



News from Planning & Economic Development

In May the Planning & Economic Development Department had a busy month. For any questions, please contact planning@taber.ca.



Planning News

- The [Town of Taber](http://www.taber.ca) website now allows you to apply for building and development permits online!
- Council has updated the [Fee Bylaw 6-2017](#) to include residential foundation elevation inspections. All newly built homes will now require a foundation elevation inspection to regulate the heights of foundations, and grades of



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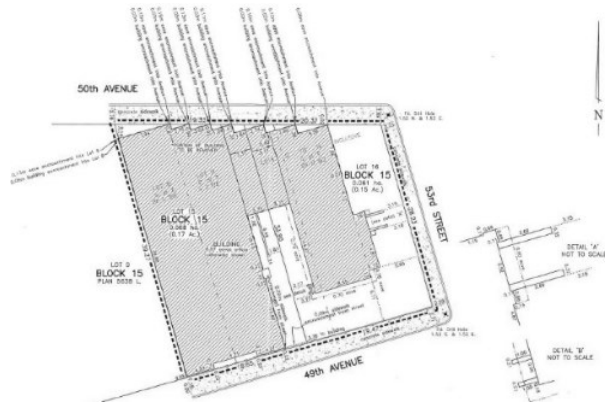
- Subdivision of land between the old court house and police station has been approved by Council to continue with the Land Sales of the two buildings.

lawns to ensure that water will drain properly in residential areas.

- New affordable housing 6 plex units with basement suites have been approved by the Municipal Planning Commission in [Prairie Lake Estates](#).
- The Land Use Bylaw recently had an amendment done to it regarding signs as well as the residential single and two dwelling district. If you would like to download the newest version of the [Land Use Bylaw](#), please click the link. Visit page 3 of the document to view the amendments.

Did you know?

- You could have a rental property in your back yard? A secondary suite / backyard suite could be as simple as a guest house or a suite above your rear yard garage? In a lot of districts a suite is a discretionary use, which means it would have to be advertised to your neighbours that you are doing something awesome! Call our office or send us an email at planning@taber.ca to start your granny suite today!



- Working with Alberta Conservation, MD of Taber and the Chamber of Commerce to plan sponsorship and events for the [Taber Pheasant Festival](#) that runs October 21-28. Don't forget to register between June 5 -16th if you plan to hunt! Sponsorship opportunities are still available, and with over 800 hunters this is a great chance to increase the visibility of your business.

Summer Developments

This is the time of year for new decks, pergolas, garages, sheds, pools, etc. If you are planning of building something on your property and don't quite know where to start - you can either check our upgraded website for information or give us a call at 403-223-5500 ext. 5551.

TIPS:

- A fence does not need a permit as long as it is on or within your property line and remains under 6 feet tall in the back yard.
- A shed / deck does not need a permit as long as it is under 10 square meters or 108 square feet. However, even without permits you should still follow the setbacks for accessory uses which are as follows:
 - 0.6m from a property line not shared with a street
 - 1.2 meters from a property line shared with a street
 - 1.0 meters from the principal dwelling
 - only a maximum of 5 meters tall for sheds
 - any deck over 2 feet tall requires permitting
 - If it is over those dimensions, it is required



New Business Licenses

Taber Economic Development would like to welcome the following new business in the town from the month of May:

- Reiki Therapies
- Dabz Smokehouse Ltd.
- Well Hung Eavestrough
- Hackywicz, Ron

you get a development permit as well as a building permit which can both be found on the Town of Taber Website.

- All pergolas and garages require both building and development permits to ensure they are built to code and within the proper setbacks as per the land use bylaw.
- All pools require a development permit. Once they are submitted, a development officer will advise if you require a building permit or not.

- Bob - J - Mechanical Ltd.

You may also see these seasonal business' around town this summer:

- Texas Watermelon
- The Tree Guys
- The Frozen Yogurt Spot

Coming Soon!

You've probably noticed the work in progress right beside the Boston Pizza Restaurant in town and wondered "what is that?" ... The Town is getting a *Drum Roll* [DAIRY QUEEN!](#)

Economic Growth

The [Conference Board of Canada's Provincial Outlook](#): Spring 2017 report indicates Alberta and Saskatchewan to emerge out of recession and lead the provinces in economic growth this year. Alberta will have the fastest growing provincial economy, with real GDP forecast to increase by 3.3% this year. This is largely linked to Alberta's oil and gas industry seemingly putting a stop to the bleeding and putting the province's economy on the road to recovery.

The oil and gas sector is a key resource and economic driver in Taber, demonstrated by the many

success stories and growing number of oil and gas related businesses going strong within the Town and surrounding area. For more on the oil and gas sector in Taber and to explore opportunities to grow your business in Taber, check out www.growingintaber.ca .



WANTED: FRONT YARDS



We need to build **examples** and we need to **spread the word!**

🌸 **How does the program work?** We will work with you and a professional *Rain Gardens 4 Resilience* landscaper to make over a portion of your front yard by adding a rain garden and managing your downspouts. We will cover the basic cost of design and construction. Work needs to be completed in 2017.

🌸 **What do you need to do?** You agree to keep and maintain the project for at least 5 years, to allow the location and details of the project to be publicized, and to promote it to friends and neighbours.

🌸 **What's in it for you?** A more beautiful, low-maintenance garden, stronger ties to your community, and the satisfaction of doing your part to contribute to a more resilient urban landscape.

🌸 **What is a rain garden?** A rain garden is a shallow, planted depression that collects rain from downspouts, or from any area of concentrated flow—driveways, rain barrel overflows, etc. It holds back water from reaching the street, which reduces overland and downstream flooding and also improves water quality. It is also great habitat for Milkweed, which Monarch butterflies require to complete their life cycle. Read more about rain gardens at https://alidp.org/uploads/files/06_RainGardens_Clean_Runoff_Guide.pdf

Are you up for it? Drop an email to Leta van Duin leta@alidp.org or call 587.356.1115 and let's explore. More info about the program is available at <https://alidp.org/our-work/rain-gardens-4-resilience>



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