MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TABER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018, AT 3:37 PM, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SUBDIVISION AUTHROITY MEETING AT 3:30 PM.

Mayor

Andrew Prokop

Councillors

Garth Bekkering Jack Brewin Carly Firth Mark Garner Joe Strojwas Louie Tams

Chief Administrative Officer

Cory Armfelt

Staff

Alaa Abdel Khaliq Meghan Brennan Phyllis Monks Steve Munshaw John Orwa Gary Scherer Kerry Van Ham

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Prokop called the meeting to Order at 3:37 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Prokop inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda, and there were none.

RES. 528/2018 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council adopts the Agenda, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1) Minutes of Organizational Meeting of Council: October 22, 2018

RES. 529/2018

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council adopts the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of Council held on October 22, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council: October 22, 2018

RES. 530/2018

MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 22, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1) Notice of Motion

Councillor Firth presented the Notice of Motion brought forward at the Regular Meeting of Council on October 22, 2018. She stated that decisions on political statements on Town property should be dealt with equally, and stated that she believes that the Town should make fair and unbiased decisions for all residents.

Councillor Firth noted that the requested policy and procedure would not target anything specifically, but instead would ensure that Council is not choosing causes that align with personal values.

Council discussed the definitions of a political party, a political statement, and advertising during elections.

RES. 531/2018

MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council accepts the information provided by Councillor Firth for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - CONT'D

2) Resolution 252/2018: Relocation of the Emergency Management Centre Building

C. Armfelt stated that Council has previously discussed RES. 525/2018, and discussed the utilization of the word "ensure" in the resolution. C. Armfelt stated that Administration has obtained legal advice in this regard, which has determined that the resolution does not need to be amended or rescinded, and that the appropriate step would be for Council to pass a new resolution confirming the current direction of Council to Administration relating to this project.

RES. 532/2018

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council directs Administration to ensure a ten minute response time for fire and emergency services 90% of the time to mitigate the provincial HIRF regulation by relocating the Emergency Services Building to an appropriate location within the Town of Taber.

CARRIED

3) Proposed Electrical Pedestal in Confederation Park

G. Scherer, Director of Engineering and Public Works, stated that Communities in Bloom has requested an additional electrical pedestal in Confederation Park for events or functions in the park such has Cornfest and Christmas tree lighting. G. Scherer stated that the cost associated with the installation would be through the current Operating Budget.

Council discussed increasing the installation to two pedestals.

RES. 533/2018

MOVED by Councillor Garner that Council directs Administration to install the additional electrical pedestal in Confederation Park, with funds to come out of the current Operating Budget.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - CONT'D

4) Housing In-Fill Incentive

G. Scherer stated that at the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 24, 2018, Council requested Administration to investigate a Housing In-Fill incentive for citizens tearing down old buildings. G. Scherer presented the different variables and factors that would determine the cost to the Town.

RES. 534/2018

MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council directs Administration to add Housing In-Fill as an incentive for promoting new housing development, and directs Administration to monitor the incentive program and report back to Council in June 2019 with the cost occurred.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5) Entry Signage Update

- P. Monks, Director of Planning and Economic Development, stated that previously the Town was working with the Taber Golf Course to install a sign along Highway 3 that would provide an attractive branding feature, while providing screening of the golf course workshop. She stated that it was determined that the Golf Course would no longer be able to move forward with the cost sharing of the project.
- P. Monks stated that the 2016 Taber Municipal Development Plan and 2018 Strategic Plan both speak to the installation of appropriate signage to develop a sense of place, and establish a branding and theme for the Town. She stated that Administration is recommending including the funding for the development of a plan in 2020, and installation in 2021, and would include a both Highway 3, Highway 36, and replacing the 50th Street Gateway signage.

Council discussed the original intentions of the project, donations from other interested parties, and the potential to brand the Town.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - CONT'D

5) Entry Signage Update – CONT'D

RES. 535/2018

MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council tables Agenda Item 4.5) Entry Signage Update for one months' time for further investigaton with Communities in Bloom, and other interested parties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS

1) Bylaw 22-2018 LUB Municipal Government Act Changes

P. Monks stated that recent changes to the *Municipal Government Act* has prompted Administration to review the current Land Use Bylaw, noting areas that need updating to capture these changes.

RES. 536/2018

MOVED by Councillor Garner that Council gives First Reading of Bylaw 22-2018 for the purposes of amending Land Use Bylaw 14-2016 to reflect recent *Municipal Government Act* changes; and,

That Council sets November 26th, 2018 as the public hearing date.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

1) Highway 3 Paving and Access Management Project

G. Scherer introduced D. Schalk and C. Poirier of Associated Engineering, and N. Ropchan of Alberta Transportation who presented on the Highway 3 Paving and Access Management Project.

Council discussed the proposed Highway 3 access closures presented, and the affected businesses.

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1) Highway 3 Paving and Access Management Project – CONT'D

RES. 537/2018

MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council endorses Associated Engineering to contact the affected business and property owners on Highway 3 to discuss the proposed project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Handicap Parking 50th Avenue & Downtown Area

G. Scherer stated that the current Land Use Bylaw states that there should be one handicapped parking stall for every twenty-five regular stalls. He stated that Administration is requesting to conduct a survey of the affected businesses to determine where or if additional handicapped stalls should be located or needed.

RES. 538/2018

MOVED by Councillor Garner that Council directs Administration to conduct a survey of the affected businesses and determine where or if these additional handicapped stalls should be located or needed; and,

Council directs Administration to review requests of the businesses for handicapped stalls and install the stalls under the authority of the CAO.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3) DP 18-101 Direct Control District Cannabis Retail - Request for Public Hearing

P. Monks stated that Administration has received a Development Permit application for a Cannabis Retail business located at 5506 46th Avenue. She stated that this parcel is zoned as a Direct Control District (DC-2), and therefore the application must be brought before Council for the decision.

3) DP 18-101 Direct Control District Cannabis Retail - Request for Public Hearing – CONT'D

RES. 539/2018

MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council directs Administration to advertise the proposed Change of Use development for a Cannabis Retail business located at 5506 46th Avenue, Lots 1-5, Block 21, Plan 6309L for two weeks and set the Public Hearing Date for November 26th, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4) Northwest Residential Visioning Project

P. Monks presented the summary report from Brown & Associates regarding the Northwest Residential Visioning Project.

RES. 540/2018

MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council accepts the summary report from Brown & Associates and directs staff to move forward with consultation with stakeholders and community representatives with the approved concept to be used for project final design and future program planning.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5) Public Hearing Process Change Request

P. Monks stated that Administration is requesting to modify the Public Hearing request process to allow Administration to schedule the Public Hearing date without bringing a Request for Decision to Council in order to streamline the process for Administration and Council, and provide a better level of customer service for applications to move through in a more efficient manner.

5) Public Hearing Process Change Request – CONT'D

RES. 541/2018

MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council accepts the information and directs staff to modify the Public Hearing request process to allow Administration to schedule public hearing dates as part of Agenda setting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6) Town of Taber Live Streaming and Recording of Council Meetings Policy

A. Abdel Khaliq presented the Live Streaming and Recording of Council Policy CS-IT-3 to Council.

RES. 542/2018

MOVED by Councillor Garner that Council approves the Live Streaming and Recording of Council Meetings Policy CS-IT-3, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7) Town of Taber Electronic Information Access: Termination Policy

A. Abdel Khaliq presented the Electronic Information Access: Termination Policy CS-IT-4 to Council.

RES. 543/2018

MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council approves the Electronic Information Access: Termination Policy CS-IT-4, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8) Coffee with Council- Strategic Plan Initiative

C. Armfelt stated that in the 2018 Strategic Plan, Council identified a strategy for Council members to host monthly coffee shop gettogethers to be publicly available to the citizens of Taber. Administration is requesting Council to provide direction on how they would like to move forward with the strategy.

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8) Coffee with Council- Strategic Plan Initiative – CONT'D

Council discussed the concept and opportunity to host the Coffee with Council public get-togethers.

MOVED by Councillor Garner that Council directs Administration to book Parkside Manor for the "Coffee with Council" public get-togethers, and sets the third Tuesday monthly, with two one hour sessions.

Council discussed holding the event in coffee shops, instead of individual venues.

Councillor Brewin suggested a friendly amendment to direct Administration to find a venue for one event to evaluate how the event works.

Councillor Garner accepted the friendly amendment.

Councillor Garner withdrew his previous motion.

Council discussed hosting the Coffee with Council over a span of three months, and discussed advertising opportunities.

K. Van Ham, Administrative Services Manager, noted that the previous motion had been rescinded, and therefore a new motion from Council was required.

RES. 544/2018

MOVED by Councillor Garner that Council directs Administration to organize Coffee with Council as a public get-together for a trial period of once a month for three months, and directs Administration to pick a time and location, and advertise on the Town website, digital sign, and Facebook.

9) Spirit of Taber Award Nomination

Councillor Garner stated that the Taber and District Chamber of Commerce receives nominations for a number of awards to recognize exemplary individuals in Taber and area, and that Council could nominate Mr. William Ferguson for the Spirit of Taber Award for his exemplary generosity and caring of the community with his generous donation to the Town.

MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council nominates William Ferguson to the Taber and District Chamber of Commerce's Spirit of Taber Awards and directs Administration to submit the award application.

Council discussed the Spirit of Taber nomination process for the Spirit of Taber Award, the precedent of Council's role with nominating a citizen for the award, and the confidentiality of the nomination process.

Councillor Tams withdrew his previous motion.

Council made no further motions at this time.

10) Taber and District Chamber of Commerce Free Swim Request

C. Armfelt stated that the Taber and District Chamber of Commerce is requesting the Town share the costs of the free Midnight Madness swim with the Chamber and the MD of Taber. He stated that the total cost of the facility is \$831.00, including GST, leaving each organization to donate \$277.00 towards the event. C. Armfelt stated that at this time it is unknown if the MD of Taber has donated towards the event as the request is on the Agenda for their Regular Meeting today as well.

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council approves the donation of \$277.00, including GST, to the Taber and District Chamber of Commerce Midnight Madness free swim to come from the Council Discretionary Fund.

10) Taber and District Chamber of Commerce Free Swim Request – CONT'D

Councillor Strojwas suggested a friendly amendment that the Town donates \$554.00 towards the event in case the MD of Taber chooses not to donate.

Councillor Brewin accepted the friendly amendment.

RES. 545/2018

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council approves the donation of \$554.00, including GST, to the Taber and District Chamber of Commerce Midnight Madness free swim to come from the Council Discretionary Fund if the MD of Taber does not donate to the event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11) MD of Taber Council Appointments

C. Armfelt presented the correspondence received from the MD of Taber regarding their appointments to numerous boards and committees that are made of MD of Taber Council members.

11) MD of Taber Council Appointments – CONT'D

RES. 546/2018 MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council:

- 1) Recognizes the Municipal District of Taber's appointments to the Joint Economic Development Committee, the Taber & District Solid Waste Management Committee, and the Intermunicipal Development Committee; and.
- On the basis of the recommendation of the Municipal District of Taber Council, appoints Municipal District representatives to Town boards as follows:
- Town of Taber Recreation Board -John Turcato, and Tamara Miyanaga as alternate;
- 4) Taber Municipal Library Board Tamara Miyanaga, and Brian Brewin as alternate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12) AUMA Response to Municipal Cannabis Transition Program

C. Armfelt presented correspondence from Mayor Barry Morishita, President of the AUMA, providing additional background to the recent provincial announcements regarding cannabis revenue sharing under the Municipal Cannabis Transition Program (MCTP).

Council discussed the Municipal Cannabis Transition Program, and the funding from the Solicitor General regarding training of police service members.

12) AUMA Response to Municipal Cannabis Transition Program – CONT'D

RES. 547/2018

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council accepts the information provided by the AUMA and Mayor Barry Morishita regarding the AUMA Response to Municipal Cannabis Transition Program; and,

Authorizes the correspondence applicable to municipalities over a 5000 population be sent to MLA Grant Hunter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13) Declaration of Family Violence Prevention Month

C. Armfelt presented the Proclamation of Family Violence Prevention Month to Council.

RES. 548/2018

MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that whereas there are many people in Alberta who experience family violence; and whereas the effects of family violence may be carried on from generation to generation; and whereas all Albertans have a role to play in preventing family violence,

Therefore, Council of the Town of Taber does hereby proclaim the month of November 2018 to be Family Violence Prevention Month in Taber, Alberta.

14) Appointment of a Composite Assessment Review Board

J. Orwa, Director of Finance, stated that the Town has received a non-residential assessment appeal, and is in need of a Composite Assessment Review Board, and that Administration is recommending contracting Benchmark Assessment Consultants Inc. for a Composite Assessment Review Board, and Review Board Clerk.

RES. 549/2018

MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council approves the contracted use of Benchmark Assessment Consultants Inc. for the purposes of assembling an Assessment Review Board along with obtaining an Assessment Review Board Clerk for The Town of Taber.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 550/2018

MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council takes a 30 minute dinner break.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:32 PM

RES. 551/2018

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council reconvenes the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:05 PM

15) Tax Exemption - Safe Haven Women's Shelter Society

J. Orwa presented the Tax Exemption application for the Safe Haven Women's Shelter Society.

RES. 552/2018

MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council grants property tax exempt status to the Safe Haven Women's Shelter Society for the property at 6411 56 ST. A & B for the 2019, 2020 and 2021 tax years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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16) Tax Exemption -Taber Food Bank Society

J. Orwa presented the Tax Exemption application for the Taber Food Bank Society.

RES. 553/2018

MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council grants property tax exempt status to the Taber Food Bank Society for the property at 5512 48 Ave. for the 2019, 2020 and 2021 tax years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17) Tax Exemption - Taber Child Care Centre Society

J. Orwa presented the Tax Exemption application for the Taber Child Care Centre Society.

RES. 554/2018

MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council grants property tax exempt status to the Taber Child Care Centre Society for the property at 6008 55 ST. for the 2019, 2020 and 2021 tax years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18) Tax Exemption - Taber Special Needs Society

J. Orwa presented the Tax Exemption application for the Taber Special Needs Society.

RES. 555/2018

MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council grants property tax exempt status to the Taber Special Needs Society for the property at 5206 47 Ave. for the 2019, 2020 and 2021 tax years.

19) Tax Exemption - Mennonite Central Committee

J. Orwa presented the Tax Exemption application for the Mennonite Central Committee.

RES. 556/2018

MOVED by Councillor Garner that Council grants property tax exempt status to the Mennonite Central Committee for the property at 5320 49 Ave. for the 2019, 2020 and 2021 tax years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20) Tax Exemption - Taber Special Needs Society

J. Orwa presented the Tax Exemption application for the Taber Special Needs Society.

RES. 557/2018

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council grants property tax exempt status to the Taber Special Needs Society for the property at 5303 48 Ave. for the 2019, 2020 and 2021 tax years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21) 2020-2021 Draft Operating Budget

J. Orwa presented the 2020-2021 Draft Operating Budget to Council.

Council discussed the 2020-2021 Draft Operating Budget, and the possibility to discuss a portion of the 2019 amendments in Closed Session at a later date.

RES. 558/2018

MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council accepts the 2020-2021 Draft Operating Budget presentation for information purposes.

22) 2019 - 2023 Draft Capital Projects

J. Orwa presented the 2019-2023 Draft Capital Budget to Council.

RES. 559/2018

MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council accepts the Approved 2019 and the proposed 2020 - 2023 Capital project list presentation for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23) Special Meeting of Council - Budget Presentation

J. Orwa stated that a Special Meeting of Council will need to be held in December to further discuss the 2019-2021 Operating Budget and the 2019-2023 Capital Budget.

RES. 560/2018

MOVED by Councillor Brewin that Council approves a Special Meeting of Council to be held on December 3, 2018 to discuss the 2019-2021 Operating Budget and the 2019-2023 Capital Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24) Information for Council

C. Armfelt presented information to Council regarding updating commercial garbage bins, and the relocation of the Signature Pointe Home Owners Association's commercial garbage bins.

RES. 561/2018

MOVED by Councillor Firth that Council accepts the material received in this Agenda Item as information.

25) Standing Item - Council Requests

Council discussed modifying the compost cart collection schedule to bi-weekly pick up in the winter months.

MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council directs Administration to investigate the possibility of picking up compost carts during the winter months every other week, and investigate cost savings between the Town and contractor.

Councillor Tams requested clarification on the months this would pertain to.

Councillor Bekkering specified that winter months would pertain to November through April.

Councillor Firth requested a friendly amendment to include investigating the possibility of picking up recycling bins weekly, and the costs associated.

Councillor Bekkering accepted the friendly amendment.

RES. 562/2018

MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council directs Administration to investigate the possibility of picking up compost carts during the winter months, November through April, every other week, and picking up recycling weekly, and for Administration to investigate cost savings between the Town and contractors.

DELEGATIONS

None.

MEDIA INQUIRIES

None.

RES. 563/2018

MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council moves into Closed Session to prevent disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party, in accordance with Section 16(1), and to prevent disclosure of criteria developed for the purpose of contractual negotiations and management of personnel or the administration of a public body that have not yet been implemented, in accordance with Section 24(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:36 PM

CLOSED SESSION

1) Community Grant Program
Closed Session to prevent the disclosure of criteria developed for the purpose of contractual negotiations on behalf of a public body, and considerations that relate to those negotiations in accordance with Section 24(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the following members of Administration were in attendance in Closed Session for Agenda Item 9.1) Community Grant Program: C. Armfelt, Chief Administrative Officer, and D. Hansen, Chair of the Taber Recreation Board.

CLOSED SESSION - CONT'D

2) Proposed Lease Agreement Renewal Closed Session to prevent disclosure of criteria developed for the purpose of contractual negotiations on behalf of a public body, and considerations that relate to those negotiations.

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the following members of Administration were in attendance in Closed Session for Agenda Item 9.2) Proposed Lease Agreement Renewal: C. Armfelt, Chief Administrative Officer, and K. Van Ham, Administrative Services Manager.

3) Personnel Management
Closed Session to prevent disclosure of plans relating to
the management of personnel or the administration of a
public body that have not yet been implemented, in
accordance with Section 24(1)(d) the Freedom of
Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the following members of Administration were in attendance in Closed Session for Agenda Item 9.3) Personnel Management: C. Armfelt, Chief Administrative Officer, and S. Munshaw, Chief of the Taber Fire Department.

4) Peaks to Prairies Electric Vehicle Network
That Council takes the meeting into Closed Session to
prevent disclosure harmful to business interests of a third
party, in accordance with Section 16(1)(a)(ii) of the
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the following members of Administration were in attendance in Closed Session for Agenda Item 9.4) Peaks to Prairies Electric Vehicle Network: C. Armfelt, Chief Administrative Officer, and P. Monks, Director of Planning and Economic Development.

OPEN SESSION

RES. 564/2018

MOVED by Councillor Bekkering that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:11 PM

RES. 565/2018

MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council amends the Community Grant Policy PS-REC-3, Section 2, to remove cash donations from the Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 566/2018

MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council authorizes the lease renewal to Parkside Manor Society for the property and building situated in the Town of Taber, in the Province of Alberta, being a portion of Lot 2, Block S, Plan 4193JK, with a civic address of 4830A – 50 Avenue Taber, Alberta, for a term to expire December 31, 2023; and,

Directs the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the lease renewal documents.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 567/2018

MOVED by Councillor Garner that Council supports Administration changing the job title of Fire Clerk II to Fire Prevention Officer using Fire Department revenues to offset the new wage increase.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 568/2018

MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that Council accepts for information the proposal submitted for review by Peaks to Prairies Electric Vehicle Network.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 569/2018

MOVED by Councillor Firth that this meeting is hereby Closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:14 PM

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER