

11/2013

**MINUTES OF THE TABER RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON November 7, 2013
AT 5:15 PM**

PRESENT: Luke Wijna
Councilor Andrew Prokop
Danielle Hansen
Councilor Randy Sparks
Councilor Merrill Harris
Garrett Simmons (5:17 pm)

ALSO PRESENT:
Rob Cressman, Director of Community Services
Marty Planger, Recording Secretary
Greg Price, Taber Times
Aline Holmen, Leisure Services Manager (5:41 pm)

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

G. Simmons arrived at 5:17 pm

RES. 70/2013 MOVED by G. Simmons to adopt the agenda with the following additions:

ITEM NO. 10 OTHER BUSINESS

- A) Pool Update
- B) Recreation Board Meeting Time

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A) Regular meeting – October 3, 2013

RES. 71/2013 MOVED by D. Hansen that the Recreation Board adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on October 3, 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A) Budget Priorities List

R. Cressman encouraged discussion on the results from the October meeting where the members started a list of priorities. The Recreation Board agreed that this list will not be a stagnate list and may continue to change.

Discussion occurred regarding the possibilities for a multiuse facility in Taber and many agreed this should remain a priority, however agreement was made that a lot of research is required for the best way to proceed toward such a facility.

A. Holmen arrived at 5:41 pm.

After much discussion about how this list is important, the group stressed how it may be more important to hear from the user groups in order to get the larger picture of what the community needs. A. Holmen clarified that the intent is no longer for the Recreation Board to present this priority list to council, rather maybe take this list to a public forum and have the users give their input. The Recreation Board then went through the exercise of prioritizing one more time.

Results from this meeting's exercise:

- 1st Multiuse Facility
- 2nd Finish KMMSC
- 3rd a) Completing walking trail to the river (7 votes)
b) Convert/upgrade the small ice arena (7 votes)
- 4th Staffing levels at pool/arena vs programming (6 votes)
- 5th Keeping the user fees down (5 votes)
- 6th Concessions/bathrooms for the ball diamonds (4 votes)
- 7th Spray Park (1 vote)
- 8th Greater use of volunteers (0 votes)

RES. 72/2013MOVED by Councilor R. Sparks that the Recreation Board accepts this priority list to be used as a basis of consideration for future recreation decisions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION ITEMS

A) Southern Alberta Summer Games Final Report

A Holmen reported the many successes that the Town of Taber had during the 2013 Southern Alberta Summer Games. She accredited many of the successes to the experienced sportchair persons, dedicated volunteers and staff.

Legacies left behind were named to be the beach volleyball courts at the MD of Taber Park, new equipment for sporting groups, and the personal memories.

RES. 73/2013MOVED by D. Hansen that the Recreation Board accepts the 2013 Southern Alberta Games final report as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) Southern Alberta Recreation Association

Discussion occurred regarding abuse of officials at the games and with soccer in general. Abuse has been occurring not only in soccer but in other sports such as Ball Hockey and is being addressed by the SARA board.

A. Holmen agreed to provide in the future the SASG participant stats for the regions over the years to see the trends.

Now that elections have occurred, SARA will begin to hear from the communities who wish to host for upcoming years.

RES. 74/2013MOVED by G. Simmons that the Recreation Board accepts the Southern Alberta Recreation Association minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

A) Reports

A. Holmen was asked to expand on a couple of points:

- The Chamber of Commerce Midnight Madness Request includes permissions for street hayrides and the Christmas lights to be hung.
- Halloween party has no way of tracking how many people come through however this year seemed steadier throughout the event.

RES. 75/2013 MOVED by Councilor M. Harris that the Recreation Board accepts the monthly Board/Staff reports as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER BUSINESS

A) Pool Update

A. Holmen reported the pool renovations are on schedule so far. Tiling is complete in the pools so the plan is to start filling on the 12th. Once filled the pumps will be fired up and checked over. Tile is still being worked on the deck, change rooms and steam rooms. Contractors are very diligent and have been working extremely hard to complete the project on time. The pool looks fantastic. Everyone was invited to visit and see what has been completed.

B) Meeting time

The Recreation Board discussed meeting times that work best for the group as a whole. Many voiced that a 5:30 pm start time may be easier to attend on time.

RES. 76/2013 MOVED by Councilor R. Sparks that the Recreation Board begin to meet at 5:30 pm the first Thursday of each month effective in December.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 77/2013 MOVED by Councilor M. Harris that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board do now close.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:55 PM



CHAIRMAN