



**TOWN OF HINTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2015**

PRESENT: Mayor Rob Mackin, Councillors Ryan Maguhn, Stuart Taylor, Matthew Young

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Dale Currie, Councillors Marcel Michaels, 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

Mayor Rob Mackin called the Regular Council meeting to order. The time was 5:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

S. TAYLOR - That the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting held May 19, 2015 be adopted as presented.

Carried

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

1. Regular Meeting of Council Minutes - May 5, 2015
2. Standing Committee of Council Minutes - May 12, 2015

R. MAGUHN - That the Minutes listed above be approved as presented.

Carried

CITIZENS "MINUTE WITH COUNCIL"

Tim Fafard, Principal at St. Gregory School, wanted to bring to Council's attention his comments respecting the recommendation made by the Hinton Community Grant Funding Advisory Committee:

- playground receiving only partial funding so disappointed with that recommendation
- on the scale they ranked 70 of 100 points, he feels the scale itself doesn't reflect the integrity or value of what they were asking for
- their presentation was lacking but he doesn't feel that's the right way to award points
- requested the town use their contingency funding, and fully fund their request
- truly believes in the playground for the safety for our kids, inclusive playground to work and play together with other children, not parallel play.
- schools don't fund for playgrounds,
- don't have rubber matting so it is not currently safe
- he believes they hit all the markers for the grant program as it was set up
- wants council to reconsider the amount they are to receive.
- it's a neighborhood community, playground is used on a continual basis

Councillor Maguhn asked Mr. Fafard to email council with his thoughts and experience on the process and Mr. Fafard agreed to do so.

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Community Futures West Yellowhead - Plaque Presentation by Nancy Robbins

Nancy Robbins, General Manager at Community Futures West Yellowhead ("CFWY") advised council this is a federally funded non-profit organization serving Hinton, Jasper, Grande Cache, Yellowhead County, Edson. They have a disabilities program and work with disabled clients to find self-employment and success. She presented council with a partnership plaque to thank them for support of the program.

2. Caribou Patrol Program - Presented by Chantelle Bambrick

Ms. Chantelle Bambrick, of the Foothills Research Institute, provided Council with information on the woodland caribou as they are currently listed as a "species at risk". The caribou are migrating now, and do so twice per year, in the Spring and Fall. She asked that sightings be reported to them through facebook or their website, and if possible, to include a picture with the date and time of the sighting.

Ms. Bambrick then asked council to inform its residents about caribou crossing Highway 40 during critical migration periods, and for Council to think about if there are any other ways to partner with the Town to let the public know about this program.

As the Caribou Patrol Program is a finalist for an Emerald Award, she also asked Council for a letter of support respecting the program.

S. TAYLOR - That a letter of support for the caribou patrol program be provided as requested.

Carried

3. Hinton Grant Funding Advisory Committee - Presented by JoAnn Race and Albert Ostashek

JoAnn Race and Albert Ostashek spoke on behalf of the committee and advised that the committee was made up of a diverse group of citizens, and was good representation of the community. They thanked Laura Howarth and Rhonda West and administration for all the work done.

The committee is comprised of the following citizens, and who they represent:

- JoAnn Race (Hinton Policing Committee)
- Peter Wilkinson (Hinton Municipal Library Board)
- Kathy Rees (Community Engagement and Accountability Committee, also known as "CEAC")
- Albert Ostashek (CEAC)
- Garth Griffiths (CEAC)

Mr. Ostashek advised Council he felt the process was excellent and streamlined. Proposals were reviewed individually by committee members and then by the group together. The process went quickly.


Initial

Both Mr. Ostashek and Mrs. Race did not feel that twice per year intakes was a hinderance, and said that groups would re-apply if not successful this time. It was felt that two intakes seems to make sense for groups to coordinate depending on their own schedules.

Council thanked the committee for their contribution to the process.

ACTION ITEMS

Refer to the Regular Council Meeting Agenda package for [May 19, 2015](#) for detailed background information on these decisions.

1. 2015 Community Grant Program - Intake #1

M. YOUNG - That Council transfer \$15,000 from the Council Contingency Fund to allocate towards the St. Gregory Inclusive Playground Project under Intake #1 for 2015.

Carried

R. MAGUHN - That Council approve the Community Grant Program funding for Intake #1 as recommended by the Hinton Grant Funding Advisory Committee outlined in Attachment #2.

Carried

2. Nuisance Bylaw #1087 Third and Final Reading

R. MACKIN - That Nuisance Bylaw #1087 receives third and final reading with the addition of the definition of "Vehicle" (reference to the Traffic Safety Act).

Carried

3. Recreation Centre Committee Terms of Reference

R. MAGUHN - That the matter of forming a Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee be brought back to the July 14, 2015 Standing Committee meeting for further discussion.

Carried

4. Performing Arts Theatre Centre in Hinton ("PATCH") Project Update

R. MACKIN – That Council accept this report for information.

Carried

5. Property Tax Appeal - 121 Tocher Avenue

M. YOUNG - The request made by CapLink to reduce the property taxes and penalties from 2012 to present for the properties located on 121 Tocher Avenue (Condominium Plan 1023241, Unit 1 – common area, Unit 2 – surplus land, and Units 3-10, Units 13, 14,15, 18 and Units 21-24) be denied.

Carried

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Council Information Package #1 - previously circulated May 6, 2015
2. Council Information Package #2 - previously circulated May 13, 2015


Initial

M. YOUNG - That Council Information Packages #1 and # 2 be accepted for information.
Carried

REPORTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, TOWN MANAGER

1. Council Reporting (Training/Conferences/CEAC, Listening Teams, All Other Committees)

Councillors reported on the various committees, meetings and activities they attended since the last Regular Council meeting and what they plan on attending in the coming weeks.

Councillor Young indicated that because he recently walked the river front with some of the committee members, he felt this item warrants further discussion and evaluation by Council.

M. YOUNG - That Council direct Administration to add to the May 26, 2015 Standing Committee agenda the matter of the Athabasca Riverfront Park for further discussion.
Carried

Councillor Young brought up several questions on the original artist's renderings of the Welcome Hinton signs at each end of town. He questioned how the Town reached the decisions that resulted in the current signs as he feels they are far removed from the original design, and what changes and/or improvements could be made to improve the signs.

M. YOUNG - That Council direct Administration to revisit the Welcome to Hinton signs as part of the 2016 BUDGET discussions (provide artist's rendering and advice on how to get there).
Carried

Councillor Young indicated that although Councillor Barrow withdrew his motion asking for further information on rezoning the learning & leisure corridor, he still wanted to proceed with this.

M. YOUNG - That Council direct Administration to bring forward steps required on possible sale or rezoning of lands between Curling Rink and Hinton Centre, including campground. The report will be brought back to Standing Committee meeting of June 23, 2015.
Carried

The Mayor proclaimed that June 1 to 7, 2015 is Senior's Week.

2. Town Manager Report

Town Manager Mike Schwirtz provided an update on administrative matters.

ADJOURNMENT

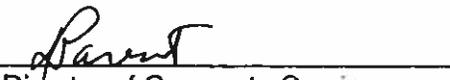
M. YOUNG - That the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn.

Carried

The time was 7:19 p.m.



Mayor



Director of Corporate Services

Initial

