



News from Planning & Economic Development

In December 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 Fire Separation work shop facilitated by Superior Safety Codes on February 16th at 8-11am.

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



Economic Development News

New Business Licenses

Taber Economic Development did not receive any permanent business licenses for the month of December. We would like to remind everyone to come to the office in the new year to renew your current license and would like to thank you all for having a business in Taber.



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.

Planning Fee Changes

- On December 18th, 2017, Council endorsed bylaw 13- 20117 (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 consistency review process.

- 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.

Volunteer Board / Committee / Commission Vacancies

Subdivision and Development

Appeal Board - 5 Residents of the
Town of Taber

Municipal Planning Commission -
3 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?

Problems or disagreements
regarding trees, fences, shrubs, etc.
between two properties are
considered civil matters and the
Town does not get involved. Either
the two home owners should try to
resolve the issue together or risk
getting a lawyer involved.

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.

**Applications for the third intake
will be accepted from October 1 to
November 30, 2017.** For more
information about CARES, go to
[https://www.alberta.ca/community-
regional-economic-support-
program.aspx](https://www.alberta.ca/community-regional-economic-support-program.aspx)

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](#)

Contact Community Futures Chinook at (403)388-2923 or stop by at 5324-48 Avenue, Taber to apply and receive the complete program guidelines. Grant funds are limited!

- [Summer Temporary Employment Program \(STEP\)](#)
- [Canada-Alberta Job Grant](#)



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