



**TOWN OF HINTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 20, 2014**

PRESENT: Mayor Rob Mackin, Councillors Dale Currie, Marcel Michaels, Stuart Taylor, Glen Barrow, Matthew Young

ABSENT: Councillor Ryan Maguhn
Lil Wallace - Executive Assistant
Rhonda West - Legislative & Administrative Services Coordinator

SECRETARY: Wendy Anderson – Administrative Assistant
ALSO PRESENT: Bernie Kreiner - Town Manager
Denise Parent - Director of Corporate Services

ORDER

Mayor Rob Mackin called the Regular Council meeting to order. The time was 5:05 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

D. CURRIE- That the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting held May 20, 2014 be adopted as presented.

Carried

CITIZENS "MINUTE WITH COUNCIL"

Acting Deputy Fire Chief Mark Wyatt spoke to council regarding the upcoming HOT training. Training will be held October 2 – 5, 2014 and is being developed by Hinton Fire Rescue in conjunction with Justice Institute BC. This will be the first regional training weekend with participants invited from across Alberta and BC. The Hinton Training Centre as well as the Hinton fire hall will host the 10 courses being offered. This training will encourage families to participate as family social events will be part of the program which will also be an economic benefit with up to 100 families in Hinton. Costs will be covered through corporate donations and registration.

Brian LaBerge and Marcel Dery spoke to Council. Mr. Dery presented Council with a sign which states "Hinton is open for Business". A second sign was presented to the Hinton & District Chamber of Commerce. Mr. LaBerge stated that the signs indicate that Hinton is open for business inviting new businesses to come to town. They are working on closing the gap between businesses and the citizens of Hinton. It was requested that this sign be located in a visible location in the Government Centre.

Mayor Mackin thanked Mr. LaBerge and Mr. Dery and indicated that the sign will be displayed in the Government Centre.

Arif Khan, Hinton & District Chamber of Commerce, invited Council and citizens to attend a presentation that is being held at 12:00 noon on May 22nd at Ranchers. Minster Cal Dallas


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(International and Intergovernmental Relations) and Minister Robin Campbell (Environment and Sustainable Resource Development) will be at this meeting. The Hinton & District Chamber of Commerce will be providing a presentation.

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. "Imagine" Youth Leadership Conference - Presented by Deanna Alford

Constable Deanna Alford introduced the Youth leaders from the 5th Annual Imagine Conference which was held on December 3, 2013 at the Hinton Training Centre. Conference participants were Grade 6 students from Hinton. The event was supported by youth leaders from high schools, adult facilitators, site leaders from numerous organizations and volunteers. Each youth leader shared their experiences and explained the conference content. The overall theme of the conference was passion, perseverance and how they affect our future.

Mayor Mackin thanked the group for their time and their efforts for the conference indicated that the 40 development assets need to be carried forward as adults; he would like to consider the assets when making council decisions.

2. Tourism Alberta & Travel Alberta - Presented by Sheila Campbell, Wynn McLean, Scott Sunderwald

Wynn McLean, Travel Alberta, spoke to Council and advised that the tourism industry for Alberta is a big industry with of goal of \$10.3B by 2020. In communities tourism is a strong economic driver; initially visitors come as a tourist and then may wish to live or invest in the community as lifestyle is extremely important. Around the province, there is a large move to collaboration and partnership from the municipal level to tourism and industry. Regions need to align so that a single, strong message is being sent - that Alberta is a great place to be. He commended Hinton on the leadership role that has been taken.

A message from Minister Starke (Tourism, Parks and Recreation) was played for Council congratulating the ANRTA for receiving grant funding as well as commending them their hard work.

3. AB Northern Rockies Tourism Alliance - Presented by Scott Sunderwald

Scott Sunderwald provided an overview of the ANRTA. The group found that they were stronger by working together with the various communities. Some members are: Jasper National Park, Alberta Parks, Town of Hinton, Town of Grande Cache, Yellowhead County, and the Town of Edson. Tourism Jasper is also interested in working with the ANRTA. The group is not trying to be another Banff or Canmore; it is a different experience in our region and they are working towards expanding regional opportunities. Words that are often used to describe the area are "Untamed – Authentic – Rugged".

Kimberley Worthington spoke to the destination management plan and how this will be provided for the area. A destination management plan brings together all levels of government. The most important learning from the plan is the strategies and actions developed which will become priority initiatives. The next steps of the process are: evaluate the Request for Proposals, hire a coordinator (funded by grant) and achieve solid funding. They are currently reviewing funding opportunities.

Mayor Mackin thanked both groups for attending Council.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

1. Standing Committee of Council Minutes - April 22, 2014
2. Regular Meeting of Council Minutes - May 6, 2014

D. CURRIE-That the Minutes listed above be approved as presented.

Carried

ACTION ITEMS

Refer to the Regular Council Meeting Agenda package for May 20, 2014 for detailed background information on these decisions.

1. Town Manager Recruitment Policy #098

BARROW-That Town Council approves the Town Manager Recruitment Policy #098.

Carried

2. Handibus Review

Council discussed the hours of operation for the Handibus and felt that additional hours were required to provide services needed by individuals using the Handibus.

R. MACKIN - That Council approve a continued Town operated door-to-door specialized Handibus Service for persons in the community with cognitive and mobility challenges operating at existing service levels.

M. MICHAELS (primary amendment) - Change “operating at existing service levels” to read “operating at 35 hours per week”.

S. TAYLOR (secondary amendment) - that the words “funding for the additional 10 hours of service each week is to be taken from the current 2014 budget funds” be added to the motion.

**Secondary Amendment Defeated
Primary Amendment Carried**

The motion now reads as follows:

R. MACKIN-That Council approve a continued Town operated door-to-door specialized Handibus Service for persons in the community with cognitive and mobility challenges operating at 35 hours per week.

Carried


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G. BARROW-That Council approve the purchase of a smaller lift-equipped paratransit bus by amending the 2014 capital budget to add a capital expense of \$77,000; with up to \$33,165 coming from Handibus Capital Reserve and the remainder from existing bus sales proceeds and sponsorships.

Carried

3. Mobile Device/Bring Your Own Device Usage Policy #097

Council agreed that more discussion on this topic is required.

R. MACKIN- That draft Policy #097 be referred to Standing Committee on June 10, 2014.

Carried

4. Electronic Network Policy #001

D. CURRIE-That Town Council approves the changes to the Electronic Network Policy #001.

Carried

Mayor Mackin called for a brief recess at 7:04 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:09 p.m.

5. Recommendation from Standing Committee re Approval of IT Capital Projects

S. TAYLOR-That line item #44 (Communications Tower) have the yellow line removed from the 2014 capital projects budget, thereby approving the project for \$ 60,000.00.

Carried

S. TAYLOR-That line item #45 (Upgrade Building Wireless Links) have the yellow line removed from the 2014 capital projects budget, thereby approving the project for \$45,000.00.

Carried

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Council Information Package #1 - previously circulated May 7, 2014

2. Council Information Package #2 - previously circulated May 14, 2014

In reviewing the Council Information Package, Councillor Taylor requested a brief presentation be provided to Council on the photo radar program.

M. YOUNG - That Council Information Packages #1 and # 2 be accepted for information.

Carried

REPORTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, TOWN MANAGER

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

Councillor Marcel Michaels reported:

- Has a Waste Management meeting tomorrow
- Will be joining Councillor Young in Jasper for a Community Futures West Yellowhead meeting


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Councillor Glen Barrow reported:

- Attended the Yellowhead Regional Arts festival; we have a lot of talent in this community; it was a great festival
- Attended Emergency Preparedness training in Nisku; it was good training
- Checked out the track and field at Harry Collinge High School; there were lots of kids and parents as well as great volunteers

Mayor Rob Mackin reported:

- Thanked Council for filling in for him when he was not feeling well
- Attended Harry Collinge High School prom; it was a great event; he thanked them for the invitation
- He has a busy week ahead, including MDP discussions

Councillor Dale Currie reported:

- Attended Emergency Preparedness training in Nisku; there were quite a few communities there; we are well on our way with our Emergency plan and the direction we are going; he is confident we are ready

Councillor Stuart Taylor reported:

- Attended a West Fraser Advisory Committee meeting where a presentation from West Central Airshed was provided; our total reduced sulphur (TRS) is down by one third as well as the number of complaints have reduced which is due to the number of improvements made by West Fraser; when looking at other emission standards, with the exception of TRS, our air quality is better than cities such as Edmonton
- Thanks Mayor Mackin for the opportunity to judge the Home Schooling science; he had a great time

Councillor Matthew Young reported:

- Will be attending the Community Futures West Yellowhead meeting on Thursday
- Will be meeting with seniors for Senior's week; trying to set up sponsorship opportunities

2. Town Manager Report

Town Manager Bernie Kreiner reported:


- Reminded people to be safe around machinery working on the streets
- The decision has been made that the hot tub will not have the jets checked at this time; a more thorough inspection will be done in September during the annual maintenance outage
- The Transit administrative changes have been well received, looping back at Green Square has been greatly appreciated
- West River Road meeting will be held on Thursday at 6:30 PM Government Centre.

MOVE IN CAMERA

M. MICHAELS - That the Regular Council meeting move in camera.

Carried

The time was 7:43 p.m.


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M. MICHAELS-That the Regular Council meeting be extended beyond 3 hours.

Carried

The time was 8:01 p.m.

D. CURRIE - That Regular Council meeting revert to regular session.

Carried

The time was 8:04 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

M. YOUNG-That the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn.

Carried

The time was 8:05 p.m.



Mayor



Director of Corporate Services