



**TOWN OF HINTON
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2015**

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

ABSENT: Councillor Glen Barrow

SECRETARY: Lil Wallace - Executive Assistant

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

ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There was consensus to accept the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda of February 10, 2015.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Refer to the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda package for [February 10, 2015](#) for detailed background information on these decisions.

Draft 2015 Operating Budget

There was consensus that Council direct Administration to prepare a report with costs and revenues on:

- (a) Maskuta Campground (if still Town's responsibility including what the terms are); and
- (b) to explore options for the Hinton campground.

There was consensus that Council direct Administration to bring a report that includes Option #1 back to Regular Council for decision.

There was consensus that any additional savings found through 2015 be transferred to capital reserves; and the allocation will be determined at the end of the year.

There was consensus that Council direct Administration to prepare a communications plan respecting the budget that highlights operating costs and how debt servicing will be handled (any increase would be attributed to debt servicing to the Town and infrastructure deficit).

Councillor Dale Currie left the meeting at 5:42 pm as he had work commitments at his regular job.

The Deputy Mayor asked the audience if anyone had any questions. Mrs. Joann Race came forward and asked how much Jasper and others pay to bring their garbage to our landfill. Administration advised all surrounding communities pay an equal amount, except Jasper paid a one-time capital expense last year (\$244,000) plus \$4.00/tonne disposal surcharge for the remainder of this year. All four partners will pay equally for the new cell being installed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Urgent Matters from Council

The Mayor advised he and several of Hinton's health community members had met with the Rural Health Services Review Committee, chaired by Richard Starke, to share their views and ideas on the health services available in the Hinton area.

The Mayor reminded Council of the upcoming Arts on Fire event scheduled for February 21, 2015 and asked Council members to be there to welcome guests.

Councillor Taylor mentioned he recently observed a good number of people using the pool facilities and that was great to see.

Town Manager Status Report

Mike Schwirtz thanked administrative staff for the hard work done to date in preparing the operating and capital budgets.

Executive Assistant Logistics Information

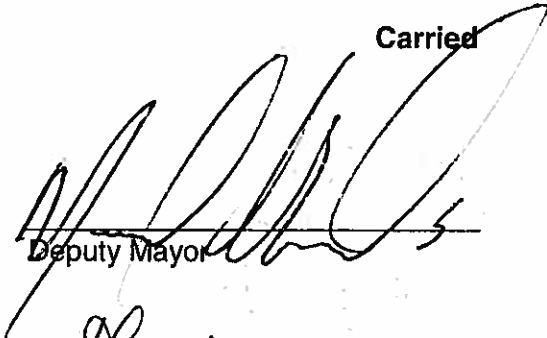
No upcoming event logistics were discussed.

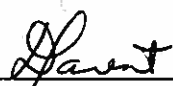
ADJOURNMENT

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

The time was 5:48 p.m.

Carried


Deputy Mayor


Director of Corporate Services


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