

CITY COUNCIL ADDITIONAL AGENDA

Monday, April 04, 2011 – Council Chambers, City Hall

Call to Order:	3:00 PM
Recess:	5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Public Hearing(s):	6:00 PM

I. CORRESPONDENCE

- I.1. Rumble in Red Deer - Request from Red Deer Boxing Club to Appoint External Boxing Commission - Letter Dated April 1, 2011
Report for Council's Consideration
Department: Legislative & Governance Services

(Agenda Pages 1 – 2)



Legislative & Governance Services

DATE: April 1, 2011
TO: City Manager
FROM: Legislative & Governance Services Manager
SUBJECT: Rumble in Red Deer – Request to Appoint External Boxing Commission

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Recommendation

That Council pass a resolution indicating it has no objection to the Taber Commission supervising the Rumble in Red Deer boxing event to be held in Red Deer on May 14, 2011.

Elaine Vincent
Manager

April 1, 2011

To: Red Deer City Council
Re: Rumble In Red Deer
Saturday May 14, 2011



Dear Council members,

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The point of this letter is that we endeavour to do things very professionally and with integrity. As you are aware, pro events require a commission to oversee them. We know that the local MMA events use a commission that is not associated with Red Deer due to their being no commission here. There is also no Provincial commission like some of the other Provinces have established. Due to this we have had to request the assistance of an out of town commission. Our desire is to use a boxing commission that is approved by the Canadian Boxing Federation, is experienced with the sport of boxing and professional in every regard. Considering this, we have secured the Taber commission headed up by Ken Billingham and they have agreed to come and oversee our show. Parts of their requirements are that I inform the Red Deer City Council and ask if you would acknowledge that this is ok with the city of Red Deer.

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Thank-you. On behalf of the Red Deer Boxing Club,

Steve Boisson
Event & Promotions Director
403-304-5400

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FROM: Elaine Vincent, Legislative & Governance Services Manager
SUBJECT: Rumble in Red Deer – Request to Appoint External Boxing Commission

Reference Report:

Legislative & Governance Services Manager dated April 1, 2011

Resolution:

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Comments/Further Action

City Solicitor to prepare a report that will respond to various interests of combative sports groups.



Elaine Vincent
Legislative & Governance Services Manager

c: Inspections & Licensing Co-Manager, Joyce Boon
Inspections & Licensing Co-Manager, Russ Pye
Corporate Meeting Coordinator

LEGISLATIVE & GOVERNANCE SERVICES

April 8, 2011

Mr. Steve Boissoin
Event & Promotions Director
Red Deer Boxing Club
37573 Hwy 2 South
Red Deer, AB T4B 1E1

Dear Mr. Boissoin,

**Re: Council Decision
Rumble in Red Deer – Saturday, May 14, 2011
Red Deer Boxing Club**

The above item was presented to our Red Deer City Council at the Monday, April 4, 2011 meeting and the following resolution was passed:

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We wish you a successful event

Sincerely,



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City Solicitor

ORIGINAL



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Christine Kenzie

BACKUP INFORMATION
NOT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL

From: Frieda McDougall
Sent: April 04, 2011 11:32 AM
To: Don Simpson; Elaine Vincent
Cc: Christine Kenzie
Subject: RE: Resolution re Red Deer Boxing Club

I just heard from the Red Deer Boxing Club and they believe that a resolution saying The City 'has no objection' is sufficient. Further, apparently the Canadian Boxing Association has already approved Taber overseeing this event so while Steve (Boxing Assoc) was unaware if their bylaw has been changed in any way - it is meeting the federal association's requirements.

Frieda McDougall
Deputy City Clerk
Legislative & Governance Services
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-----Original Message-----

From: Don Simpson [mailto:dsimpson@chapmanriebeek.com]
Sent: April 04, 2011 10:36 AM
To: Frieda McDougall; Elaine Vincent
Subject: Resolution re Red Deer Boxing Club
Importance: High

Hi Frieda:

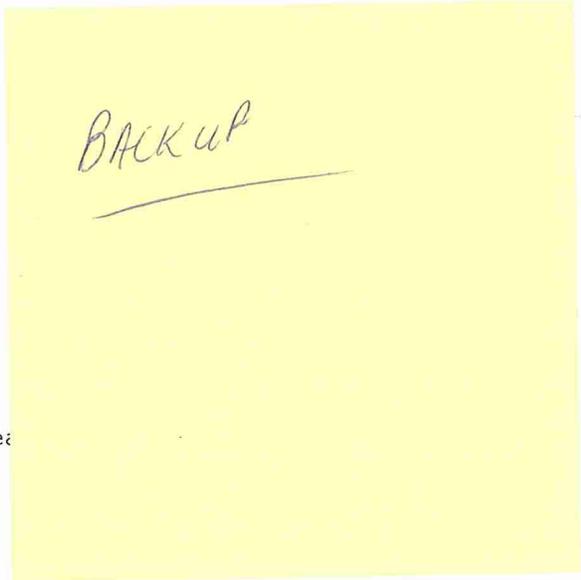
As discussed, we have doubts as to whether or not a resolution by the City has any legal effect upon the Taber Commission, for two reasons:

1. The wording of the Town of Taber Bylaw limits their jurisdiction to events within the Town of Taber.
2. The powers of a municipality under MGA s. 7 are to be exercised by bylaw, not by resolution.

Despite that, it is our view that the City can certainly confirm by resolution that it has no objection to the event being hosted by or authorized by the Town of Taber Combative Sports Commission.

I recommend that you contact the Red Deer Boxing Club or the Taber Commission directly to see what sort of resolution they want: will they accept a "no objection" resolution or do they need an "authorization" resolution ?

Don Simpson
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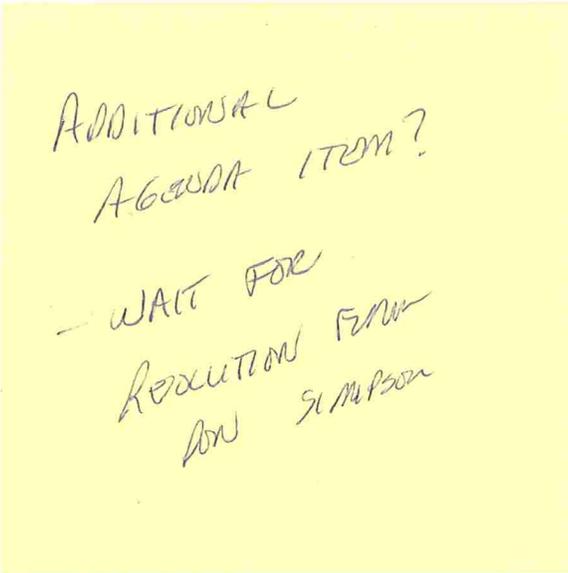
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From: Frieda McDougall
Sent: April 02, 2011 3:20 PM
To: Christine Kenzie
Subject: FW: Urgent - Taber Commission oversight to a Boxing event

Attachments: 20110402133549258.pdf; 1084884 - April 4, 2011 to City Manager re consent to Red Deer Boxing Club to engage external commission to oversee event - 1.DOC

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From: Frieda McDougall
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Cc: Elaine Vincent
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Attached for your information is a letter received from the Red Deer Boxing Club request Council's support to the Taber Commission overseeing an event in Red Deer on May 14th. Because of the timeline, this report would need to be considered by Council right away to permit the Red Deer Club to proceed. I know that you're working on a larger report following requests from River Cree and Edmonton, however, I'm wondering what your opinion would be to handling this request as a 'one off' until your report is ready? I've attached the letter from the Boxing Club and the proposed report that could be presented to Council by way of an Additional Agenda item. At this time I don't know what the impacts to this event would be if we wait to consider this item on April 18th. We need to hear from you by 10 am Monday for this to go on the April 4th agenda.



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FROM SOLICITOR ✓*

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**THE CITY OF RED DEER
DRAFT RESOLUTION**

Date:

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Moved by Councillor

Seconded by Councillor

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