

Live Streaming and Recording of Council Meetings

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1.0 PURPOSE

1.1. This Policy serves to outline Council's direction for the recording and live streaming of video and audio recordings of meetings of Council, as well as the publishing and sharing of those recordings on official Town channels.

This Policy is intended to provide information and guidance for Council, Administration, and the community.

2.0 POLICY STATEMENT

- 2.1. The community's interest and engagement in Council decision-making is a high priority for government. Recording and streaming meetings will improve accessibility of Council Meetings to a broader audience.
- 2.2. Increased community awareness can promote confidence in the integrity and accountability of decision-making processes.
- 2.3. Live streaming or viewing a recording of a meeting allows viewers to choose to watch and listen to a meeting in real time or at a later time, giving greater access to Council decision making and debate and encouraging openness and transparency.
- 2.4. This can help reduce geographic and time barriers which may prevent the public from attending meetings in person.
- 2.5. All public Regular and Special Council Meetings will be made publicly available via the Town's official channels.
- 2.6. Closed Session Council agenda items will not be recorded or live streamed and will not be made available later as a recording.



- 2.6.1. Resolutions stemming from Closed Session will be recorded (not livestreamed) once Council reconvenes into Open Session and will be made available on the Town's channels within 48 hours following the Council meeting.
- 2.7. Administration shall establish procedures for this policy and shall be responsible to ensure the spirit and intent of the policy is adhered to.

3.0 ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
- Town of Taber Strategic Plan
- Town of Taber Communications Plan

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