

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TABER MUNICIPAL POLICE COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF TABER, TO BE HELD IN THE DREADDY ROOM, TABER POLICE SERVICE BUILDING, ON JULY 31, 2018 AT 12:00 PM.

		<u>MOTION</u>
ITEM No. 1.	CALL TO ORDER	
ITEM No. 2.	ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	X
ITEM No. 3.	DELEGATIONS	
ITEM No. 4.	ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES	
ITEM No. 5.	BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	
ITEM No. 6.	ACTION ITEMS	
ITEM No. 6.A.	CCTV CAMERA REQUEST TO COMMISSION	X
ITEM No. 6.B.	LETTER FROM COUNCIL - TABER POLICE POLICING THE TROUT POND ETC	X
ITEM No. 6.C.	CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT TO COMMISSION	X
ITEM No. 7.	MEDIA INQUIRIES	
ITEM No. 8.	CLOSED SESSION	X
ITEM No. 8.A.	CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT CLOSED SESSION TO PREVENT DISCLOSURE OF POSITIONS, PLANS, PROCEDURES, CRITERIA OR INSTRUCTIONS DEVELOPED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRACTUAL OR OTHER NEGOTIATIONS BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA OR A PUBLIC BODY, OR CONSIDERATIONS THAT RELATE TO THOSE NEGOTIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24(1) OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT.	
ITEM No. 9.	OPEN SESSION	X
ITEM No. 10.	CLOSE OF MEETING	X



Taber Municipal Police Commission Request for Decision

Meeting Date: July 31, 2018	
Subject: CCTV Camera Request to Commission	
Recommendation:	The Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the information regarding the problems with the Taber Police Service CCTV camera system and requests Council to consider funding its replacement in 2018.
Background:	<p>The Taber Police Service capital purchase plan calls for the replacement of our CCTV cameras in 2019. A recent review of a safety incident at the police service resulted in an examination of the functionality of the current system and recognized several points of failure. With the assistance of the TOT IT Department we attempted to replace some hardware to band aid our system through till budget year 2019. The IT Department Manager has advised that the current system is 19 years old and replacement parts can't be found and the component connections are no longer common place. As a result, we are left with a system that continues to fail and has created a situation where we have cameras that are not visible by our Communications Operators and creates a risk for the organization. As the Chief of Police I am asking the Commission to review this matter, and if you agree, to request Council to allocate funds for this purchase so minimize this risk.</p> <p>The request is for the monies that are allocated in the 2019 capital budget to be spent in the 2018 budget year. (Approx. \$50,000) We have spoken with the Director of Finance and he has no concerns with this request, other than it should be directed to Council for their decision.</p>
Legislation / Authority:	<i>The Police Act, Section 31(1)</i>
Strategic Plan Alignment:	<p>Governance:</p> <p>Make the Town of Taber an employer of choice, where employees are self-assured, valued, respected and viewed as the corporation's strongest assets.</p>
Financial Implication:	This request would spend monies approved in the 2019 Capital Budget to year 2018. (approx. \$50,000)
Service Level / Staff Resource Implication:	The service level will remain status quo.



Justification:	To keep the Commission informed of departmental happenings.
Alternative:	<p>The Commission could seek clarification on any of the matters from Administration or the Chief.</p> <p>The Commission could accept this report for information purposes, assume the risk, and direct the purchase in 2019.</p>

Attachment(s):	None.
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APPROVALS:	
Originated By:	Graham Abela
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or Designate:	



Taber Municipal Police Commission Request for Decision	
Meeting Date: July 31, 2018	
Subject: Letter from Council - Taber Police Policing the Trout Pond etc	
Recommendation:	The Taber Police Commission directs the Chief of Police to review the letter from Council regarding the feasibility to add the Trout Pond and other Town of Taber properties in that area west of Hwy #864 to Taber Police to its policing jurisdiction, and provide Commission with a discussion paper for their consideration.
Background:	<p>The Town of Taber has invested a large amount of money into land that they own, but are not within the corporate limits of the Town of Taber. This area is west of Hwy #864, and called the Trout Pond. In a recent discussion at a Council meeting, the Chief of Police was asked by Council whether or on the Taber Police Service could become the police of jurisdiction for this property. There was some concern from Council that there may be activities occurring now, or in the future at the Trout Pond, that would require police response and that the Town of Taber, with its own police force minutes away, should be the agency of jurisdiction to respond to such incidents. A high level verbal response was provided to the Council from the Chief of Police, and during that meeting the following motion was made by Councillor Strojwas:</p> <p>"RES. 312/2018 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council requests the Taber Municipal Police Commission investigates the feasibility of the addition of the Taber Trout pond, and other Town of Taber properties in that area west of Highway 864, to its policing jurisdiction.</p> <p>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY"</p> <p>This motion was followed by correspondence from Mayor Prokop that is attached to this RFD.</p> <p>This agenda item is to place this correspondence on the agenda, and allow for some Commission discussion on this specific request of Council.</p>
Legislation / Authority:	<i>The Police Act, Section 31(1)</i>
Strategic Plan Alignment:	<p>Governance:</p> <p>Make the Town of Taber an employer of choice, where employees are self-assured, valued, respected and viewed as the corporation's strongest assets.</p>



Financial Implication:	There will be financial implications to this request. This is a service level increase. At this time the costs are unknown, however, it is expected new monies will be required for foot patrol, bike patrol, ATV patrol, etc.
Service Level / Staff Resource Implication:	A service level increase would be required.
Justification:	To keep the Commission informed of departmental happenings.
Alternative:	The Commission could seek clarification on any of the matters from Administration or the Chief.

Attachment(s):	Letter from Council - Trout Pond et al
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Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or Designate:	



June 29, 2018

File: 105-M02*

Taber Municipal Police Commission
Attn: Ken Holst
A-4900 50 Street
Taber, AB T1G 1T1

Dear Chair Holst,

RE: Regular Meeting of Council – June 25, 2018

On behalf of Council for the Town of Taber, please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, June 25, 2018, Council passed the following resolution

“RES. 312/2018

MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council requests the Taber Municipal Police Commission investigates the feasibility of the addition of the Taber Trout pond, and other Town of Taber properties in that area west of Highway 864, to its policing jurisdiction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY”

We look forward to reviewing the results of your investigation at a future meeting of Council.

If you have any questions regarding this request please do not hesitate to contact Cory Armfelt, Chief Administrative Officer, by email at cao@taber.ca or by telephone at 403-223-6022.

Kind Regards,

Andrew Prokop, Mayor

Cc: Town Council
Chief G. Abela, Taber Police Service



Taber Municipal Police Commission Request for Decision	
Meeting Date: July 31, 2018	
Subject: Chief of Police Report to Commission	
Recommendation:	The Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the Chief of Police for information purposes.
Background:	This Department Report (s) is supplied for Commission information. In most cases, this communication is provided simply as information to the Commission and no comment is needed. In some cases, though, the Commission may wish to seek clarification on the matter from its administration or from the originator of the communication, or even to challenge the matter through Commission discussion. Placing the communication on the Commission's agenda allows these opportunities.
Legislation / Authority:	<i>The Police Act, Section 32(1)</i>
Strategic Plan Alignment:	Governance: Make the Town of Taber an employer of choice, where employees are self-assured, valued, respected and viewed as the corporation's strongest assets.
Financial Implication:	N/A
Service Level / Staff Resource Implication:	The service level will remain status quo.
Justification:	To keep the Commission informed of departmental happenings.
Alternative:	The Commission could seek clarification on any of the matters from Administration or the Chief.



Attachment(s):	Chief of Police Open Report Special Meeting July 2018
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APPROVALS:	
Originated By:	Graham Abela
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or Designate:	

Taber Municipal Police Commission Report

Special meeting July 2018

As this is a special meeting I only have one item to report on for your information.

In June and July of 2018, I presented the Community Standards Bylaw to Council for first reading, and then subsequently for second and third reading. As you all know, the Commission was heavily involved in the submission to amend the Bylaw and included provisions for Cannabis, and smoking. During the last Council meeting, some discussion occurred about amending the proposed bylaw to include a section to regulate the smoking of shisha within the Town of Taber. In recent correspondence from Alberta Health Services, there was some discussion on shisha and concerns around its prevalence in communities in Alberta and the negative health consequences regarding consumption. I have not seen that correspondence.

RES. 336/2018 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council refers Bylaw 15-2018, being the Community Standards Bylaw Amendment Bylaw, to Administration to include a shisha definition and use in the Bylaw.

I am taking steps to introduce changes to the Bylaw that would incorporate the intent of this motion. The Bylaw in its current form may already exclude the smoking of shisha, as the following section may apply.

23. (a.) No person shall carry or possess a lit cigarette, cigar or pipe, or burn tobacco in any manner or use an electronic smoking device in a public premises, a workplace or a public vehicle.

With that said, a clearer definition of pipe may be required to include the device used to smoke shisha, referred to as a 'Hookah', with the Bylaw and ensure shisha is defined. Sr. Ct. Gyepesi is working on that and I expect this to be accomplished for submission at the August 20, 2018 meeting of Council.

As this is a direct Council request, there is no decision making required of the Commission, I simply wanted to provide you this information so you are aware of Council direction on this matter.

Some information on shisha is provided below for your review. Source: The British Heart Foundation

Shisha

Shisha smoking – also called hookah, narghile, waterpipe, or hubble bubble smoking – is a way of smoking tobacco, sometimes mixed with fruit or molasses sugar, through a bowl and hose or tube .

The tube ends in a mouthpiece from which the smoker inhales the smoke from the substances being burnt into their lungs. Shisha smoking is traditionally used by people from Middle Eastern or Asian community groups but is becoming increasingly popular among all groups in communities in Canada.

Shisha pipes use tobacco sweetened with fruit or molasses sugar, which makes the smoke more aromatic than cigarette smoke. Popular flavourings include apple, plum, coconut, mango, mint, strawberry and cola. Wood, coal, or charcoal is burned in the shisha pipe to heat the tobacco and create the smoke because the fruit syrup or sugar makes the tobacco damp.

When you smoke shisha, you and anyone sitting near you are breathing in smoke which releases toxins including carbon monoxide and heavy metals –reducing your body’s ability to carry oxygen around in your blood.

Shisha lounges are common in Canadian cities and recently the city of Edmonton is moving to introduce a Bylaw to regulate Shisha.