



TOWN OF HINTON
Standing Committee of Council Meeting
May 27, 2014

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

ABSENT: N/A

SECRETARY: Lil Wallace - Executive Assistant

ALSO PRESENT: Bernie Kreiner - Town Manager
Denise Parent - Director of Corporate Services

ORDER

Deputy Mayor Glen Barrow called the Standing Committee Meeting to order. The time was 4:02 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Stuart Taylor requested an item be added to the agenda (discussion on CEAC meeting). **The consensus, after discussion, was that this will be discussed at the next regular council meeting and not at this time.**

Mayor Rob Mackin requested an item be added to the agenda (short term economic tactics).

There was consensus to accept the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda of May 27, 2014 as amended with the addition of the mayor's item.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Refer to the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda package for May 27, 2014 for detailed background information on these decisions.

Burn Building Capital Project & Training Facility Strategic Item

Administration advised this item was "yellowed" in the 2014 capital budget (which means it requires council's specific approval). This addition is primarily to train our firefighters as the building codes are changing. Secondly, this can also turn into a revenue-producing facility as there have been enquiries about using it. Bringing revenue in now will help towards creating a foundation for a larger training facility in the future.

There was consensus to bring the live fire training burn building 2014 capital project forward to Regular Council for decision (proceed, postpone, eliminate).

Ladder 23 Truck - Affirm Direction

Council was advised that the previous council had made a long-term decision, based on the criteria of the time, to purchase a 115 ft. articulating boom platform truck by the following motion made August 20, 2013:


Initial

J. MACRIDIS - That Administration proceed with the purchasing of an articulating boom platform ladder truck for delivery in 2015.

Carried

After discussion, Councillor Ryan Maguhn gave the following notice to revisit the motion of August 20, 2013:

Bring back to Regular Council the Replace Options for existing apparatus with a much newer, but used apparatus (2006 or newer).

There was unanimous consent to Councillor Maguhn's notice.

Funding Fire Reserve

Administration advised that:

- Fire/Rescue apparatus replacement reserve is a mute point now because of consensus just made on Councillor Maguhn's notice.
- Reserve Approach for Multi-Year Budgets: work is starting on preparation of the long term capital plan.

There was consensus (with the exception of Councillor Stuart Taylor who abstained) that Council gives direction to Administration the ability to run individual reserves in the deficit position provided the overall reserve balance remains in the surplus position. Councillor Stuart Taylor abstained from giving consensus as he stated (1) he did not have enough information to do so and (2) that he was not required to do so in a Standing Committee meeting but that he has to do so in Regular Council meetings.

Hinton's Housing Work Plan 2014-2017

Council reviewed the revised draft housing work plan presented and provided Administration with the changes they would like to see in the draft. When reviewing page 8 of the plan (page 19 of 42 in the agenda package) under the Targets listed, Council raised the question of the funding to Habitat for Humanity motion that Council had previously made on December 17, 2013, which reads:

D. CURRIE - That Council support Habitat for Humanity Edmonton's request for support to build perpetually affordable market ownership homes at 234 Baker Street, or other suitable locations, to a maximum of \$50,000 per unit to a maximum of 14 units.

Carried

Council discussed that the Habitat funding decision should be revisited because there was no timeline bound to that motion and the suggestion was that it should not be left open-ended. Councillor Stuart Taylor gave the following notice to revisit the motion of December 17, 2013:

Council to discuss the Habitat \$700,000 funding to come to a Standing Committee meeting in light of the final Baker Street plan.

There was unanimous consent to Councillor Taylor's notice.

Four members of the audience then individually (Greg Hall, Marcel Dery, JoAnn Race and Arif Khan) gave their opinions as to the draft housing plan. One member of the audience (Don Landry) chose not to present his opinions.

There was consensus to accept the report as information.

Tactical Economic Strategy

The Mayor advised he has had conversations at the provincial level where it was suggested that Hinton develop a tactical economic development strategy targeted at technology/software companies. If Hinton were to develop a plan we could be connected to possible businesses through the Alberta trade offices around the globe. He further told Council this could be a great opportunity for Hinton and was seeking their consensus to give Administration direction.

There was unanimous consensus to direct Administration to come back to council within two months with tactical economic strategy focused on technology opportunities.

Infill and Substandard Lands - Conceptual Review of Goals and Options

There was consensus to refer this item to the next Standing Committee meeting, being June 10, 2014.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Urgent Matters from Council and Town Manager

Bernie Kreiner, Town Manager, advised Council:

- he is working with Alberta Transportation on a vicinity agreement for the existing highway through town;
- Fire Smarting is following a broad plan; getting some reaction from some individuals; the goal is still to create a fire-smart element, according to long term plan council previously adopted.

Executive Assistant Logistics Information

Upcoming events logistics were discussed.

IN CAMERA (if necessary)

M. MICHAELS - That Standing Committee move in camera.

Carried

The time was 6:50 p.m. The Deputy Mayor then called for a short recess and the meeting reconvened at 6:56 p.m.

M. YOUNG – That the meeting extend past three hours.

Carried

The time was 6:56 p.m.


Initial

R. MAGUHN - That Standing Committee revert to regular session.

Carried


The time was 7:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Carried

The time was 7:41p.m.



Deputy Mayor



Director of Corporate Services