

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TABER MUNICIPAL POLICE COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF TABER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017, AT 4:30 PM.

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**Chairperson**

Holst, Ken

**Members**

McLean, David  
Osburne-Campbell, Wanda  
Prokop, Andrew  
Renner, Wanda  
Sparks, Randy

**Chief Administrative Officer**

Armfelt, Cory

**Staff**

Abela, Graham  
Van Ham, Kerry

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Holst called the Meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Chair Holst inquired if there were any additions or deletions of the Agenda, and there were none.

RES. 52/2017      MOVED by D. McLean that the Taber Municipal Police Commission Agenda be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## DELEGATIONS

None.

## ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

### A) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Taber Municipal Police Commission: April 13, 2017

RES. 53/2017      MOVED by W. Renner that the Taber Municipal Police Commission adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 13, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

## ACTION ITEMS

### A) Council Request to Taber Municipal Police Commission: Cannabis Legislation Review

C. Armfelt stated that Council has requested that the Taber Municipal Police Commission and Administration begin reviewing current Bylaws, policies and procedures, as well as the funding required for resources for the passing of the Cannabis Act in 2018.

The Commission discussed the variety of resources and opportunities available for creating a proactive solution within the Town of Taber for the proposed Cannabis Act.

RES. 54/2017      MOVED by W. Osburne-Campbell that the Taber Municipal Police Commission directs Chief Graham Abela to work with Administration to review the Town of Taber's current Bylaws, policies, and procedures, and review the funding for required resources with Administration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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## **ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

### **B) Crime Analysis 2016**

Chief Abela presented the 2016 Crime Analysis to the Commission and explained that this data collection and analysis allows someone to have a better understanding of what happens in the community. Chief Abela stated that with this report it is better to look at the number of events, not the percentages, and understand that even though crime numbers are trending up, we know what is fueling the crime. Chief Abela also stated that it is interesting to note that the majority of crimes are not committed by youth.

The Commission discussed the information provided in the 2016 Crime Analysis.

RES. 55/2017      MOVED by Mayor Prokop that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the 2016 Crime Analysis report authored by Sr. Cst. Champagne and Arlene Wong for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **C) Chief of Police Report to Commission**

Chief Abela presented the Chief of Police Report to the Commission and highlighted that there has been a change in legislation stating that police officers can no longer act as agents of the Attorney General in bail hearings, which has resulted in a need to hire more personnel and has created back log of hearings.

Chief Abela also noted that he received an invitation to attend an international event that highlights how hate crimes can affect citizenry and develop negative strong holds on communities, he noted that he would provide the Commission with more information as becomes available.

RES. 56/2017      MOVED by W. Renner that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the Chief of Police Report, including the Community Standards Report, for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

28/2017

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11/05/2017

**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

**D) Taber Municipal Police Commission Financial Information**

RES. 57/2017      MOVED by D. McLean that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the Financial Information of March 31, 2017 – Final, and April 30, 2017 – Interim, for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**E) Information For Taber Municipal Police Commission**

Chief Abela presented the correspondence received from Alberta Justice and Solicitor General regarding the Taber Police Service receiving a certificate recognizing the successful full compliance review of the Alberta Police Standards Program.

W. Osburne-Campbell left the meeting at 5:07 PM.

The Commission discussed the importance of recognizing the police service and service members to congratulate them on their success.

W. Osburne-Campbel returned to the meeting at 5:11 PM.

MOVED by D. McLean that the Taber Municipal Police Commission draft and write a congratulatory letter to the Taber Police Chief and all members on their passing of the Alberta Provincial Policing Standards Audit.

Councillor Sparks requested a friendly amendment to direct Administration for formalize the letter.

D. McLean accepted the friendly amendment.

RES. 58/2017      MOVED by D. McLean that the Taber Municipal Police Commission directs Administration to formalize a congratulatory letter to the Taber Police Chief and all members on their passing of the Alberta Provincial Policing Standards Audit.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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## **ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D**

### **F) Standing Item - Strategic Plan Update**

Chief Abela presented the Strategic Plan update to the Commission.

The Commission discussed the importance of strengthening relationships with local volunteer groups.

RES. 59/2017            MOVED by W. Renner that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the April 2017 Taber Police Service Strategic Plan update for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **G) Commission Member Reports (Verbal)**

There was nothing to report by any of the members.

## **MEDIA INQUIRIES**

G. Price, of the Taber Times, stated that he would like to set up an interview regarding the 2016 Crime Analysis.

G. Price inquired how much police resources and time are currently being tied up with marijuana enforcement and inquired if a Bylaw could be passed to have Taber as a dry town.

C. Armfelt explained that there is a possibility of something like that being passed in the Town of Taber, depending on Council's wishes, but the consumption within Town limits is different because it is not known yet how federal and municipal laws will work together on the proposed legislation.

Chief Abela stated that it is too early for a municipality to release information prior to knowing what the federal and provincial framework will be, and that he cannot speculate until more information is provided.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

RES. 60/2017      MOVED by W. Osburne-Campbell that the Taber Municipal Police Commission moves into Closed Session to discuss matters subject to FOIPP Act, Section 19: Confidential Evaluations, Section 20: Disclosure Harmful to Law Enforcement, and Section 24: Advice from Officials.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:19 PM

**OPEN SESSION**

RES. 61/2017      MOVED by D. McLean that the Taber Municipal Police Commission reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:50 PM

RES. 62/2017      MOVED by Councillor Sparks that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the Public Complaints Director (PCD) report for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

RES. 63/2017      MOVED by D. McLean that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Municipal Police Commission is hereby Closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:51 PM



CHAIR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER