MINUTES OF THE TABER RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON September 5, 2013 AT 5:15 PM

PRESENT: Luke Wijna

Councillor Rick Popadynetz

Danielle Hansen

Councillor Randy Sparks Garrett Simmons (5:16 PM) Councillor Don Johnson

#### ALSO PRESENT:

Aline Holmen, Leisure Services Manager Jan Seweryn, Recreation Facilities Manager Rob Cressman, Director of Community Services

Lori Farough, Recording Secretary

Greg Price, Taber Times

ABSENT:

Tim O'Donnell - excused

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Luke Wijna called the Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board to order at 5:15 PM.

Garrett Simmons arrived at 5:16 PM.

#### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

RES. 48/2013MOVED by Councillor Johnson to adopt the agenda as amended to include the letter to the Recreation Board regarding Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **DELEGATIONS**

# A) Southern Alberta Flood Victims Assistance

Abe Fehr, Pastor of the New Life Church attended the meeting to represent Wanda Renner and the Taber Cares Committee. Recently members of churches, service clubs & the community came together to raise funds for flood relief for High River. Over \$72,000.00 was raised with hopes of giving all proceeds to flood victims. This group is asking for a waiver for 100% of the auditorium rental fees.

The group thanked Mr. Fehr for his presentation and explained that they will discuss this further and get back to him.

Abe Fehr left the meeting at 5:22 PM.

## B) Taber Community Action Prevention Society

Graham Abela, President of the TCAPS organization was in attendance regarding a waiver request for their Ladies Night out event occurring in November. He spoke about the groups that have benefited from the work of the society, Taber Safe Haven, Taber Food Bank, Victims Services Unit, Taber Community Against Drugs (TCAD), Taber Youth Initiative, Alberta Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC) etc. The TCAPS society has a broad spectrum of community members on its board from mental health workers, Family Community Support Services (FCSS) representative, a physician and community members at large. Together they work to build capacity within the community. In recent years they have made donations to the Taber Girls Rugby Team, the Taber Track & Field Committee, the Taber Air Cadet Squadron and the Taber Cenotaph Committee. All money raised goes directly back into the community. They request a partial or full waiver of facility fees for their annual Ladies Night Out event. This event has been held previously at Luigi's and the Heritage Inn, both resulted in the facility fees being waived but the event is growing and they plan to use the Community Centre for this event from here forward.

G. Abela was thanked for his presentation and told the request would be considered and a response is forthcoming.

Graham Abela left the meeting at 5:30 PM.

# **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

# A) Regular meeting – June 6, 2013

RES. 49/2013 It was noted that the last resolution number in the minutes was incorrect.

MOVED by D. Hansen that the Recreation Board adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on June 6, 2013 as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

# **INFORMATION ITEMS**

# A) Summer Program Review

A. Holmen gave a quick summary of the busy summer events for the Town of Taber. Canada Day events had high numbers of participation, the weather was great and there were activities for all ages. Great feed-back has been received regarding that event. Southern Alberta Summer Games hosted 479 Taber athletes and 33 coaches. Summer Programs

accommodated 77% of spots filled which compares to 2012, seems acceptable considering there are 3 free summer programs offered by other organizations. The perspective is this summer was one of the less stressful summers and the weather cooperated.

Councillor Johnson expressed appreciation to Ms. Holmen for the excellent job she does, especially with summer games. Everything went off smoothly except the hail event that was beyond our control. The summer games event was enjoyed by all.

Councillor Sparks commented that Ms. Holmen did a good job hiring the youth to do the summer programs work. It was awesome to see how they enjoyed the summer programs by participating with the kids.

A. Holmen concluded that there will be a separate report presented on Summer Games at a later date.

RES. 50/2013 MOVED by G. Simmons that the Recreation Board accept the review of the summer programs as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### B) Ver-Set Skills Camp

The Ver-Set Skills Camp was held in the Community Centre for the week of August 11 – 17, 2013. R. Cressman reported that utility expenses for the facility will be provided by Oct. – Nov, a final report will be presented to the Recreation Board at its regular meeting of October or November.

A summary of the post-event meeting between camp organizers/representatives, J. Seweryn and R. Cressman was presented.

Discussion occurred on the provision of RV camping spaces, expense of maintaining ice for the remainder of the summer & placement of the "Home of the Ver-Set Skills Camp" sign as it relates to the Sponsorship Program.

RES. 51/2013 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that the Recreation Board accept the Ver-Set Skills Camp event report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

### **ACTION ITEMS**

A) Southern Alberta Flood Victims Assistance – Recreation Facility Rental Waiver Application

RES. 52/2013 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that the Recreation Board recommends that the Southern Alberta Flood Victims Assistance Dinner –

Recreation Facility Rental Fee request be submitted to Council for approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# B) Taber Community Action Prevention Society – Recreation Facility Rental Fee Waiver Application

RES. 53/2013 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that the Recreation Board recommend that the TCAPS Ladies Night Out – Recreation Facility Rental Fee request be submitted to Council for approval on the Annual Recreation Facility Rental Fee Schedule.

CARRIED UNANMOUSLY

### C) Request for Assistance – Chinook Rodeo Association

RES. 54/2013 MOVED by Councillor Johnson that the Taber Recreation Board decline the request and recommend that The Chinook Rodeo Association approach the Councils of the M.D. of Taber and the Town of Taber with their request.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## D) 2014 Budget Process

Garrett Simmons left the meeting at 6:22 PM.

Discussion occurred regarding the 2013 budget and Administrations thoughts for participation of the Recreation Board in the 2014 Budget review.

RES. 55/2013 MOVED by Councillor Johnson that the Recreation Board table the 2014 Budget Process to the October 3, 2013 general meeting of the Recreation Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Johnson left the meeting at 6:49 PM.

#### E) 2014 Recreation User Fees

Extensive discussion occurred around comparisons obtained from other communities. It was suggested that the comparisons be taken from like-size communities and facilities within our own trading area. The Subsidization Policy was discussed in relation to other options for setting user fees. R Cressman noted that further information on this item will be provided at the next Recreation Board meeting.

Further discussion ensued regarding the use of the RV sites at Ken McDonald Memorial Sportsfield Complex and user fees vs. donations for this provision.

RES. 56/2013 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that the Recreation Board accept the User Fees report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **BOARD/STAFF REPORTS**

#### A) Reports

A. Holmen presented the department updates. Discussion occurred regarding the team photos at the arena and the Aquafun Centre Shutdown.

RES. 57/2013 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that the Recreation Board accepts the monthly Board/Staff reports as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **RECOGNITION AWARDS**

- RES. 58/2013 MOVED by Councillor D. Hansen that the Recreation Board recommends that the following individuals receive Recognition Awards:
  - Bronze Carrie Ross Alberta Summer Swimming Association 2013 Provincial Championships (G18&O 1500 Free)
  - Bronze Carrie Ross Alberta Summer Swimming Association 2013 Provincial Championships (G18&O 800 Free)
  - 3. Silver Genna Wright Alberta Summer Swimming Association 2013 Provincial Championships (G13&14 50 Flv)
  - Bronze Genna Wright Alberta Summer Swimming Association 2013 Provincial Championships (G13&14 100 Back)
  - Bronze Genna Wright Alberta Summer Swimming Association 2013 Provincial Championships (G14&U 200 Free Relay)
  - Bronze Isabelle Bennett Alberta Summer Swimming Association 2013 Provincial Championships (G14&U 200 Free Relay)
  - Bronze Renae Saunders Alberta Summer Swimming Association 2013 Provincial Championships ( G14&U 200 Free Relay)
  - Bronze Danielle Wright Alberta Summer Swimming Association 2013 Provincial Championships (G14&U 200 Free Relay)
  - Gold (Canadian Record) Brad Olson 2013 Canadian Single Event Championships Unequipped 198 lbs. Division (Squat)
  - Gold (Canadian Record) Brad Olson 2013 Canadian Single Event Championships Unequipped Open 198 lbs. Division (Bench Press)
  - Gold (World Record) Brad Olson 2013 Canadian Single Event Championships Unequipped Open 198 lbs. Division (Deadlift)
  - Gold (Canadian Record) Brad Wilson 2013 Canadian Single Event Championships Unequipped Open 220 lbs. Division (Squat)
  - Silver (Canadian Record) Brad Wilson 2013 Canadian Single Event Championships Unequipped Open 220 lbs. Division (Bench Press)
  - Gold (Canadian Record) Brad Wilson 2013 Canadian Single Event Championships Equipped Open 220 lbs. Division (Deadlift)
  - Gold- Braden Gardner 2013 Canadian Single Event Championships Unequipped Open 242 lbs. Division (Squat)

- Silver- Braden Gardner 2013 Canadian Single Event Championships Unequipped Open 242 lbs. Division (Bench Press)
- Gold- Braden Gardner 2013 Canadian Single Event Championships Unequipped Open 242 lbs. Division (Deadlift)
- 18. Gold (Canadian Record) Clay Sparks– 2013 Canadian Single Event Championships Equipped Teenage 220 lbs. Division (Squat)
- Gold (Canadian Record) Clay Sparks 2013 Canadian Single Event Championships Equipped Teenage 220 lbs. Division (Bench Press)
- 20. Gold (Canadian Record) Clay Sparks- 2013 Canadian Single Event Championships Unequipped Teenage 220 lbs. Division (Deadlift)

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **CLOSE OF MEETING**

RES. 59/2013 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board do now close.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:12 PM

**CHAIRMAN**