



TOWN OF HINTON
Standing Committee of Council Meeting
February 11, 2014

PRESENT: Mayor Rob Mackin, Deputy Mayor Ryan Maguhn
Councillors Dale Currie, Glen Barrow, Stuart Taylor, Marcel Michaels,
Matthew Young

ABSENT: Bernie Kreiner - Town Manager

SECRETARY: Lil Wallace - Executive Assistant

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

ORDER

Deputy Mayor Ryan Maguhn called the Standing Committee Meeting to order. The time was 4:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Rhonda West requested Action Item #3 be heard as the first action item. Denise Parent requested a "Deliberative Matter (FOIP)" item be added to the In Camera portion of the meeting.

There was consensus to accept the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda of February 11, 2014 as amended.

ACTION ITEMS

Refer to the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda package for February 11, 2014 for detailed background information on these decisions.

Council Procedure Bylaw #1060 Review and Orientation Debrief

There was consensus to re-word S. 29 (1) (a) and (b) to the positive, rather than the negative (eg. members of the public MAY speak but must go through Chair first.)

After discussion, there was consensus to leave S. 29 (4) and (5) as was presented.

There was consensus to direct Administration to adopt the recommendations as listed on pages 21 through 23 of the agenda (which are pages 1 to 3 of the Direction Request report).

There was consensus that this report and recommendation (with the amendments requested) go to Regular Council for approval.

Council then provided their comments on the orientation process:

- they did not want to purchase the George Cuff videos at this time
- do not feel they require any further orientation at this time
- they were reminded about the AUMA elected officials training available to them


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- looking back, it would have been good to have a video of other councils going through sessions – how to do and how not to do it.
- thanked Administration for the orientation received to date
- felt it important to have a team building session which would have been valuable to get to know each other; looking at team building in the coming months on a smaller scale than what has been done in the past
- Would have been nice to have had a tour of the rest of the town buildings
- A session on Robert's Rules of Order would be helpful

2014 -2015 Draft Municipal Strategic Plan Feedback Received

Council discussed the February 4, 2014 letter received from the Hinton Mountain Bike Association and what level of support they are seeking. **There was consensus to seek a letter of clarification from the Hinton Mountain Bike Association clearly setting out their expectations of the Town.**

Respecting the focus area “Vibrant Community” there was consensus for Administration and the Mayor to re-word this area to include general and specific outdoor recreational pursuits and/or opportunities.

There was consensus given respecting the Destination Marketing Fee:

- Change destination marketing “*fee*” to destination marketing “*program*”
- Change “Proceeds from *such* funding” to “Proceeds from *any* funding”).

Respecting the focus area “Water and Waste Game Plan” there was consensus to change first bullet to read “Review current *waste and* recycling strategy and determine options.”

There was consensus that this report and recommendation, with changes as noted, go to Regular Council on February 18, 2014 for approval.

The Deputy Mayor then called a short recess at 5:29 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 5:35 p.m. Rhonda West left the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

2014 Budget Feedback Received

Council discussed the feedback they heard re the 2014 operational and capital budgets after holding open houses on February 1 at Parks West Mall, February 10 during the afternoon at the Teck Coal Room at the Hinton Library, and at the Hinton Legion in the evening.

Councillor Maguhn put forth the following and sought consensus on:

- **Request the mayor to write a column in the media regarding the important of understanding the assessment appeals process and the impact of the education tax from the province. (Include the pie chart that was provided showing the breakdown.)**

Administration advised the assessor was scheduled to speak to council at the April 8, 2014 Standing Committee meeting. **Consensus given to withdraw request.**


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Councillor Taylor put forth the following and sought consensus on:

- **Change the 3.0% tax increase to the rate of inflation (1.2%). Consensus was not provided.**

There was consensus given to bring report and recommendation for approval to Regular Council on operational at 3% increase (with 1% surcharge going to capital reserves) as presented.

Administration advised that changes have been made to the capital budget and the attachment represents the most up-to-date version. Council was reminded that the solid yellow lines across a line item are conceptual and need specific council approval in order to proceed. The side-yellowed lines were marked as items that some councillors felt they required more information on. **Consensus was to review the line-by-line items and have administration provide information on each item prior to deciding whether to mark yellow or not. Results were as follows:**

Line Item	Councillor	Keep or Make Yellow	Remove Yellow	Consensus Given
5	M. Young		X	Yes
6	D. Currie		X	Yes
8	G. Barrow	X		Yes
9	G. Barrow		X	Yes
18	R. Maguhn		X	Yes
19	M. Young		X	Yes
21	M. Young	X		Yes
22	M. Young		X	Yes
24	M. Young	X		Yes

D. CURRIE - That Council extend the time for the Standing Committee Meeting beyond 3 hours.

Carried

The time was 6:69 p.m. Council then continued reviewing the line items as follows:

Line Item	Councillor	Keep or Make Yellow	Remove Yellow	Consensus Given
25	D. Currie		X	Yes
26	M. Young		X	Yes
27	M. Young	X		Yes
28	D. Currie		X	Yes
29	G. Barrow		X	Yes
30	M. Young		X	Yes
31	M. Young		X	Yes


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Line Item	Councillor	Keep or Make Yellow	Remove Yellow	Consensus Given
34	D. Currie		X	Yes
37	M. Young		X	Yes
38	M. Young		X	Yes
39	R. Mackin		X	Yes
40	D. Currie		X	Yes
41	G. Barrow	X		Yes
42	M. Young		X	Yes
44	M. Young	X		Yes
50	S. Taylor		X	Yes
54	D. Currie		X	Yes

There was consensus to bring Line item CR46 (cemetery perpetual care reserve) back to council to discuss cemetery maintenance, current levels of service and possible options to increase service levels.

There was consensus to accept the capital budget as amended tonight and bring forward to Regular Council on February 18, 2014 for approval.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Urgent Matters from Council and Town Manager

There was consensus to direct Administration that due to the volume and complexity of past information, council will receive backgrounder information on the recreation centre for their review well in advance of this item coming before council at the March 11, 2014 Standing Committee meeting.

Executive Assistant Logistics Information

Upcoming events logistics were discussed, including council's attending at the annual FCM conference. The Mayor indicated he will review the agenda by Friday, which was just provided by FCM today, and after review of same, he will decide if he feels it worthwhile to attend. **There was consensus that there will be a random drawing as to whom the councillor will be that will attend this year. Then at a later date, council will review the upcoming years and decide if anyone should attend, and if so, set a schedule at that time of who will attend.** Councillor Maguhn asked that his name be withdrawn from this year's draw as he is unable to attend.

IN CAMERA (if necessary)

G. BARROW - That Standing Committee move in camera.

Carried

The time was 7:43 p.m. The Deputy Mayor then called a short recess and the meeting reconvened at 7:49 p.m.

M. YOUNG - That Standing Committee revert to regular session.

Carried

The time was 8:13 p.m.


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ADJOURNMENT


R. MACKIN - That Standing Committee Meeting of Council adjourn.

The time was 8:14 p.m.

Carried



Deputy Mayor



Director of Corporate Services

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