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MINUTES OF THE ARTS & HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON February 16, 2021, 2020 AT 5:30 PM.

PRESENT:

Councillor Tamara Miyanaga
Councillor Carly Firth
Tasha Tams
Jeff Bronsch - Chairperson
Joshua Beebe (via teleconference)
Shayla Farough – Vice Chairperson
Councillor Mark Garner (arrived at 5:38pm)

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT:

Amy Allred – ACE Coordinator
Dawn Phillips - Director of Recreation
Marty Planger - Recording Secretary
Kory Ostrup – Aquatic Supervisor (via teleconference)

CALL TO ORDER

J. Bronsch called the Regular Meeting of the Arts & Heritage Committee to order at 5:34 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RES. 01/2021 MOVED by S. Farough that the Arts & Heritage Committee adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES - NONE

A) Regular meeting – November 17, 2020

RES. 02/2021 MOVED by Councillor T. Miyanaga that the Arts & Heritage Committee adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Arts & Heritage Committee held on November 17, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NONE

ACTION ITEMS

A) Busking Information

At the previous Arts and Heritage Committee meeting, Administration was directed to research "Busking" in other communities and whether or not legislation is required. It was reported that a few communities do allow for Busking and legislation is in fact required. Currently, performers would be required to submit a Special Event Form, seek permission from the CAO, proof of insurance, and acquire a business license.

Councillor M. Gardner arrived at 5:38pm.

If council decided to permit Busking within the Town of Taber limits, multiple Bylaws would need to be reviewed. Prior to going this route, administration believed it would be valuable to include performers during a few of the Town of Taber events (i.e. Farmer's Market, Backyard BBQ Contest, Heritage Days) and get a good feel for how many would be interest and what they would like.

There was a lot of discussion around location. Many thought Confederation Park would be a more welcoming area, rather than the downtown area. A few members felt the stage was not necessarily the best location as it too large and intimidating for new artists. The stage is available to rent for \$20.75/hr or \$77.50/day cost to anyone at any time. Some thought offering assigned/designated spots on the sidewalks downtown might be worth considering.

There were concerns raised that businesses may not appreciate performers asking for money in front of their storefronts. "Busking" is referred to performers who collect money and/or sell their products. The committee discussed what the intention of this committee is; to allow for family appropriate performers to have access to perform for free, and is not making money or to allow performers to ask for money and sell their cd's, shirts, etc? There was no consensus formed.

RES. 03/2021 MOVED by Councillor C. Firth that the Arts & Heritage Committee directs Administration to request support from Council to direct Administration to create a policy and procedure and to update applicable Bylaws to allow for busking in the Town of Taber.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) Arts and Heritage Committee Meeting Dates

Administration asked for some discussion as to how often the Committee should meet now that the Committee is a year old. It was discussed that in order to gain momentum and to be able to give projects the best chance of success, it would be beneficial to meet monthly with the exception of July, August, and December for regular meetings. Of course, special meeting can be called at any time for time sensitive agenda items. This schedule mirrors the Recreation Board, which is nice for consistency.

- .RES. 04/2021 MOVED by Councillor M. Gardner that the Arts & Heritage Committee RESCINDS RES 04/2020, which states *that the Arts and Heritage Committee agrees to meet on the 3rd Tuesday each month (Except December) at 5:30 pm for their regular Arts and Heritage Committee Meetings.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- RES. 05/2021 MOVED by Councillor C. Firth that the Arts & Heritage Committee directs administration to continue to meet on a monthly basis, with the exception of July, August, and December, on the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm for their regular meetings

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C) Information for the Arts and Heritage Committee

The Committee reviewed all the points in this agenda item.

- RES. 06/2021 MOVED by S. Farough that the Arts and Heritage Committee accept the presentation as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D) Standing Item – Arts & Heritage Committee Requests

Mirroring Council's agenda, this item gives the Committee an opportunity to bring forth anything they would like Administration to bring back at future meetings. Further discussion occurred as to what type of items and what it might look like.

Members discussed the Taber Arts Society's membership drive and how the Committee would be able to assist them. The Town is already assisting them with them on promoting on our social media, community digital sign, discussing their Lease Agreement, and looking to partnering with them on some events/programs.

Committee Members were reminded to share information with administration about any events happening within the Town of Taber, so Administration can share or reach out to assist the organizations. It might be beneficial to everyone involved if groups were asked to attend an Arts and Heritage Committee Meeting as a delegation to open communications about what they do, how the Committee can help, and letting them know when there are funding opportunities (Grants, etc.). Bridging the gaps of all these smaller societies/organizations is what this Committee is all about. Building these relationships and contact lists will only assist administration to promote and build the arts and culture within the town.

DELEGATIONS – None

MEDIA INQUIRIES - None

CLOSED SESSION - None

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 07/2021 MOVED by Councillor C. Firth that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Arts and Heritage Committee is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:54 PM



CHAIRMAN