

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 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14,
2015, AT 4:30 PM.

Members:

Chris Bernhardt
Jack Brewin
Murray Gardner
Ken Holst
Harry Prummel
Randy Sparks

Absent:

Wanda Osburne-Campbell

Chief Administrative Officer:

Greg Birch

Staff:

Alf Rudd
Kerry Van Ham

Guest:

Trevor Busch, Taber Times

CALL TO ORDER

G. Birch, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), called the Regular Meeting of the Taber Municipal Police Commission to Order at 4:30 PM.

Nominations for Chair

G. Birch called for nominations from the floor for the position of Chair of the Taber Municipal Police Commission.

Councillor Sparks nominated Ken Holst for the position of Chair of the Taber Municipal Police Commission.

Nominations for Chair – Cont'd

G. Birch called for further nominations, a second, and a third and final time.

Being as there were no further nominations, Ken Holst was declared elected Chair of the Taber Municipal Police Commission.

Nominations for Vice Chair

G. Birch called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Taber Municipal Police Commission.

H. Prummel nominated Murray Gardner for the position of Vice Chair of the Taber Municipal Police Commission.

G. Birch called for further nominations, a second time, and a third and final time.

Being as there were no further nominations, Murray Gardner was declared elected Vice Chair of the Taber Municipal Police Commission.

K. Holst assumed the Chair duties for the balance of the Taber Municipal Police Commission meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chair Holst inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda and advised the addition of Action Item 7.G) Draft Taber Municipal Police Commission Bylaw, 7.H) Draft Community Standards Bylaw, and an additional item relating to *FOIPP Act S. 20* "Disclosure harmful to law enforcement" in Agenda Item 9.A) Closed Session.

RES. 1/2015 MOVED by C. Bernhardt that the Taber Municipal Police Commission adopts the Agenda as amended to include additions to Action Item 7.G), 7.H) and Closed Session Item 9.A).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

None.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A) **Regular Meeting of Taber Municipal Police Commission: November 19, 2014**

Chief Rudd requested that the November 19, 2014 Minutes reflect that Action Item 7.B) state that the program was "sponsored by Justice and Solicitor General", instead of "Agency"; and, the addition to Action Item 7.C) "that the establishment of Back-Up 911 Answering Point has been arranged at the Fire Hall."

RES. 2/2015 MOVED by M. Gardner that the Taber Municipal Police Commission adopts the Minutes of the November 19, 2014 Regular Meeting, as amended to reflect that Action Item 7.B) state that the program was "sponsored by Justice and Solicitor General", instead of "Agency"; and, the addition to Action Item 7.C) "that the establishment of Back-Up 911 Answering Point has been arranged at the Fire Hall".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

ACTION ITEMS

A) **Appointment of Head for the Purposes of the FOIPP Act**

G. Birch stated that in accordance with the Town of Taber FOIPP Bylaw 12-99, it is recognized that the Taber Municipal Police Commission, will by resolution, appoint a person as head for the purposes of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

The Commission discussed the requirement of the Town of Taber FOIPP Bylaw 12-99.

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

A) Appointment of Head for the Purposes of the FOIPP Act – Cont'd

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that the Taber Municipal Police Commission appoint the Chair as the head for the purposes of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Councillor Sparks requested a friendly amendment to indicate that Ken Holst was the Chair.

Councillor Brewin accepted the friendly amendment.

RES. 3/2015 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that the Taber Municipal Police Commission appoint the Chair Ken Holst as the head for the purposes of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) Request for Proposals to Host the 2016 AAPG General Meeting and Conference

Chair Holst stated that the AAPG conference alternates between Calgary, a smaller centre, Edmonton, a smaller centre and back to Calgary. A request for proposal has been asked for from interested communities who would like to have the AAPG conference in their community by May 2016.

The Commission discussed the capacity of hosting the 2016 AAPG Conference, and the potential participation of other organizations that might assist with this project.

RES. 4/2015 MOVED by M. Gardner that Mr. Prummel lead an investigative team to determine the feasibility of hosting the 2016 AAPG Conference in Taber and report back to the Taber Municipal Police Commission at the February 2015 Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

C) AAPG Member Survey

Chief Rudd stated that as part of the AAPG strategic planning process to better meet the needs of Commissions, they are requesting participation in a response to the Member Survey.

RES. 5/2015 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that the Taber Municipal Police Commission provides a response to the AAPG Member Survey in consultation with the Chief of Police and the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D) Information For Commission

RES. 6/2015 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the material received in this Agenda Item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E) Financial Information

Chief Rudd provided an update of financial information to the Taber Municipal Police Commission. Chief Rudd stated that although operational items and day to day expenses are reported accurately, the report shows a surplus in wages that isn't reflective.

RES. 7/2015 MOVED by H. Prummel that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the Financial Information to January 9, 2015, for information purposes; and, requests clarifications as to where the actual budget will be at the Commission's February 2015 Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

F) Police Chief Rudd's Report

RES. 8/2015 MOVED by C. Bernhardt that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts Police Chief Rudd's Report and Statistics for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G) Draft Taber Municipal Police Commission Bylaw

Chair Holst stated that the project to update the existing Bylaw was meant to identify and align items to the current Alberta Policing Oversight Standards to which the Commission Policy was based on, as well as the current version of the *Police Act*.

The Commission discussed the process and the proposed revisions.

RES. 9/2015 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that the Taber Municipal Police Commission submit the revisions to the Draft Taber Municipal Police Commission Bylaw to Council for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H) Draft Community Standards Bylaw

Chief Rudd stated that the draft Community Standards Bylaw was previously reviewed by the Commission and received support with some revisions. The revisions have now been completed and the Commission could make any further amendments or choose to recommend that Council considers adoption.

The Commission discussed portions of the content of the draft bylaw.

RES.10/2015MOVED by Councillor Brewin that the Taber Municipal Police Commission presents the draft Community Standards Bylaw to Council for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEDIA INQUIRIES

T. Busch, Taber Times, requested clarity regarding Section 12 of the draft Community Standards Bylaw by questioning if a police officer has reasonable grounds to disperse an assembly if the officer believes the assembly has the potential to disturb, rather than currently disturbing.

Chair Holst stated that the police officer has to have reasonable and probably grounds that the assembly has the potential to disturb based on the officer's experience and characteristics of the crowd.

CLOSED SESSION

RES.11/2015MOVED by H. Prummel that the Taber Municipal Police Commission moves to Closed Session to discuss matters subject to "Disclosure harmful to law enforcement" (*FOIPP Act*, Section 20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:37 PM

OPEN SESSION

RES.12/2015MOVED by Councillor Brewin that the Taber Municipal Police Commission reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:45 PM

RES.13/2015MOVED by H. Prummel that the Taber Police Service assists the Blood Tribe Police Service in the investigation of an internal matter as requested.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES.14/2015MOVED by M. Gardner that, as an expansion of Resolution 96/2014, if Mr. Bernhardt is unavailable to be interviewed as part of the Police Oversight Standards Compliance Review Audit, then Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Osburne-Campbell or Mr. Prummel may be interviewed for the Audit.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CLOSE OF MEETING

RES.14/2015 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Municipal Police Commission is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:49 PM



CHAIR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

8/2015

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