



News from Planning & Economic Development

In October 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.



Economic Development News

New Business Licenses

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

- Phone Experts
- Pizza Palace

The meeting is scheduled for November 15th at 8:00am at the Administration Building (A-4900 50th Street) in the committee room. If you are a local builder, contractor or your calendar.

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.

Did you know?



There is a curb stop at the front of your property where the town can turn your water on and off in case of an emergency, or during renovations, etc. These are often located in the driveway, and should be avoided when paving your driveway.

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.

Lots For Sale



Residential Lot for Sale (lot 17 as per map)

- Lot size : approximately 40' x 110' (0.11ac)
- Lot price: \$40,937.00
- Notes: lot is un-serviced, a caveat will be registered on title limiting resale ensure land and future development remains targeted to affordable housing. Innovative plans are encouraged including secondary/garage/backyard suites.

Residential lot for sale (lot 18 as per map)

- Lot size: approximately 40' x 110' (0.10ac)
- Lot price: \$37,670.00
- Notes: lot is un-serviced, a caveat will be registered on title limiting resale ensure land and future development remains targeted to affordable housing. Innovative plans are encouraged including secondary/garage/backyard suites.

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>

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](#)

Residential lot for sale (lot 19 as per map)

- Lot size: 0126ha (0.31ac)
- Lot Price: \$106,277.10
- Notes: lot is un-serviced, a caveat will be registered on title limiting resale ensure land and future development remains targeted to affordable housing. Innovative plans are encouraged including secondary/garage/backyard suites.

For more information: contact Ben Young, Economic Development Officer, 403-223-5500 ext. 5514



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

Diesel Fuel Prices for industrial users holding steady

According to [the Owl](#) "Diesel fuel—the primary source of fuel used in the trucking and transportation sector—has risen and fallen in line the ever-fluctuating price of crude oil, the main input. The graph below shows the price index over the last five years for industrial users on the Prairies, with the price in 2010 set equal to an index of 100. The most recent price snapshot is for September 2017, with an index value of 102.4. Industrial diesel fuel prices are a mere 2.4 per cent higher than they were at the start of the decade. However, it hasn't always been so. Back in early 2014, diesel fuel prices were nearly 60 per cent higher than in 2010, reflecting the fact that crude oil prices were also above \$US 100 per barrel for the benchmark West Texas Intermediate. Following the oil price decline over the subsequent two years, industrial diesel users saw the same price decline enjoyed by motorists filling up with regular refined gasoline. The diesel price index fell to as low as 75.1 at the beginning of 2016."

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 complete program guidelines. Grant funds are limited!

Industrial price index, diesel fuel

Prairie region, index 2010=100



Source: Statistics Canada, The Daily, Oct. 31, 2017 and CANSIM329-0076



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