

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF TABER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON
JUNE 25, 2018, AT 3:30 PM.

Mayor

Prokop, Andrew

Councillors

Bekkering, Garth

Brewin, Jack

Firth, Carly

Garner, Mark

Strojwas, Joe

Tams, Louie

Chief Administrative Officer

Armfelt, Cory

Staff

Abdel Khaliq, Alaa

Abela, Graham

Brennan, Meghan

Duske, Dave

Hembrough, Emily

Holmen, Aline

Keer, Raeanne

Monks, Phyllis

Munshaw, Steve

Orwa, John

Parsons, Louise

Scherer, Gary

Van Ham, Kerry

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Prokop called the Public Hearing to Order at 3:30 PM.

Mayor Prokop stated that members of the public will be given a ten minute time limit for speaking, and that speakers must state their name for the record.

LAND USE AMENDMENT BYLAW 13-2018

i) Explanation of Purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 13-2018

P. Monks, Director of Planning and Economic Development, stated that Council provided First Reading to Bylaw 13-2018 at their Regular Meeting of Council held on May 14, 2018. She stated that at that meeting Council selected to include cannabis as a discretionary use within certain districts in the Land Use Bylaw. P. Monks advised that amending the Land Use Bylaw gives Council the ability to provide direction on where and how cannabis can be sold within the Town. She stated that the proposed amendments would allow cannabis to be dealt with in a similar fashion to liquor, being a controlled substance, and can be reviewed on a case-by-case basis with the Development Authority (Municipal Planning Commission).

ii) Presentation of Written or Oral Briefs Against the Proposed Bylaw No. 13-2018

Mayor Prokop inquired if any written briefs had been received Against Bylaw 13-2018.

P. Monks stated that a letter was received from S. Sharma, a local business owner, and written recommendations were received from Alberta Health Services.

Mayor Prokop inquired if there was anyone present who wished to present an oral brief Against Bylaw 13-2018.

S. Sharma, local business owner, stated that currently there is no legal dispensary in Canada for cannabis, whether private or public, and instead cannabis is being sold to youth in schools by illegal dealers. He stated that the Bylaw should be determining the locations where regulated sales can take place.

S. Sharma stated that the opportunities for youth to obtain cannabis from a regulated retail shop is highly unlikely due to the security and identification requirements to purchase. He also advised Council that his business is in a detached building, and therefore there would be no negative impact to neighboring businesses. S. Sharma stated that he wishes to grow his business and his community by opening a regulated cannabis retail shop, and that his business would be very vigilant to ensure cannabis is not being sold to youth in the community.

LAND USE AMENDMENT BYLAW 13-2018 – CONT'D

ii) Presentation of Written or Oral Briefs Against the Proposed Bylaw No. 13-2018 – CONT'D

Mayor Prokop inquired if there was anyone else present who also wished to present an oral brief Against Bylaw 13-2018, at this time and there were none.

iii) Presentation of Written or Oral Briefs For the Proposed Bylaw No. 13-2018


Mayor Prokop inquired if any written briefs had been received For Bylaw 13-2018.

P. Monks stated that there were none.

Mayor Prokop inquired if there was anyone present who wished to present an oral brief For Bylaw 13-2018 at this time, and there were none.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Mayor Prokop declared that the Public Hearing is hereby Closed at 3:40 PM.



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATE OF TEXAS

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