



**TOWN OF HINTON**  
**Standing Committee of Council Meeting**  
**September 10, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Ian Duncan, Deputy Mayor Bill Bulger  
Councillors Jane Macridis, Dale Currie, Lorraine Johnston-MacKay

**ABSENT:** Councillor Ryan Maguhn

**SECRETARY:** Lil Wallace - Executive Assistant

**ALSO PRESENT:** Bernie Kreiner - Town Manager  
Rhonda West - Legislative & Administrative Services Coordinator  
Denise Parent - Director of Corporate Services

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**ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Bill Bulger called the Standing Committee Meeting to order. The time was 11:33 a.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Kreiner requested an In Camera "Deliberative Matter (FOIP)" be added to the agenda.

**There was consensus to accept the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda of September 10, 2013 as amended.**

**DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**High River Flood Observations - Presented by S/Sgt. Mark Fitzgerald**

S/Sgt. Mark Fitzgerald told council about his experience while assisting the RCMP during the June, 2013 major flooding in High River. He stressed the importance of clear, timely, and frequent communications that need to be provided by the mayor, councillors, and other emergency management officials during the time of crisis and afterwards.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Town of Hinton, thanked the RCMP and said they "did our community proud" for the work they did assisting another community in need of help.

Council then discussed the importance of educating the public about their role in an emergency (ie. take your medicines and/or pets with you when evacuated; sign up to receive the town's emergency notices, prepare a survival kit).

As of today 1 Hinton RCMP member is still in Southern Alberta assisting with flood recovery.

**ACTION ITEMS**

***Refer to the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda package for September 10, 2013 for detailed background information on these decisions.***

  
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### **Quality of Life Grant Program**

Administration was seeking direction from council respecting the current program, terms of reference, purpose, etc. since council had previously questioned: Are the groups with the greatest needs receiving the monies? A lengthy discussion of all aspects of the Quality of Life Grant Program occurred.

**There was consensus that the current mission of the Quality of Life Grant Program is to provide funding opportunities for community organizations to maximize improvements in the quality of life for Hinton residents.**

**There was consensus that the eligibility and/or priority criteria include:**

- ***use the funds to leverage for efficiency and sustainability.***
- ***use the funds for operating (core) costs linked to measurable targets and outcomes.***

**There was consensus that this go to Regular Council for adoption.**

At 1:29 pm the Deputy Mayor called a short recess and the meeting reconvened at 1:40 pm.

### **2014 Budget Preliminary Overview**

After lengthy discussion,

**There was consensus to keep as much in reserves as possible from the \$400,000 increased Yellowhead County sharing contribution while aiming to maintain a modest tax increase and still maintain existing levels of services.**

**J. MACRIDIS - That Council extend the time for the Standing Committee Meeting beyond 3 hours.**

**Carried**

The time was 2:29 pm.

### **Macro Municipal Planning and Implementation System for Hinton**

Mr. Kreiner explained to council the "Macro Municipal Planning and Implementation System" that administration has been working on. This allows council and administration to see how all the planning systems integrate and if any require a change in their time cycle dates. Also, Administration is working towards implementing a two-year budget cycle.

**There was consensus that this report be accepted for information.**

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **Urgent Matters from Council and Town Manager**

The Town Manager advised he was informed today that Coal Valley is today laying off 17 salaried staff. They have a workforce total of 425. The layoffs are due to the current softer coal prices.

  
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Councillor Jane Macridis advised council that Yellowhead County has now approved the landfill authority agreement; still waiting for Jasper and Edson to sign.

**Executive Assistant Logistics Information**

No upcoming events logistics were discussed.

**IN CAMERA (if necessary)**

**J. MACRIDIS - That Standing Committee move in camera.**

**Carried**

The time was 3:05 p.m.

**L. JOHNSTON-MACKAY- That Standing Committee revert to regular session.**

**Carried**

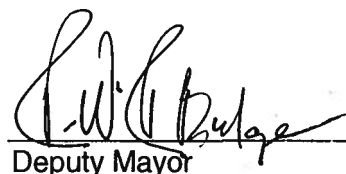
The time was 3:46 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**D. CURRIE - That Standing Committee Meeting of Council adjourn.**

**Carried**

The time was 3:47 p.m.

  
Deputy Mayor

  
Director of Corporate Services

