



TOWN OF HINTON
Standing Committee of Council Meeting
January 14, 2014

PRESENT:

Mayor Rob Mackin, Deputy Mayor Dale Currie
Councillors Ryan Maguhn, Glen Barrow, Marcel Michaels, Matthew Young

ABSENT:

Stuart Taylor

SECRETARY:

Lil Wallace - Executive Assistant

ALSO PRESENT:

Bernie Kreiner - Town Manager
Denise Parent - Director of Corporate Services

ORDER

Deputy Mayor Dale Currie called the Standing Committee Meeting to order. The time was 4:03 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There was consensus to accept the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda of January 14, 2014.

ACTION ITEMS

Refer to the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda package for January 14, 2014 for detailed background information on these decisions.

Financial Trends - Where Hinton Sits

Denise Parent, Director of Corporate Services, showed a variety of financial indicator graphs that had been prepared by Alberta Municipal Affairs showing how Hinton compares to comparable municipalities from 2007 to 2012.

There was consensus that this report be accepted for information.

Off-Site Levies

Bernie Kreiner, Town Manager, advised there is a meeting scheduled with the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday to clarify and discuss some information in the recent letter received from the Chamber respecting off-site levies. Council was advised after this meeting the process will be to review the issue pros and cons, obtain direction from council on individual issues, make proposed changes to the bylaw, get legal comment on bylaw, bring to council for second and third reading, with a target for final reading in February, 2014. Until such time as the bylaw is amended, the Town is still using the old bylaw, despite one developer asking not to pay levies on an old, outstanding matter.

There was consensus that this report be accepted for information.

2014 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets

Budgets are prepared with the service levels supported and approved by Council. In order to change the budget, service levels would have to be reviewed and approved by Council. Council then discussed various service operation levels and revenue streams. There was a lot of discussion respecting the photo radar funds and what to use those funds for, including whether to put them into the operating budget.

There was consensus that Council direct Administration to take the \$100,000 Participatory Budget item and fund under the Photo Radar component.

Council thanked Administration for all the work done in preparing the draft budgets. The Mayor reminded Council that they also have a role to play in the revenue side by growing the economy in the Town of Hinton.

Councillor Dale Currie sought to have consensus on a 2.4% increase but did not obtain the consensus of council.

Councillor Matthew Young then sought and obtained consensus to a 3.0% increase (all to be invested in capital reserves), with the understanding to obtain public consultation, and bring back for approval.

R. MACKIN - Motion to extend meeting past three hours.

Carried

The time was 6:59 p.m. The mayor called a short recess and the meeting reconvened at 7:13 p.m.

Council then discussed the Community Safety Initiative recommendation items.

There was consensus to defer project #4 of the CSI 2014 recommended suggestions (creative bike racks) and have the group come to council to present a business case.

There was consensus that the following items be marked yellow (“conceptual and requires explicit council approval to proceed with project”):

- **Page 21 – lines 44 and 45 (IT) to come back to council with more information before proceeding;**
- **Line 43 (fire burn building);**
- **Lines 46 to 49 (P&T) – council to get updated on these projects prior to budget approval.**
- **Page 22 – line 48 and 49 (Hampshire road – access coming up by Gus’s).**

There was consensus that the Council strategic plan and the 2014 operating and capital budgets (1) come forward to next Tuesday’s Regular Council meeting for draft approval (2) then go out for public feedback (3) come back to Council for final approval at the February 18, 2014 Regular Council meeting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Urgent Matters from Council and Town Manager

Mayor Mackin mentioned his vision for the budget process public engagement which would include holding open houses to discuss the budget items with the public. He is also setting up "couch surfing" for all the councilors to meet the public at the mall (suggested once every six weeks on Saturdays possibly from 12:00 to 2:00 pm). It was also mentioned to schedule 2 "town hall" meetings at different venues. Further details will be provided to all parties once finalized.

Executive Assistant Logistics Information

Upcoming events logistics were discussed.

Local Authorities Election Act - Disclosure Requirements

Council was reminded to review the information provided in the agenda package, as to how it pertains to their personal situations.

IN CAMERA (if necessary)

M. MICHAELS - That Standing Committee move in camera.

Carried

The time was 8:42 p.m. A short recess was called and the meeting reconvened at 8:43 p.m.

R. MAGUHN - That Standing Committee revert to regular session.

Carried


The time was 10:29 p.m.


ADJOURNMENT

M. MICHAELS - That Standing Committee Meeting of Council adjourn.

Carried

The time was 10:30 p.m.


Deputy Mayor


Director of Corporate Services


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