

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TABER MUNICIPAL POLICE COMMISSION, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014 AT 4:30 P.M.

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PRESENT: Ken Holst, Chair  
Councillor Rick Popadynetz  
Councillor Randy Sparks  
Chris Bernhardt  
Wanda Osburne-Campbell  
Harry Prummel

ABSENT: Murray Gardner, Vice Chair

ALSO PRESENT:  
Police Chief Alf Rudd  
T. Greg Birch, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)  
Arlene Wong, Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

K. Holst, Chair, called the Regular Meeting of the Taber Police Commission to order at 4:30 P.M.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair K. Holst inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda, and advised of the addition under Agenda Item 5.

RES.14/2014 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that the Taber Police Commission adopt the Agenda as amended, with the addition under Agenda Item 5.A) Revisit letter to Alberta Justice and Solicitor General requesting that the free policing provided to rural municipalities and urban communities of less than 5,000 person be stopped, for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS - NONE**

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES****A) Regular Meeting – January 15, 2014**

RES.15/2014 MOVED by H. Prummel that the Taber Police Commission adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 15, 2014, as amended to reflect that RES.11/2014 wording "rural municipalities and urban communities of less 5,000 persons by stopped" be amended to read "rural municipalities and urban communities of less than 5,000 persons be stopped".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES****A) Letter to Alberta Justice and Solicitor General Regarding Policing Fees**

Police Chief Rudd advised a letter, as requested, was completed and signed. The AAPG received a copy of this letter.

**INFORMATION ITEMS - NONE****ACTION ITEMS****A) Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Annual General Meeting: Call for Resolutions**

Police Chief Rudd will draft a resolution to present to Taber Police Commission at the March 2014 meeting. Deadline for resolution submission to the AAPG is April 1, 2014.

RES.16/2014 MOVED by W. Osburne-Campbell that the Taber Police Commission hereby requests Police Chief Rudd to review and bring forth suggestions as it pertains to a resolution submission for AAPG General Meeting to the Police Commission for review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**B) Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) AGM: Proposed Bylaw Amendments**

Chair K. Holst requested clarification on the nomination process. Police Chief Rudd advised a person must be a member of a Police Commission, and nominations are open to all Police Commission members.

**ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D****B) Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) AGM:  
Proposed Bylaw Amendments – Cont'd**

RES.17/2014 MOVED by C. Bernhardt that the Taber Police Commission accepts the 2014 Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Proposed Bylaw Amendments, for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**C) Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) AGM:  
Conference**

H. Prummel provided an overview of the 2013 conference to apprise new Taber Police Commission members. Chair K. Holst recognized this is a great networking opportunity.

Three Taber Police Commission members expressed their interest in attending the 2014 Conference; Chair K. Holst, C. Bernhardt, and Vice Chair, M. Gardner (who indicated his interest to K. Holst prior to the meeting). Due to personal schedules, it is recognized all three individuals will require mileage, but agreed they will provide their own accommodations. Councillor Sparks expressed his support for allowing all Taber Police Commission members the opportunity to attend the Conference.

RES.18/2014 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that the Taber Police Commission approves the attendance of Ken Holst, Chris Bernhardt and Murray Gardner at the Alberta Association of Police Governance Conference and AGM in Drumheller, May 2-3, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**D) Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) AGM:  
Conference Donation Request**

Discussion pertaining to potential promotional items such as coffee cups, Town pins, Taber Police Service pins and Cornfest pins. Items will be coordinated by Chair K. Holst and Kerry Van Ham, Council & CAO Assistant.

RES.19/2014 MOVED by H. Prummel that the Taber Police Commission approves the donation of selected items to be included in the May 2-3, 2014 Alberta Association of Police Governance Conference delegate packages.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMISSION/STAFF REPORTS****A) Police Chief's Report**

Police Chief Rudd provided information on fraud trends within our community. In March 2014, Taber Police Service will be involved in a role out initiative to educate our community through the use of newspaper articles, fan outs, signs in businesses, and Wise Owl presentations. Chair K. Holst suggested this is an opportunity for the Taber Police Commission to become involved; Police Chief Rudd agreed.

Police Chief Rudd provided information of court trends, advising trials held in Taber court are, on average, dealt with within 16 weeks compared to 52 weeks elsewhere in Alberta. Police Chief Rudd indicated this trend is a reflection of solid investigations by the Taber Police Service, as well as the Crown maintaining a high conviction rate. Police Chief Rudd provided information that SCOPE, a governing body made up of Police Chiefs and Crown, are exploring options to better manage long court delays. Discussion followed.

Police Chief Rudd discussed the financial information, indicating all line items are on track in the first month of 2014.

The Commission discussed the activities and the statistical trends.

**OTHER BUSINESS - NONE****MEDIA INQUIRIES**

Taber Times asked Police Chief Rudd where the stats for trial timeframes were obtained. Police Chief Rudd advised the information is available on the Alberta Justice and Solicitor General website.

Taber Times asked Police Chief Rudd what day in March 2014 the role out for fraud education would occur. Police Chief Rudd advised the final date has not been established, but committed to informing the Taber Times in a very timely manner.

Councillor Popadynetz left the meeting at 5:18 PM.

**CLOSED SESSION**

RES.20/2014 MOVED by C. Bernhardt that the Taber Police Commission move into Closed Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:19 PM

Councillor Popadynetz rejoined the meeting during Closed Session.

**OPEN SESSION**

RES.21/2014 MOVED by H. Prummel that the Taber Police Commission move into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:18 PM

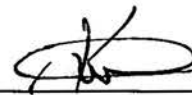
RES.22/2014 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that the Taber Police Commission appoints Allen Herbst as the Public Complaints Director, pending his passing the necessary security checks, for a three year term ending October 31, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

RES.23/2014 MOVED by Councillor Popadynetz that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Police Commission is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:20 PM



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