



## News from Planning & Economic Development

In February the Planning & Economic Development Department had a steady month. For any questions, please contact [planning@taber.ca](mailto:planning@taber.ca) .



### Planning News

#### Building Permit Statistics

We're very please with how comparable our [building permit statistics](#) have been compared to last year. Let us know what you think of our stats.

#### Transportation Questionnaire

The Town is doing a [transportation questionnaire](#) to find out about who travels for work or doctors appointments. It will provide us information on how many people who live in Town travel to Lethbridge, or how many people from outside of town travel into Taber. Please fill out the survey, and share it with family and friends who live in the Taber region.



### Economic Development News

#### New Business Licenses

Taber Economic Development is pleased to welcome the following businesses to the town:

- Leela Divine Play
- Got Your Back Boutique

#### Franchising 101: Grab Bag Lunch Workshop

- Franchising 101: an intro into the basics of franchising from an outsider's point-of-view. Join us as Tim Rempel, owner and operator of 2R Inc. and the Booster Juice franchise, gives practical advise when considering navigating the franchise route. Topics that will be covered include: franchise advantages, what you need to know when looking at a franchise, and terms including labour cost, disclosure and cost of goods sold. Date: March 27th, 2018. Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm. Location: Teconnect

## Emergency Services Building Relocation

At the March 12, 2018 Council meeting, the Town of Taber Council has accepted the [Open House Feedback Report](#) as information. This report has all questions and answers from both the open house held on February 13th and the online/ paper feedback forms.

The Town has all HIRF / Emergency Services Building reports published to their website including: the [HIRF Report](#), the [Benefits to Administration report](#) and now the [Open House Feedback Report](#).

## Volunteer Board / Committee / Commission Vacancies

### Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

- 2 Residents of the Town of Taber

### Municipal Planning Commission

- 1 Residents of the Town of Taber

If you have interest (or know of anyone who would be interested) please follow the [link](#) to download an application form.

### Did you know?

That the Planning & Public Works Departments have figured out the easiest way to do the Foundation Elevation Inspection shots? The Public Works Department has the elevations of every man hole in the Town. By using the nearest man hole to the dwelling as your starting point (0.0m) for shots of your foundation, this makes it a very smooth process.

- To register please follow the link: <https://franchising101-grabbag.eventbrite.com>

## Partner in Conservation



The Town of Taber and Economic Development are excited to announce that the Town has become a Corporate Partner in Conservation with the Alberta Conservation Association.

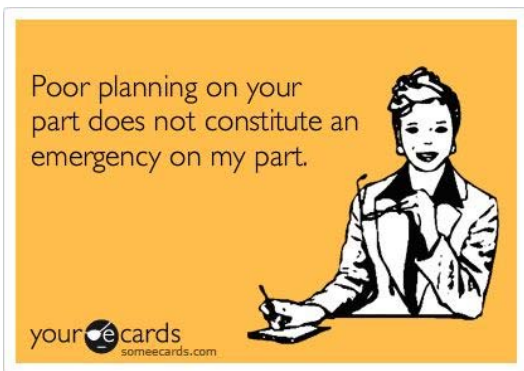
## \$1.4 Billion Climate Innovation Fund

Minister Bilous, Minister Phillips and Minister McQuaig-Boyd announced the [Climate Innovation Fund](#) and in it the \$144.4 million for programs under the Climate Change innovation and Technology Framework, an overarching guide for the investment of funds for innovation and clean technology ("clean innovation") from the pricing of carbon emissions. The framework advances Alberta's innovation agenda to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while contributing to our economic growth and diversification.

## Town of Taber and MD of Taber Beautification Program by Community Futures

Community Futures is offering the opportunity to receive a beautification loan and grant to enhance the appearance of a business. The program provides an incentive for local business owners to invest in façade renovations and interior upgrades. Businesses may be eligible to receive an interest free loan up to a maximum of \$8,000 along with a grant up to a maximum of \$2,000.

Contact Community Futures Chinook at (403)388-2923 or stop by at 5324-48 Avenue, Taber to apply and receive the complete program guidelines. Grant funds are limited!



The framework and the supporting programs were developed through Science and Innovation in collaboration with other EDT divisions, ministries, agencies, post-secondary institutions and the federal government.

## Prairie Protein Industry Supercluster Funding Announcement

The Town of Taber is excited to be part of the Prairie Protein Industry Supercluster initiative named as one of the five technology groups to receive part of the \$950 million federal government "Supercluster" program. Taber has been involved in this project from the beginning along with regional partners including the Municipal District of Taber, Lethbridge County and Economic Development Lethbridge and will continue to collaborate on this important initiative to foster economic growth and create jobs for the Taber region.

To read about the Supercluster, check out this [link](#).

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Taber Economic Development

We are pleased to support our local developers in town by showing you all the progress that has been made in both Westview Estates and Prairie Lake Estates subdivisions. Below you will find a map of Westview, currently on phase 6 in development.



Prairie Lake Estates is currently on phase 2a and 2b working its way to phase 4 construction set to commence in early spring with lots of all sizes available in summer 2018. South Alta Trading Co. has been a strong advocate for affordable housing within Taber over the course of their residential subdivision. Please contact Jon with any inquiries 403-915-8023.

