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October 4, 2013

**MINUTES OF THE TABER RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON October 3, 2013 AT
5:15 PM**

PRESENT: Luke Wijna
Councilor Rick Popadynetz
Danielle Hansen
Councilor Randy Sparks
Garrett Simmons
Councilor Don Johnson
Tim O'Donnell

ALSO PRESENT:
Aline Holmen, Leisure Services Manager
Greg Birch, Chief Administrative Officer
Rob Cressman, Director of Community Services
Marty Planger, Recording Secretary
Greg Price, Taber Times

CALL TO ORDER

Luke Wijna called the Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board to order at 5:16 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RES. 60/2013 MOVED by Councilor R. Popadynetz to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION

RES. 61/2013 MOVED by Councilor D. Johnson to move the meeting into CLOSED SESSION at 5:18 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 62/2013 MOVED by Councilor R. Sparks to move the meeting out of CLOSED SESSION at 6:22 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A) Regular meeting – September 5, 2013

RES. 63/2013 MOVED by D. Hansen that the Recreation Board adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on September 5, 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A) 2014 Budget Process

R. Cressman presented to the Recreation Board that administration is currently working on the 2014 budget and unlike past practice; it is not the intent to present the entire recreation budget package to the Recreation Board. Administration values the Recreation Boards feedback and asked the board to participate in an exercise which would help identify their top priorities for recreation in Taber. G. Birch advised that he would consider whether a representative from the Recreation Board should attend the Council meeting on October 15 to present as per the request directed to them previously.

The Recreation Board completed the exercise and was thanked for their involvement and told this was only the beginning and they would continue the process at their regular meeting in November.

The Recreation Board discussed the operating concerns with regards to staffing in the pool, arena, and parks functions and the impact that has on advanced programs and loss of rentals. As well it was mentioned that the lawn maintenance is often not kept up. The question arose as to whether volunteers could be used to fill in where necessary and G. Birch agreed to look into this further.

RES. 64/2013 MOVED by Councilor R. Popadynetz that the Recreation Board accepts the budget process exercise and it's results for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) Recreation User Fees

A Holmen presented information relating to user fee data from other facilities in Southern Alberta and information regarding User Fee policies or lack thereof from communities in the area. Recommendations were discussed including a 3% increase for all fees except shinny, public skating and Programs for 2014. It was recommended that fees be based on comparisons with other facilities and a recommendation could be made to Council to repeal the current subsidization policy.

The Recreation Board discussed the recommended options and stressed how important it was to them to maintain the recreation user fees and that they did not want to see a large fee increase.

RES. 65/2013 MOVED by Councilor R. Sparks that the Recreation Board recommends an increase of 0% to all Recreation User fees effective January 1, 2014, excluding all Cemetery functions which should not be included in the Recreation Fee Schedule.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION ITEMS

A) Aquafun Centre Update

A. Holmen reported that the Aquafun Centre renovations are on track and the pool basin looks to be in good condition. The removal of the many layers of paint which were beneath the liner is proving to be very time consuming.

Water was discovered behind the shower tiles and will need to be addressed. The concrete behind the steam room tiles showed some damage and a repair process is in place.

The Town of Taber has been approved for a \$10 000.00 grant from the Agrispirit Fund, which was applied for by Stephen Furze from Sponsorship Connections, on the Town of Taber's behalf specifically for the Tile Upgrade project.

RES. 66/2013 MOVED by G. Simmons that the Recreation Board accepts the update on the Aquafun Centre Upgrades as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

A) Recreation Facility Rental Fee Waiver Policy and Procedure

A. Holmen reported that following a meeting with the Town of Taber's legal council they were advised to make a few changes to the Recreation Facility Rental Fee Waiver Policy and Procedure. The changes were reviewed with the Recreation Board.

A. Holmen reported that the functions on Schedule "A" that were Town of Taber events, ie. Legion Remembrance Day Event, Notogowa meetings and the Handibus meetings did not go through the process. Also noted was the fact that the Taber Lions Club did not apply annually because

they do not have an event every year and will follow the process once the need arises.

The Recreation Board discussed the benefit to placing a financial cap on the total amount being waived each year as well as for each rental. They also agreed that the groups on the annual waiver list should not need to reapply unless their event changes. A. Holmen reminded the board that they must also consider the one time waiver requests that apply throughout the year. It was also noted that there was no changes made to the application form.

RES. 67/2013 MOVED by D. Hansen that the Recreation Board recommends Council approve the amended Recreation Facility Rental Fee Waiver Policy and Procedure as presented.

CARRIED

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

A) Reports

A. Holmen presented the department reports. Discussion occurred regarding the deer accessing KMMSC and eating the trees. It was also suggested that Alberta Conservation may have funding available to help replace damaged treed areas due to deer population in the area.

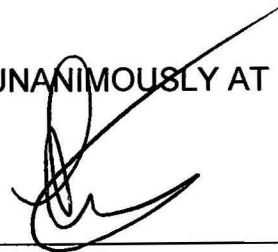
RES. 68/2013 MOVED by Councilor R. Popadynetz that the Recreation Board accepts the monthly Board/Staff reports as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 69/2013 MOVED by Councilor D. Johnson that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board do now close.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:41 PM



CHAIRMAN