



**TOWN OF HINTON**  
**Standing Committee of Council Meeting**  
**JANUARY 22, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Ian Duncan, Deputy Mayor Dale Currie  
Councillors Jane Macridis, Janice Callihoo, Lorraine Johnston-MackKay,  
Bill Bulger, Ryan Maguhn

**ABSENT:** N/A

**SECRETARY:** Lil Wallace - Executive Assistant

**ALSO PRESENT:** Bernie Kreiner - Town Manager  
Rhonda West - Legislative & Administrative Services Coordinator  
Denise Parent – Director of Corporate Services

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**ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Dale Currie called the Standing Committee Meeting to order. The time was 11:34 a.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

There was consensus to accept the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda of January 22, 2013.

**ACTION ITEMS**

*Refer to the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda package for January 22, 2013 for detailed background information on these decisions.*

**Project Work Plan for 234 Baker Street**

There was consensus to support the project plan as presented in the report with the opportunity to utilize the property to address Hinton's housing needs.

**Establishing Hinton's CSP Outcome Statements & Measures**

There was consensus to support the project plan as presented in the report.

The chair called a recess at 12:36 pm; the meeting reconvened at 12:41 pm.

**2013 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget - Public Input**

Council reviewed and discussed public input received and the pro's and con's for several content-related and proposed items in the 2013 operating and capital budgets. Historical background information was provided to the councillors that were unaware of how some decisions had been made years before to arrive at the current direction.

The chair called a recess at 1:58 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 2:10 pm.

**There was consensus that each year an open house be held during the 4-week period of public engagement to review the proposed budgets.**

**Jane Macridis requested Council direct Administration to present 2013 capital budget to eliminate Robb Road project from the 2013 budget and allocate those funds to the Switzer Drive project.**

**Ryan Maguhn requested separation of the two projects.**

- **In light of approval letter (January 18, 2013) received from AB Transportation allowing to change the grant allocation of the project scope from reconstruction of Robb Road to reconstruction of portions of Switzer Drive, consensus was to remove Robb Road project from the budget.**
- **There was consensus to allocate the Town of Hinton portion of the Robb Road budget dollars to the Switzer Drive east road project. Councillor Ryan Maguhn requested it be noted in the minutes that he is opposed to this.**

**Bill Bulger - That Council extend the time for the Standing Committee Meeting beyond 3 hours.**

**Carried**

The time was 2:29 p.m. The Mayor informed the meeting that he has to leave at 3:00 pm for a prior scheduled appointment.

**Ryan Maguhn requested Council direct Administration to remove Phase 2 and 3 Innovista developments from the proposed 2013 capital budget. Consensus was not given as the majority support proceeding with Innovista. Request defeated.**

The April, 2012 annexation tax levy and supplemental assessments projected levels versus the actual collected resulted in approximately \$58,000.00 favourable tax revenue. **Mayor Duncan requested Council direct Administration to apply this favourable tax revenue towards an across-the-board reduction to the proposed increase in both residential and commercial property taxes. This would reduce the proposed property tax increases by approximately 0.58%. There was consensus with this request.**

**Ryan Maguhn requested Council direct Administration to remove the budgeted amount for the Govt. Centre parking lot expansion and have this amount (\$200,000) applied to an across-the-board tax reduction for the proposed increase in residential and commercial property tax.**

**Jane Macridis requested this be separated into two.**

- **There was consensus to remove the Govt. Centre parking lot expansion from the 2013 proposed budget.**
- **Apply this \$200,000 amount to an across-the-board tax reduction in the proposed increase in residential and commercial property tax.** Administration advised that this \$200,000 came from reserves and should return to the applicable reserves. **Consensus was not given. Request defeated.**

**There was consensus that the Chamber of Commerce requests as presented in the report will not be put into place for the proposed 2013 budget.** The costs and time delays associated with implementation of these requests is unknown at this time and could be a significant amount, depending on the scope of each. Consideration may be given to future budgets.

Mayor Duncan left the meeting due to a prior appointment. Councillors Lorraine Johnston-MacKay and Janice Callihoo also left the meeting due to prior commitments.  
The time was 2:58 p.m.

**Ryan Maguhn requested Council direct Administration that any 2013 budgeted “savings and efficiencies” prior to tax rate bylaw coming to council be identified, and be applied to an across-the-board reduction in property taxes. Consensus was given to this request.**

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

##### **Urgent Matters from Council and Town Manager**

The Town Manager reported:

- The financial indicator graph provided at the January 8, 2013 Standing Committee meeting were presented as an average rate when it was the median rate;
- Have been contacted by the Hinton Golf Course Society; they are exploring ways to give more security with ATB ;

##### **Executive Assistant Logistics Information**

No upcoming events logistics were discussed.

Councillor Jane Macridis requested her In Camera item be moved to the next Standing Committee meeting (scheduled for February 12, 2013) due to the departure of three other councillors earlier in the meeting.

#### **IN CAMERA (if necessary)**

##### **Personnel (FOIP)**

This matter was moved to the next Standing Committee meeting.

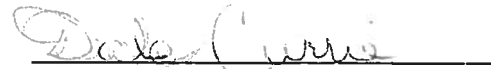
  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

**B. BULGER - That Standing Committee Meeting of Council adjourn.**

**Carried**

The time was 3:11p.m.

  
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Deputy Mayor

  
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Director of Corporate Services

  
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