

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF TABER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON MONDAY,  
MARCH 16, 2020, AT 4:00 PM.

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**Mayor**

Andrew Prokop

**Councillors**

Garth Bekkering

Jack Brewin (via teleconference)

Carly Firth

Mark Garner

Joe Strojwas

Louie Tams

**Acting Chief Administrative Officer**

John Orwa

**Staff**

Graham Abela

Meghan Brennan

Dave Duske

Phyllis Monks

Steve Munshaw

Dawn Phillips

Gary Scherer

Kerry Van Ham

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Prokop called the meeting to Order at 4:00 PM.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

RES. 132/2020      MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council adopts the Agenda, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

None.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

**BYLAWS**

None.

**ACTION ITEMS**

None.

**DELEGATIONS**

None.

## **MEDIA INQUIRIES**

None.

RES. 133/2020      **MOVED** by Councillor Garner that Council moves into Closed Session to prevent disclosure of advice from officials, related to advice, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a public body, in accordance with Section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 4:00 PM

## **CLOSED SESSION**

- 1) Municipal Strategic Direction Response to COVID-19 Closed Session to prevent disclosure of advice from officials, related to advice, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a public body, 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) Municipal Strategic Direction Response to COVID-19: J. Orwa, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, G. Abela, Chief of Taber Police Service, S. Munshaw, Chief of Taber Fire Department, G. Scherer, Director of Public Works and Engineering, P. Monks, Director of Planning and Economic Development, D. Phillips, Director of Recreation, D. Duske, Human Resources Manager, K. Van Ham, Administrative Services Manager, and M. Brennan, Communications and Projects Coordinator.

## **OPEN SESSION**

RES. 134/2020      **MOVED** by Councillor Strojwas that Council reconvenes into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:05 PM

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## OPEN SESSION – CONT'D

RES. 135/2020      MOVED by Councillor Tams that Council directs Administration to operationalize the following:

- 1) Continue to follow Alberta Health Services protocols as it relates to COVID-19;
- 2) Accommodate primary care-giver staff whose children were attending licensed childcare, out-of-school care and pre-school programs by paying them to stay home for a maximum of 14 flexible days, to give them time to determine other options available to them, with manage approval;
- 3) Closure of Town-operated recreation facilities, specifically the Aquafun Centre, Arena, Large/Small Ice and Meeting rooms, with corresponding bookings for these areas cancelled. Summer programs are to be assessed as situations evolve, and will be determined by Administration;
- 4) Council suspends Board, Committee and Commission meetings for the Recreation Board, Arts & Heritage Committee, Development Authority (Municipal Planning Commission), and the Taber Municipal Police Commission until further notice, unless the meeting needs to take place on an urgent basis;
- 5) Administration's determination of appropriateness to close municipal offices, based on best municipal practices;
- 6) Council authorizes Administration to undertake any organizational operational requirements, except for the authority of Council as detailed in Section 203 of the *Municipal Government Act of Alberta*; and,
- 7) All items are subject to further review at any time depending on any further related Provincial direction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


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**CLOSE OF MEETING**

RES. 136/2020      MOVED by Councillor Garner that the Special Meeting of Council is hereby Closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:09 PM

  
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MAYOR

  
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

