



## TOWN OF HINTON

Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting  
held December 12, 2017  
Committee Room

### **Present:**

Mayor Marcel Michaels, Councillors Trevor Haas (by phone), Ryan Maguhn, Dewly Nelson, Albert Ostashek, JoAnn Race, Tyler Waugh

### **Also in Attendance:**

Stephane Labonne, 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 [December 12, 2017](#) for detailed background information.**

### **ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Maguhn called the Standing Committee meeting to order. The time was 5:00 p.m.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MICHAELS - That the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda of November 14, 2017 be adopted as amended:**

**IN CAMERA Item #1 – CAO Interim 100-Day Plan Update postponed until early January 2018.**

**CONSENSUS ACHIEVED**

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


No citizens wished to speak to Council.

### **DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### Community Futures West Yellowhead

Nancy Robbins, General Manager of Community Futures West Yellowhead (CFWY), provided Council with a presentation (included in the December 12, 2017 Standing Committee agenda package). CFWY has recently celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Deputy Mayor Maguhn thanked Ms. Robbins for her presentation.

  
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fRI Research

Ryan Tew, General Manager, provided Council with a presentation on fRI Research (Attachment #1) who recently celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> year of success in the community.

Deputy Mayor Maguhn thanked Mr. Tew for his presentation.

Deputy Mayor Maguhn called a short break at 7:02 p.m. The Standing Committee was reconvened at 7:13 p.m.

Councillor Trevor Haas arrived at the meeting. The time was 7:15 p.m.

**ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Budget Deliberation

**NELSON – That Council withdraw the Fire Inspector / Emergency Management position along with the vehicle from the 2018 Operating and Capital Budget.**

**Consensus Achieved**

**MICHAELS - That Council direct Administration to make the following changes in the budget related to the Automated Traffic Enforcement Policy #078.**

- Remove Participatory Budget allocation of \$40,000
- Remove Council Contingency Fund of \$40,000
- Bring the ATE Policy back to council for review at the standing committee meeting of January 30, 2018.

**Consensus Achieved**

**MICHAELS - That the Hinton Historical Society funding be labeled as a Municipal Operating grant.**

**Consensus Achieved**

**MAGUHN - That Council supports an allocation of \$480,000 for the Hinton Municipal Library in the 2018 budget.**

**Consensus Achieved**

**MICHAELS – That the Standing Committee meeting extend past three hours.**

**CARRIED**

Deputy Mayor Maguhn called a short break at 8:51 p.m. The Standing Committee was reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

**WAUGH – That Council supports the Home for the Fine Arts Society of Hinton for an appropriation of \$100,000 in the 2018 budget:**

**Consensus Achieved**

  
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**MICHAELS - That Council supports a Municipal operating grant for the Hinton Historical Society for \$90,000 in the 2018 budget.**

**Consensus Not Achieved**

**WAUGH - That Council supports a Municipal operating grant for the Hinton Historical Society for \$75,000 in the 2018 budget.**

**Consensus Achieved**

**NELSON - That Council supports the following proposed positions to be included in the 2018 budget:**

- **Public Works Operator (PWII) - Wages, benefits & operating costs - \$100,000**
- **Utility Supervisor – Salaries, benefits & related costs - \$133,500**

**Consensus Achieved**

**OSTASHEK - That Council supports the following proposed increases to the utility rates in the 2018 budget:**

- **Water Residential / Commercial increase by 10%**  
**Impact to water flat rate = \$3.16 / month or \$37.92/year**  
**No changes to capital enhancement fee of \$7.50/month or \$90/year**
- **Sewer Residential / Commercial increase by 5%**  
**Impact to sewer flat rate = \$.70 / month or \$8.28/year**
- **Waste Management Residential / Non-residential increase by 5%/10% respectively**

**Impact to residential rate = \$.58/month or \$6.84/year**

**Impact to non-residential rate = \$2.83/month or \$33.96/year**

**Consensus Achieved**

**MICHAELS - That Council supports a 3.25% proposed tax increase to be included in the 2018 budget.**

**Motion Withdrawn**

**MAGUHN – To seek consensus to explore reducing the proposed tax rate with a specific rate to follow.**

**Consensus Not Achieved**

**WAUGH – to seek consensus to support the 4.0% tax increase proposed by Administration.**

**Consensus Achieved**

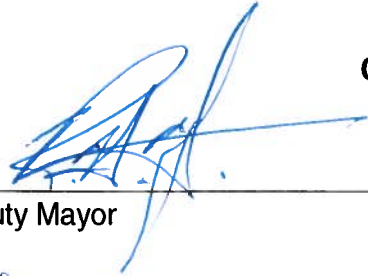
  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The time was 11:20 p.m.

**CARRIED**



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Deputy Mayor



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Director of Corporate Services

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## 25 Years of Partnerships in Applied Research



## Our History – 25 Years of Success



fRI Research is a non-profit corporation founded in Hinton in November 1992 through the Canadian Model Forest Program as the Foothills Model Forest.



## Our Shareholders



## What we do:

We conduct applied research on behalf of our partners, helping find answers to their questions, and informing their practice.

We are non-advocacy.



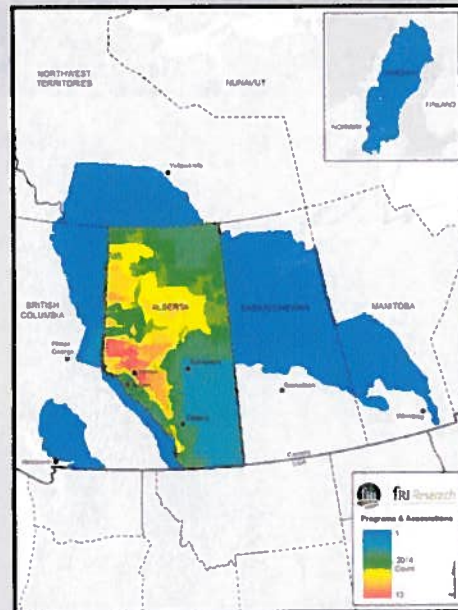


## Where we work:

Starting point for all new program and associations is Alberta

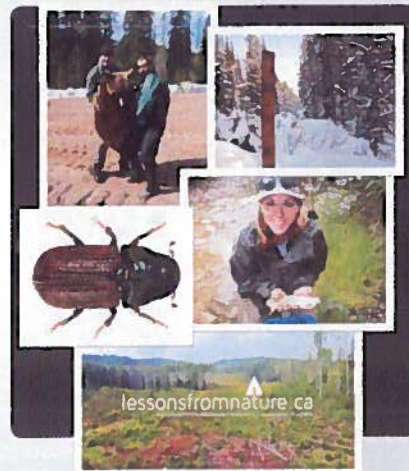
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- Provincial
- National
- International

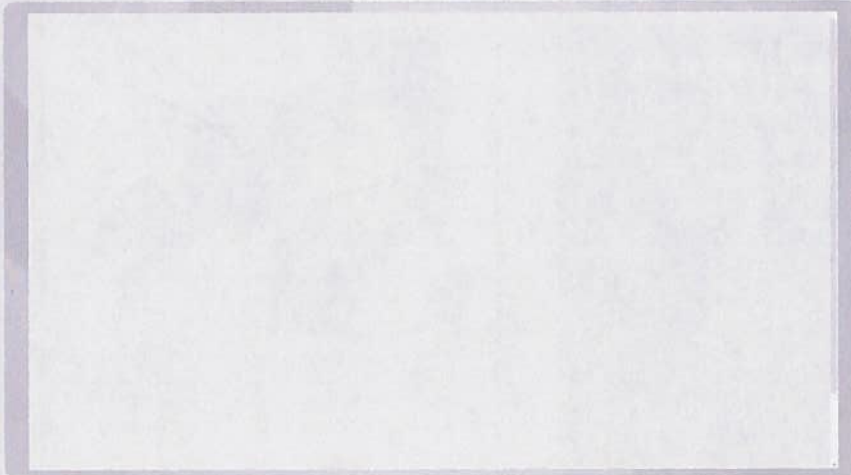


## Research Programs

1. Grizzly Bear
2. Caribou
3. Mountain Pine Beetle Ecology
4. Water
5. Healthy Landscapes



Results you can visualize: [Grizzly bear movements](#) from satellite collar data



## Core Services – Support Programs

1. GIS
2. Communication Services
3. Accounting and Administration
4. Alberta Land-use Knowledge Network





## Associations

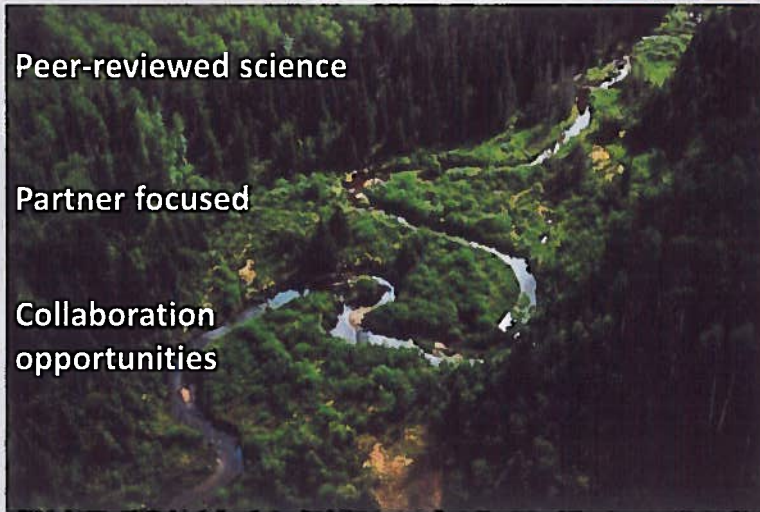
1. FGrOW: Forest Growth Organization of Western Canada
2. FLMF: Foothills Landscape Management Forum
3. FSCP: Foothills Stream Crossing Partnership



## Addressing Industry and Government Concerns



## Value of fRI Research



Peer-reviewed science

Partner focused

Collaboration opportunities

## Value of fRI Research



Applied research to address practical problems

Demonstrated commitment to improvement – Social License

25 years of success

## 2016-17 Highlights



fRI Research brings 25 years of engagement with like-minded organizations looking for science-based solutions to practical issues.





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