

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TABER MUNICIPAL POLICE COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF TABER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020, AT 4:30 PM.

Chairperson

Martin Sorensen

Members

Jack Brewin

John MacDonald

Wanda Osburne-Campbell

Daniel Remfert

Joe Strojwas

Absent

Terry Zucht

Chief Administrative Officer

Cory Armfelt

Staff

Graham Abela

Raeanne Keer

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sorensen called the meeting to Order at 4:30 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chair Sorensen inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda.

Councillor Strojwas requested the addition of Agenda Item 6.8) Advertising on Highways to the Agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – CONT'D

RES. 30/2020 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that the Taber Municipal Police Commission adopts the Agenda, as amended, with the addition of Agenda Item 6.8) Advertising on Highways.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Taber Municipal Police Commission: February 19, 2020

RES. 31/2020 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that the Taber Municipal Police Commission adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 19, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

None.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

ACTION ITEMS

1) Correspondence from Council - Safe Exchange

Chief G. Abela stated that the Commission received correspondence from Council for the Town of Taber proposing the concept of two parking spaces outside of the Taber Police Service Building for the purpose of exchanging legal items. Chief G. Abela presented the Safe Exchange Designated Parking Report to the Commission.

RES. 32/2020 MOVED by J. MacDonald that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the Safe Exchange Discussion Report from the Chief of Police, and asks that it be forwarded to Council for their consideration, with a letter of recommendations to consider alternatives to parking designations at the police service.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG): Annual Conference – Reschedule

Chair Sorensen stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Alberta Association of Police Governance Annual Conference was rescheduled to be held September 18-19, 2020 in Brooks, Alberta. He stated that this is an opportunity for those who previously expressed interested in attending to re-confirm and an opportunity for other members to express new interested in attending.

The Commission discussed their attendance to the event.

RES. 33/2020 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that the Taber Municipal Police Commission authorizes the attendance of Councillor Brewin, D. Remfert, and T. Zucht, to join Chief Abela at the Alberta Association of Police Governance Annual Conference rescheduled to be held September 18, 2020 in Brooks, AB.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

3) Public Complaints Director Report

Chair Sorensen provided his report as the Public Complaints Director.

RES. 34/2020 MOVED by D. Remfert that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the Public Complaints Director (PCD) report for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4) Taber Municipal Police Commission Financial Information

Chief G. Abela presented the financial information to the Commission. The Commission discussed the financial information reports.

RES. 35/2020 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the Financial Information of December 31, 2019 – Final, January 31, 2020 – Final, February 29, 2020 – Final, March 31, 2020 – Final, April 30, 2020 –Final, and May 31, 2020 - Interim for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5) Chief of Police Report to the Commission

Chief G. Abela presented the Chief of Police Report to the Commission, and noted that due to the COVID-19 pandemic their participation in community events has slowed down.

Chief G. Abela stated that the Taber Police Service has two new members begin in June, Constable Boychuck and Constable Kitto.

The Commission discussed the Chief of Police Report.

RES. 36/2020 MOVED by W. Osburne-Campbell that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the Chief of Police and Community Standards Report for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

6) Strategic Plan Report Card

Chief G. Abela presented the June 2020 Taber Police Service Strategic Report Card to the Commission.

RES. 37/2020 MOVED by J. MacDonald that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the June 2020 Taber Police Service Strategic Plan Report Card and update for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7) Commission Member Reports (Verbal)

The Commission members provided their verbal reports.

RES. 38/2020 MOVED by D. Remfert that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the Commission Member Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8) Advertising on Highways

Councillor Strojwas stated that it was brought to his attention that it was a ticket-able offence to have a "For Sale" sign in a vehicle that is parked in front of your property. He stated that Section 109(1) of the Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation AR 304/2002 states that "a road authority may by bylaw or order authorize, subject to any terms of conditions that the road authority prescribes, the display of goods or the sale of goods on a highway under its direction, control and management".

Councillor Strojwas stated that he is requesting input from the Commission to recommend to Council to review Section 109(1), and to allow "For Sale" signs in vehicles as long as it does not obstruct the view.

The Commission discussed Section 109(1) provided by Councillor Strojwas.

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ACTION ITEMS – CONT'D

8) Advertising on Highways – CONT'D

Chief G. Abela noted that this portion of the legislation is in place to limit distractions that would result in a driver taking their eyesight off the roadway when operating a motor vehicle. He also stated that it limits potential issues with residents perpetually selling personal vehicles, as it can result in the roadway becoming a place of businesses.

The Commission further discussed Section 109(1) and the information provided by Chief G. Abela.

The Commission discussed bringing this item back to the Regular Meeting in September 2020.

The Commission made no motion as this time.

MEDIA INQUIRIES

T. Busch, of the Taber Times, asked if Chief G. Abela knew when the Provincial Court, within the Town, is scheduled to re-open.

Chief G. Abela stated that he does not expect it to re-open until September 2020.

MEDIA INQUIRIES – CONT'D

- RES. 39/2020 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that the Taber Municipal Police Commission take a 5 minute break, and reconvene into Closed Session at 5:30 PM, to prevent the disclosure of:
- personal information that is evaluative material compiled for the purpose of determining the suitability, eligibility or qualifications for employment or other benefits by a public body when the information is provided, in accordance with Section 19(1); and,
 - 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*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:25 PM

CLOSED SESSION

- 1) **Chief of Police Closed Session 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*.

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the following members of Administration were in attendance for Closed Session Agenda Item 8.1) Chief of Police Closed Session Report: C. Armfelt, Chief Administrative Officer, Chief G. Abela, Chief of the Taber Police Service, and R. Keer, Administrative Assistant.

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CLOSED SESSION – CONT'D

2) Public Complaints Director of the Taber Municipal Police Commission

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*.

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the following members of Administration were in attendance for Closed Session Agenda Item 8.2) Public Complaints Director of the Taber Municipal Police Commission: C. Armfelt, Chief Administrative Officer, Chief G. Abela, Chief of the Taber Police Service, and R. Keer, Administrative Assistant.

3) Commission Strategic Direction Planning

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*.

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the following members of Administration were in attendance for Closed Session Agenda Item 8.3) Commission Strategic Direction Planning: C. Armfelt, Chief Administrative Officer, Chief G. Abela, Chief of the Taber Police Service, and R. Keer, Administrative Assistant.

CLOSED SESSION – CONT'D

- 4) Commission Member Training/Orientation 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*.**

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the following members of Administration were in attendance for Closed Session Agenda Item 8.4) Commission Member Training/Orientation: C. Armfelt, Chief Administrative Officer, Chief G. Abela, Chief of the Taber Police Service, and R. Keer, Administrative Assistant.

- 5) Commission Action Plan Listing 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*.**

Pursuant to Section 197(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the following members of Administration were in attendance for Closed Session Agenda Item 8.5) Commission Action Plan Listing: C. Armfelt, Chief Administrative Officer, Chief G. Abela, Chief of the Taber Police Service, and R. Keer, Administrative Assistant.

CLOSED SESSION – CONT'D

- 6) Chief of Police Performance Evaluation Review Closed Session to prevent disclosure to personal information that is evaluative material compiled for the purpose of determining the suitability, eligibility or qualifications for employment or other benefits by a public body when the information is provided, in accordance with Section 19(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 for Closed Session Agenda Item 8.6) Chief of Police Performance Evaluation Review: C. Armfelt, Chief Administrative Officer, and R. Keer, Administrative Assistant.

OPEN SESSION

RES. 40/2020 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that the Taber Municipal Police Commission reconvene into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:34 PM

RES. 41/2020 MOVED by J. MacDonald that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the Chief of Police Closed Session Report information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 42/2020 MOVED by J. MacDonald that due to the condition of the current carbines, the Taber Municipal Police Commission respectfully recommends to Council the capital purchase of 5 patrol carbines for a total value of no more than \$15,000.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OPEN SESSION

RES. 43/2020 MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that the Taber Municipal Police Commission appoints Harry Prummel to the position of Public Complaints Director of the Taber Municipal Police Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 44/2020 MOVED by D. Remfert that the Taber Municipal Police Commission establishes a 3 person working committee, naming Councillor Brewin, D. Remfert, and W. Osburne-Campbell to undertake a holistic review of the Taber Municipal Police Commission Policy Manual and related Taber Municipal Police Commission Bylaw 2-2015, in correlation with Administration, to synchronize and bring forth potential amendments to both documents to the next Regular Meeting of the Taber Municipal Police Commission scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2020 .

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 45/2020 MOVED by Councillor Brewin that the Taber Municipal Police Commission accepts the Chief of Police Performance Evaluation for information, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 46/2020

MOVED by Councillor Strojwas that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Municipal Police Commission is hereby Closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:39 PM



CHAIR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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