand and it is impossible to accommodate everyone.

The Recreation Board asked for a hockey dressing room update. A. Holmen agreed to have an update in November regular meeting as to the status of the project and report back with the exact motion council had passed in July.

RES. 53/2014 MOVED by G. Simmons that the Recreation Board accepts the material received as Information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **C) Recreation Manager Report**

A concern was raised about ensuring the spraypark bucket be properly winterized which A. Holmen advised is already being addressed.

Small ice is in and bookings will begin next week. It was voiced that Fading Sons may want the 5:45 pm slot on Fridays, which A. Holmen agreed to look into.

It was also noted that the practice football field is in rough shape and it was suggested to keep watering for a while longer.

The board also commented how nice the flowers around town looked as well as the new planters in front of the administration building.

RES. 54/2014 MOVED by Councilor R. Sparks that the Recreation Board accepts the Recreation Manager Report for information.

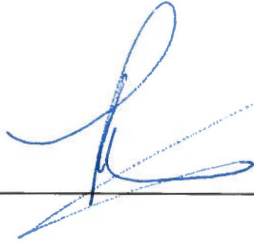
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**D) Recognition Awards - None**

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

RES. 55/2014 MOVED by Councilor A. Prokop that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board do now close.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:04 PM



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CHAIRMAN