



TOWN OF HINTON

Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting Held September 10, 2019 Committee Room

Present:

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

Administration in Attendance:

Martin Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer, Carla Fox, Director of Corporate Services, Laura Howarth, Director of Community Services, Hans van Klaveren, Parks, Recreation & Culture Manager, Emdad Haque, Director of Infrastructure Services, Todd Martens, Protective Services Manager, Emily Olsen, Strategic Services Manager, Wendy Anderson, Executive Assistant

Also Present:

Greg Hall, Hall-E-Wood Construction Ltd.

Refer to the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda package for [September 10, 2019](#) for detailed background information.

ORDER

Deputy Mayor Albert Ostashek called the Standing Committee meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

NELSON - That the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda of September 10, 2019 be accepted as amended.

- **Add In Camera Item #3 Developer Land Issue**
- **Add In Camera Item #4 Fire Hydrants on Private Property**

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Waugh joined the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

CITIZENS "MINUTE WITH COUNCIL"

Denis Robson spoke regarding theft around town. He is concerned by the number of Bylaw officers in Hinton and suggested 1.5 bylaw officers and the hiring two additional RCMP officers to try and get theft under control.

Craig Lucas spoke to Council regarding theft and is looking at bringing Citizens on Patrol to the community. He will be meeting S/Sgt Murphy tomorrow to discuss.

David Robson spoke to the rehabilitation program in Hinton and wondered what the plans are for addressing issues and helping these individuals.

Wayne Mayan was a victim of crime as he was robbed on August 22nd. Mr. Mayan indicated that the RCMP felt there was nothing they could do until they catch the individual in the act. He feels there needs to be two detectives assigned to try and solve the crime issues as the RCMP are too busy with other activities.

Brad Bancroft spoke to Council regarding the Atco franchise fees report coming to Council today. He feels it is a hidden tax on citizens who live in the community.

Nicole Humphries was also a victim of theft and didn't realize how big this issue was until it happened to her. She indicated she has been told by the RCMP in various communities there is nothing they can do; their hands are tied if there is no evidence and they are bound by the law. She feels this should change.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Theft in Hinton

S/Sgt. Chris Murphy spoke to Council regarding theft issues in Hinton as well as several other topics. Information was provided in the September 10, 2019 agenda package and updated information is included in the minutes as Attachment 1.

S/Sgt. Murphy answered questions citizens and Council asked.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Beaver Boardwalk Vision Statement

HAAS - That Committee recommends Council approve the Beaver Boardwalk Vision as presented.

Consensus Achieved 7-0

2. Procedural Bylaw Review Committee

NELSON - Committee recommend that Council direct Administration to prepare Terms of Reference and a report on potential impacts to a future Standing Committee meeting.

Amendment by Race - Committee recommend that Administration prepare Terms of Reference and present prior to the end of November 2019.

Consensus Achieved 7-0

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A short meeting was called at 5:32 p.m. and E. Haque left. The meeting reconvened at 5:43 p.m.

3. Budget and Strategic Planning Town Hall Meeting and Potential Engagement Activities

MAGUHN - That Committee direct Administration to proceed with the Town Hall Meeting, Focus Groups (with the inclusion of a Recreation Centre user group), and the Citizen Budget Tool as presented.

Consensus Achieved 7-0

4. Year to Date Financial Update

MAGUHN - That Committee recommend this report be brought back to the next Regular Meeting of Council for decision.

Consensus Achieved 6-1

**For: Haas, Waugh, Maguhn, Ostashek, Nelson, Race
Against: Michaels**

5. Fortis Alberta Franchise Fee for 2020

NELSON - That Committee recommend this report be brought back to the next Regular Meeting of Council for decision.

Consensus Achieved 7-0

6. Property Tax Assessments – Additional Property Tax Revenue

NELSON - That Committee recommend this report be brought back to the next Regular Meeting of Council for decision.

Consensus Achieved 7-0

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Urgent Matters from Council
2. Chief Administrative Officer Status Report

MICHAELS – that the meeting extend beyond four hours.

Carried Unanimously

3. Legislative Services Update
4. Executive Assistant Logistics Information

IN CAMERA

MICHAELS - That the Standing Committee Meeting of Council move In Camera at 8:04 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

W. Anderson left the meeting and S. Kovatch joined the meeting.

S. Kovatch left the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

G. Hall joined the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

G. Hall left the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

**HAAS - That the Standing Committee Meeting of Council move out of In Camera at 9:50 p.m.
Carried Unanimously**

McMillan Lands

MAGUHN - That Committee recommend Council direct Administration to bring back a public report regarding an RFP process for a geotechnical site assessment on the McMillan Land to the next Regular Council Meeting.

Consensus Achieved 7-0

Automated Traffic Enforcement Contract

MICHAELS – Council direct Administration to bring forward a report to the October 8, 2019 Standing Committee meeting.

Consensus Achieved 7-0

ADJOURNMENT

MICHAELS - That the Standing Committee meeting adjourn at 9:55 p.m.

Carried Unanimously



Deputy Mayor












Legislative Clerk

Property Crime Reported to Hinton RCMP from January to July 2014-2019

Crime	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	% Change 2014-2019	% Change 2018-2019	Avg File +/- Per year
Break & Enter	38	60	31	50	40	64	68%	60%	2.5
Theft of Motor Vehicle	31	48	23	36	44	33	6%	-25%	0.3
Theft Over \$5,000	2	14	8	10	7	8	300%	14%	0.3
Theft Under \$5,000	141	218	191	175	144	150	6%	4%	-5.5
Possn Stn Goods	21	36	18	33	28	26	24%	-7%	0.5
Fraud	28	31	23	46	39	42	50%	8%	3.3
Arson	1	0	0	1	1	1	0%	0%	0.1
Mischief To Property	215	234	168	159	186	178	-17%	-4%	-9.7
TOTAL PROPERTY	477	641	462	510	489	502	5%	3%	-8.1

Property Crime Reported to Hinton RCMP from January to August 2019 (2014-2019)

Break & Enter		42	62	40	52	52	76	81%	46%	4.3
Theft of Motor Vehicle		37	55	24	46	50	44	19%	-12%	1.2
Theft Over \$5,000		4	17	11	12	13	12	200%	-8%	0.8
Theft Under \$5,000		163	250	229	205	178	191	17%	7%	-2.9
Possn Stn Goods		22	38	23	33	33	36	64%	9%	1.9
Fraud		33	33	32	51	48	46	39%	-4%	3.7
Arson		2	0	0	1	1	2	0%	100%	0.1
Mischief To Property		240	274	196	184	203	216	-10%	6%	-9.9
TOTAL PROPERTY		543	729	555	584	578	623	15%	8%	-0.7

**** Number indicates a complaint or report of that crime type in Hinton for the months January to July for the noted years.**