



News from Planning & Economic Development

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



Planning News

Contractors Meeting

The Planning Department is planning another contractors meeting. If you have anything you would like to see on the agenda, please email Emily.Hembrough@taber.ca to have it added. Be sure to keep an eye open for the email regarding the possible date.



Economic Development News

Taber Pheasant Festival:

The Town of Taber is a proud sponsor of the Taber Pheasant Festival coming up in a few weeks. Please check out the [Taber Pheasant Festival website](#) for all the information on this years big event!

Courses of interest

A few courses coming up around Alberta that might be of interest to local builders and developers are:

- [Beyond the Building Code](#) - A course about barrier-free designing.

Growth Management

- The [Town of Taber](#) website now allows you to view all monthly newsletters and weekly Taber Times Ads and building permit statistics.

Did you know?

- That the Planning Department is trying to be a little more "green" by not requiring three copies of all plans, but only one copy. If you are submitting a large drawing set, please make sure to send or bring in an electronic copy for the Planning Departments files.



New Business Licenses

Taber Economic Development would like to welcome the following new business in the town from the month of September:

- Kodiak Martial Arts
- Back in Tune Massage Therapy

- The [Growth Management Strategy](#) evaluates land within and adjacent to the existing Town boundary in relation to proposed Provincial initiatives such as the Functional Study for Highway 3 re-alignment, policies and requirements of the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan, the amendments to the Municipal Government Act, as well as the Town's infrastructure servicing capabilities, development suitability analysis, and local values - as established in the Municipal Development Plan. The strategy will serve the Town as the technical land use planning foundation that will provide detailed direction on the most appropriate and efficient way for the Town to develop and grow into the future, ultimately informing the process of updating the 2007 Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP).

- Wood Travel 2017
- J. Andrade Construction
- All New Roofing

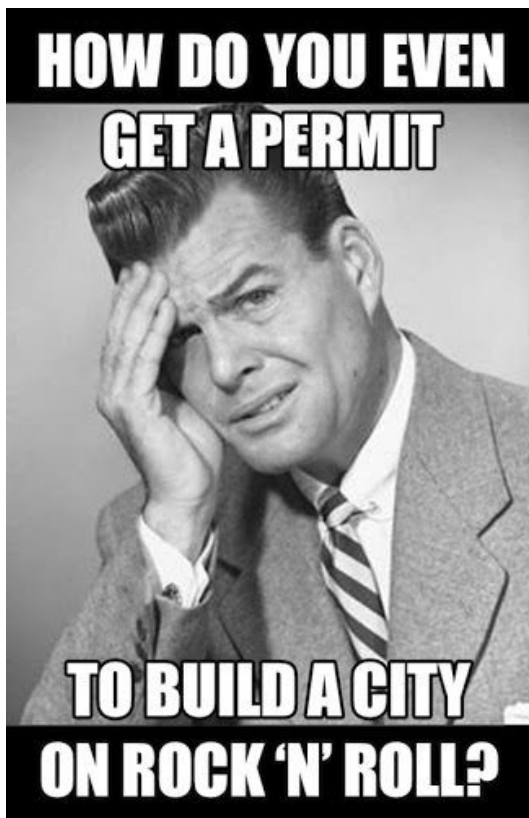
You probably have already noticed that the new Taber Dairy Queen is OPEN! Have you enjoyed yourself a Blizzard?

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 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>

Town of Taber and Municipal District of Taber Beatification Program by Community Futures

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 complete program guidelines. Grant funds are limited!

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](#)

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