



TOWN OF HINTON

Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting
Held December 11, 2018
Committee Room

Present:

Mayor Marcel Michaels, Councillors Trevor Haas, Dewly Nelson, Albert Ostashek, JoAnn Race, Tyler Waugh

Absent: Councillor Ryan Maguhn

Administration in Attendance:

Mike Koziol, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Carla Fox, Director of Corporate Services, Hans van Klaveren, Interim Director of Community Services, Todd Martens, Protective Services Manager, Emily Olsen, Communications & Strategic Advisor, Diana Daley-Beckford, Interim Director of Planning & Development, Nikiea Hope, Human Resources Manager, Wendy Anderson, Executive Assistant

Refer to the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda package for [December 11, 2018](#) for detailed background information.

ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

OSTASHEK - That the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda of December 11, 2018 be accepted as amended.

- **Add In Camera Item – Personnel Matter as first item on agenda**

Carried Unanimously

CITIZENS "MINUTE WITH COUNCIL"

Alice Paquet spoke to Council regarding the Beaver Boardwalk and suggested that the heavy work should be done in winter months as the rig mats from the summer have left visible scars and disturbed the habitat. Ms. Paquet feels that a small bridge should replace the old one and not one that will allow quads and vehicles to travel over for maintenance. Her concern is this large bridge will endanger the wetland.

Tracy Shepherd, on behalf of the Hinton & District Chamber of Commerce, expressed their concern on the proposed 6.88% tax increase. She feels this type of increase is not sustainable for either citizens or business owners. She noted there was no mention of the Economic Development program, someone needs to be able to drive this initiative. The Chamber would support an increase of between 4 and 5% as we haven't seen an increase in the last few years.

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Louise Gail spoke to the beautiful Christmas decorations at the Green Square and thanked Council for a job well done.

Tracy Shepherd spoke as a tax paying resident and business owner and referred to the write-off of taxes to Hillcrest Estates. She has had commercial properties sit empty and must pay for her taxes and utilities. She feels that taxes should not be waived as her tax dollars would be paying for this write-off.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

NELSON – that the meeting move in Camera. The time was 4:07 p.m. Council, M. Koziol and N. Hope continued this portion of the meeting in the Council Office.

NELSON – That the meeting move out of In Camera. The time was 4:14 p.m. Council, M. Koziol and N. Hope returned to the Committee Room.

1. 2019 Draft #3 Operating Budget & Capital and One-Time Expenditure Plan

N. Hope left the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

NELSON - That Council direct Administration to remove FDM Software from the Protective Services One-Time Operational Budget.

**Consensus Not Achieved 1-5
For: Nelson
Against: Race, Waugh, Ostashek, Haas, Michaels**

Councillor Race assumed Chair at 5:04 p.m.

HAAS - That Council direct Administration to bring back alternatives to be used to replace the logs in benches and structures in the first quarter of 2019.

Consensus Achieved 6-0

A brief break was called at 5:11 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 5:18 p.m. with Councillor Haas assuming Chair.

NELSON - That Council direct Administration to utilize cost savings from sewer line cleaning of \$150,000 to decrease taxes rather than contribute to reserves.

Consensus Achieved 6-0

NELSON - That Council direct Administration to remove the chiller line item from the Capital Budget and place \$700,000 in the Infrastructure reserves.

Consensus Achieved 6-0

NELSON - That Council direct Administration to bring back a Chiller report to Council in the first quarter of 2019.

Consensus Achieved 6-0


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OSTASHEK - That Council direct Administration to add \$100,000 to the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Economic Development Operations to support implementation of our Economic Development Strategy.

**Consensus Achieved 5-1
For: Waugh, Ostashek, Haas, Michaels, Nelson
Against: Race**

NELSON - That Council direct Administration to remove the \$200,000 placeholder for two new hires.

**Consensus Not Achieved 1-5
For: Nelson
Against: Race, Waugh, Ostashek, Haas, Michaels**

MICHAELS - That Council direct Administration to change the \$200,000 placeholder for the two new hires to \$100,000.

**Consensus Not Achieved
For: Ostashek, Nelson, Michaels
Against: Race, Waugh, Haas**

A break was called at 7:06 p.m. and Mayor Michaels left the meeting to attend another meeting. The meeting resumed at 7:13 p.m.

NELSON - That Council direct Administration to reduce Facility Operations within Infrastructure Services to \$1,149,383 (from \$1,166,199).

NELSON - That this motion be referred to Administration for clarification.

Consensus Achieved 5-0

OSTASHEK - That Council direct Administration to reduce the operational allocations variance line 2-100 Salaries, Wages & Benefits to \$563,716.

**Consensus Achieved 3-2
For: Waugh, Ostashek, Nelson
Against: Race, Haas**

NELSON - That Council direct Administration to bring forward required Interim Budget(s) to the December 18, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

Consensus Achieved 5-0

Mayor Michaels returned to the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

RACE – to extend the meeting beyond four hours.

**Carried 5-1
For: Race, Ostashek, Waugh, Haas, Michaels
Nelson Against**


Initial

ADJOURNMENT

WAUGH - That the Standing Committee meeting adjourn.

Carried Unanimously

The time was 8:08 p.m.



Deputy Mayor



Director of Corporate Services