



TOWN OF HINTON
Regular Council Meeting
March 19, 2013

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

ABSENT:

SECRETARY: Lil Wallace - Executive Assistant

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

ORDER

Mayor Ian Duncan called the Regular Council meeting to order. The time was 6:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

D. CURRIE – That the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting held March 19, 2013 be adopted as presented.

Carried

CITIZENS "MINUTE WITH COUNCIL"

No one came forward wishing to speak to Council.

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. HIV West Yellowhead - Presented by Andrea Quick

Andrea Quick, Executive Director at HIV West Yellowhead, attended before council with Lena Greening-Davidson, Board Chair. She spoke to council about their partnership with Streetworks and their needle exchange/harm reduction program. Also, HIV West Yellowhead staff has received mentorship training on:

- Basic how-to-inject-safely training, crack pipe supplies knowledge, overdose prevention, and education on safer needle disposal, among other items

They are the first rural program, all others are based out of larger areas. Ms. Quick listed several potential locations for needle disposal boxes and indicated a goal to have as many locations as possible. HIV West Yellowhead provides 2000+ needles monthly in our region for individuals who use injection drugs.

She asked for council's support to continue to work with individuals who need assistance; encourage them in a non-judgmental way to live a healthier life.

2. Break-A-Leg Theatre - Presented by Maureen Wood

Maureen Wood-Engerdahl, Sue Guebert, and Melissa Pattison of Break-A-Leg Theatre presented their vision of a performing arts facility in Hinton since the P3 is not proceeding. This group has in the past provided Hinton with full scale musicals, 1-act plays, and dinner theatre. They presented


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conceptual drawings of a performing arts facility and suggested a name of “ACT Centre” (standing for “Arts, Cinema and Theatre”). This would be multi-purpose facility, showing movies, and available for community events and fundraisers. They proposed it would include one cinema screen only and movies would be scheduled only when no performing arts events are happening. They are looking into cost options for 1st or 2nd run releases, LED lighting and a digital film projector, stating the initial major costs are for the equipment needed. The delegation anticipates the facility would cost less to operate. The group indicated they will actively start fundraising and anticipate a budget of \$3M without increasing taxes. Council questioned what the operating costs would be and were advised they are at the conceptual stage only at this time and have not fully researched those costs. The concept objective is to own the building so as to avoid high overhead lease costs.

The delegation then asked council to commit the Roxy fire insurance proceeds to this project and also requested full support from council to spend the \$1M grant from the province on this project.

3. Jasper Inn Investments - Presented by Gerry Levasseur

Gerry Levasseur spoke to council about his concerns respecting a draft development agreement for subdivision application to subdivide the lot at 120 Felaber Road into two lots. He provided the following comments:

- Re sidewalk - should come into the area only when a building permit is applied for
- Re access to the Public Utility Lot (“PUL”) to be closed and barricaded - he feels this has nothing to do with this development and is in favour of leaving as is
- Re engineer’s geotechnical report and permanent structure indicating location of slopes - this should also be at time of development permit, not during subdivision.

Council thanked Mr. Levasseur for attending before them and advised him the matter would be coming up again later in the meeting as an action item, if he wanted to stay to listen.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

1. Standing Committee of Council Minutes - February 26, 2013
2. Public Hearing Minutes - March 5, 2013
3. Regular Meeting of Council Minutes - March 5, 2013

J. MACRIDIS -That the Minutes listed above be approved as presented.

Carried

ACTION ITEMS

Refer to the Regular Council Meeting Agenda package for 19 Mar 2013 for detailed background information on these decisions.

1. Subdivision #123 Development Agreement

J. MACRIDIS - That Council support Administration’s recommendation to remain with the standard provisions that are established within this “draft” Development Agreement to Jasper Inn Investments Ltd.; and that Council approve the Town’s Signing Authority to enter into a Development Agreement with Jasper Inn Investments Ltd.

I. DUNCAN - Amendment to remove the requirement for the public utility barricade from the draft development agreement.

**Motion to Amend Carried
Amended Motion Carried**


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R. MAGUHN - That we modify the language of the development agreement to allow for a demarcation of the slope to serve in lieu of a permanent structure.

Councillor Macridis proposed a friendly amendment, which was accepted by Councillor Maguhn, to add "relative to subdivision only" to the end of the motion. Motion now reads as follows:

R. MAGUHN - That we modify the language of the development agreement to allow for a demarcation of the slope to serve in lieu of a permanent structure relative to subdivision only.

Carried

2. 2014+ Aggregated Energy Program

L. JOHNSTON-MACKAY - That Town Council authorize execution of the 2014+ Aggregated Energy Agreement for procurement of electricity and natural gas for a term of three (3) years through AMSC; with the option of an additional two (2) years at a new fixed rate or floating rates.

Carried

J. MACRIDIS - That Town Council authorize purchasing 15% of all electricity as certified green power.

Carried

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Council Information Package #1 - previously circulated March 7, 2013
2. Council Information Package #2 - previously circulated March 14, 2013

D. CURRIE - That Council Information Packages #1 and # 2 be accepted for information.

Carried

Councillor Macridis mentioned that the Grande Prairie Regional College business plan was included in package #1 and indicated it was very promising work for the advancement of post-secondary education in Hinton.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, TOWN MANAGER

1. Council Reporting (Training/Conferences/CEAC, Listening Teams, All Other Committees)

Councillor Dale Currie reported:

- invites everyone to come to the recreation centre for the PeeWee minor hockey tournament opening ceremonies starting at 5:00 pm Thursday, March 21, 2013; he hopes everyone supports this event. The media will supply live media stream for the first home game (starting at 7:00 p.m. right after opening ceremonies) and the gold medal game on Sunday, March 24, 2013.

L. Johnson-MacKay – That Council extend the time for the Regular Council Meeting beyond three hours.

Carried

The time was 9:25 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Lorraine Johnston-MacKay reported:


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- Attended the Community Futures West Yellowhead board meeting last week; General Manager Nancy Robbins and Town of Hinton Economic Development & Housing Manager Kimberley Worthington met and are looking at a number of projects to help entrepreneurs and increase business in our community.
- Attended the Public Advisory Committee meeting last night; report was done by West Fraser and their consultants, Stantec, which determined the effluent ponds were the main source of recent odours; West Fraser met with Alta Environment and discussed a system to add hydrogen peroxide into the system to eliminate the odours from the effluent ponds. This should be completed by the end of April.
- Attended “lobbying government effectively” workshop at Grant MacEwan last week and it was a great workshop; it affirmed administration and council’s previous work done to lobby the MLA and MP’s for various projects.

Councillor Bill Bulger reported:

- He will be out of the country until the middle of May but will be in touch by computer

Councillor Jane Macridis reported:

- Reminder that Spring Break is fast approaching and the children will be out and about so be mindful;
- Check out the library and the recreation centre during this time; lots going on to keep everyone busy.

Councillor Ryan Maguhn reported:

- Councillors Maguhn and Macridis attended the Hinton Policing Committee meeting last week; excellent committee; lots of concerns and discussions being raised with members of local detachment; thanks to the women and men who protect our community; we continue to want information or concerns passed along to us;
- He will also be out of the country from March 22 to April 1.

Mayor Ian Duncan reported:

- Received \$50,000 from MP Merrifield for Bill Thompson Arena boards upgrade; Christopher Read toured us through the arena and showed MP Merrifield where the money would be spent; quick lunch afterwards with the MP and during that time the Mayor was able to share West Fraser’s concern of supplying only 80% of the railcars and needed to put trucks on the road to offset the additional 20%; timely to have that discussion as MP Merrifield has an upcoming meeting with the CEO of CN and will bring this up.
- He proposed cancelling the March 26 Standing Committee meeting due to a lack of agenda items.

B. BULGER - That the Standing Committee meeting scheduled for March 26, 2013 be cancelled.

Carried.

Councillor Janice Callihoo reported:

Councillor Callihoo advised Council and the Town Manager that she was resigning at the end of this meeting as she is moving to Edmonton, Alberta early next week. She then provided her letter of resignation to Town Manager Bernie Kreiner and it was accepted.

2. Town Manager Report

Town Manager Bernie Kreiner reported:


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- Tom Archibald retiring as manager of Foothills Model Forest;
- Thank you to Jean Anne Fraser for covering for his recent vacation.

3. Land Development Updates - presented by Jean Anne Fraser

Jean Anne Fraser, Director of Planning & Technical Services, gave council a brief information update on land development within the Town of Hinton, speaking on residential, commercial and industrial developments. These updates will be provided to Council every two months at the Regular Council meeting. Any time-sensitive matters will be brought forward earlier.

MOVE IN CAMERA

R. MAGUHN - That Standing Committee move in camera.

Carried

The time was 9:50 p.m. Councillor Maguhn left the meeting at 9:51 p.m. due to family matters requiring his attention. A short recess was called and the meeting reconvened at 10:00 p.m.

J. MACRIDIS - That Standing Committee revert to regular session.

Carried

The time was 10:19 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

J. CALLIHOO - That the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn.

The time was 10:20 p.m.

Carried



Mayor



Director of Corporate Services

