



## TOWN OF HINTON

### Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting held March 14, 2017 Committee Room

#### **Present:**

Mayor Rob Mackin, Councillors Glen Barrow, Marcel Michaels, Ryan Maguhn, Albert Ostashek, Stuart Taylor, Matthew Young

#### **Also in Attendance:**

Mike Schwartz, Chief Administrative Officer, Denise Parent, Director of Corporate Services, Laura Howarth, Director of Community Services, Wendy Jones, Director of Planning & Development, Wendy Anderson, Executive Assistant

**Refer to the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda package for [March 14, 2017](#) for detailed background information.**

#### **ORDER**

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

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**There was consensus that the agenda be adopted as presented.**

#### **DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Laszlo Bajzar from Habitat for Humanity provided Council with an update on Hinton activities and how they contribute to the affordable housing plan by providing families with a hand up. They must qualify for the mortgage and be willing to provide 500 hours of sweat equity; the mortgage is capped at 25% of their income. Should the family choose to leave, Habitat for Humanity buys the house back so that it stays in affordable housing.

Mr. Bajzar acknowledged Hinton for their past and future assistance and donations. Hinton has donated \$65,000 per lot for four lots and Alberta Government has contributed to 4 homes.

In 2014-2015 Council allocated \$50,000 per door for a maximum of 14 doors (\$700,000). They are anxious to begin building in 2017 and excited to build 8 new units over the coming years (4 duplexes). Habitat for Humanity is willing to contribute \$800,000 which will be raised nationally and locally. They are currently looking at various funding options to build the 8 new units.

**There was consensus to direct the mayor to share with Habitat for Humanity our concerns and potential solutions relating to seniors' housing.**

  
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## **CITIZENS "MINUTE WITH COUNCIL"**

Eugene Wilson spoke to Council regarding the snow in the back alley behind his home on Collinge Road. His neighbour plowed his snow into the alley making the snow 24 inches deep. Mr. Wilson got stuck in the snow and when he tried to get out he hit a fence and dented his bumper. Mr. Wilson feels the Town of Hinton should pay for his damages.

The CAO urged residents to contact Bylaw Services if they see people moving their snow onto public property. Administration has a process to follow for these types of incidents and the request has been submitted through the Town insurance.

Council requested M. Schwartz to report back to Council on the results of this issue.

## **ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### Affordable Housing Proposal

**There was consensus that the Happy Creek Affordable Housing proposal be brought to Regular Council for a decision.**

Councillor Michaels left the meeting due to work commitments. The time was 5:41 p.m.

### Hinton Pulp, a Division of West Fraser Mills Property, Request for Municipal Property Tax Phase-In on Lignin Plant

**There was consensus that the Tax Phase-In on the Lignin Plant be brought to Regular Council.**

**MAGUHN – called for a break at 5:55 pm, reconvened at 6:03 pm**

### Automated Traffic Enforcement Discussion

**There was consensus that Council does wish to continue with the ATE program.**

**Consensus was not reached that Council continue with stop sign enforcement within the ATE program.**

**There was consensus that Council would like the ATE Oversight Committee to come back with recommendations for enforcement in our community.**

**MACKIN - To extend the meeting beyond 3 hours**

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. Urgent Matters from Council
2. Chief Administrative Officer Status Report
3. Legislative and Executive Assistant Logistics Information

**ADJOURNMENT**

**OSTASHEK - That the Standing Committee meeting adjourn.**


The time was 7:28 p.m.

**CARRIED**



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Deputy Mayor



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Director of Corporate Services

  
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