



News from Planning & Economic Development

In January the Planning & Economic Development Department had a steady month. For any questions, please contact planning@taber.ca.



Planning News

Building Permit Statistics

We're very pleased with how comparable our [building permit statistics](#) have been compared to last year. Let us know what you think of our stats.

HIRF and Fire Separation Work Shop

Join the Planning & Economic Development Department in a HIRF and Spatial Separation work shop facilitated by Superior Safety Codes on February 9th at 8-11am.



Economic Development News

New Business Licenses

Taber Economic Development is pleased to welcome the following businesses to the town:

- A Cut Above
- Kindermusik by Leah
- Farm and Ranch Safe
Competent Workers Advisors
Inc.

To "purchase" your free ticket, please click the poster below.



Planning Fee Changes

- On January 18th, 2018, Council endorsed bylaw 2- 2018 (Fee Bylaw) which contains planning and development service fees for 2018. A few minor changes were made to the fees in regards to services provided, the following is an overview of the changes:
 - New \$50.00 fee for driveways (new or alterations to existing). The addition of a driveway permit process was deemed necessary by the amount of inquiries the Town of Taber receives every year and the lack of consistent review process.

Partner in Conservation



The Town of Taber and Economic Development are excited to announce that the Town has become a Corporate Partner in Conservation with the Alberta Conservation Association.

\$1.4 Billion Climate Innovation Fund

Minister Bilous, Minister Phillips and Minister McQuaig-Boyd announced the [Climate Innovation Fund](#) and in it the \$144.4 million for programs under the Climate Change Innovation and Technology Framework, an overarching guide for the investment of funds for innovation and clean technology ("clean innovation") from the pricing of carbon emissions. The framework advances Alberta's innovation agenda to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while contributing to our economic growth and diversification. The framework and the supporting programs were developed through Science and Innovation in collaboration with other EDT divisions, ministries, agencies, post-secondary institutions and the federal government.

- Demolition permit fees have increased from \$100.00 to \$150.00 in addition to the associated building permit and safety codes council fees.
- Section regarding damage deposits (refundable fees) has been added. The fees themselves have not changed, previously they were referenced in Town of Taber policy (68C08/21/00), and have been added to the bylaw for streamlined fee reference.
- New \$150.00 fee for the creation of a servicing agreement. This fee is due to the amount of time administration must dedicate to the creation and successful signing of each servicing agreement.
- Changes to the subdivision extension fee. Previously the subdivision extension fee was a \$250.00 change; moving forward the fee for the first extension will be \$300.00, the fee for the second extension will be \$400.00 and the fee for the third extension will be \$500.00.

Community Project Funding!

Do you have a community project, but need funding support? The Aviva Community Fund is back, and they have a new category - Community Legacy. [Check it out!](#)

Financial support is available for Alberta's communities, regions and municipalities for initiatives that help promote long-term economic growth. The CARES program will run from 2016 to 2018 and fund initiatives that create a measurable impact and align with one or more of the following program outcomes:

- improving local business environment and/ or regional economic collaboration
- increasing support for entrepreneurs and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to grow and succeed
- enhancing support for businesses and industries that provide diversification to a community or a region
- increasing investment that drives high-value job creation.

Applications for the third intake closed on November 30, 2017. Stay tuned for details on the fourth intake. For more information about CARES, go to <https://www.alberta.ca/community-regional-economic-support-program.aspx>

Volunteer Board / Committee / Commission Vacancies

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board - 2 Residents of the Town of Taber
Municipal Planning Commission - 1
Residents of the Town of Taber

If you have interest (or know of anyone who would be interested) please follow the [link](#) to download an application form.

Did you know?

Not all fences are located on the property lines. Some fences fall inside a property and even in some cases, fall outside of the property. Before you upgrade your fence, or build on your property be sure to check with your Real Property Report or a Land Surveyor to locate the property lines.

Town of Taber and MD of Taber Beautification Program by Community Futures

Community Futures is offering the opportunity to receive a beautification loan and grant to enhance the appearance of a business. The program provides an incentive for local business owners to invest in façade renovations and interior upgrades. Businesses may be eligible to receive an interest free loan up to a maximum of \$8,000 along with a grant up to a maximum of \$2,000.

Contact Community Futures Chinook at (403)388-2923 or stop by at 5324-48 Avenue, Taber to apply and receive the

A number of new programs and services for businesses have been developed as part of the Alberta Jobs Plan.

- [Small Business Incubators](#) – APEX SE Alberta
- [Alberta Investor Tax Credit \(AITC\)](#)
- [Capital Investment Tax Credit \(CITC\)](#)
- [Alberta Export Expansion Package](#)
 - [Export Readiness Micro-Voucher Program](#)
- [ATB Financial and BDC small business loans](#)
- [Alberta Enterprise Corporation \(AEC\) venture capital](#)
- [Alberta Innovates](#)
 - [The Alberta Small Business Innovation and Research Initiative Program](#)
- [Summer Temporary Employment Program \(STEP\)](#)
- [Canada-Alberta Job Grant](#)



complete program guidelines. Grant funds are limited!



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