



**TOWN OF HINTON  
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 9, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Rob Mackin, Deputy Mayor Matthew Young  
Councillors Dale Currie, Stuart Taylor, Marcel Michaels

**ABSENT:** Councillor Ryan Maguhn, Glen Barrow

**SECRETARY:** Lil Wallace - Executive Assistant

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mike Schwirtz - Interim Town Manager  
Denise Parent - Director of Corporate Services  
Rhonda West - Legislative & Administrative Services Coordinator

**ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Matthew Young called the Standing Committee Meeting to order. The time was 4:00 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mike Schwirtz requested that "Telus Fibre Optics Update" be added as the first item on the agenda. **There was consensus to accept the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda of September 9, 2014 as amended.**

**ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

***Refer to the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda package for [September 9, 2014](#) for detailed background information on these decisions.***

**1. Telus Fibre Optics Update**

Stephanie Evans, of Telus, showed council photos of what the fibre distribution hubs (green boxes) look like now that they have been decorated with photos of scenery around Hinton. Telus has now gone live with fibre optics tv in some locations around Hinton. The Mayor asked Ms. Evans who could be contacted at Telus to get more boxes done around Hinton. Ms. Evans indicated she would enquire and provide the contact information for the correct person to talk to.

**2. Encroachment Agreements**

**There was consensus that for minor encroachments, the following changes/additions to be included:**

- the addition of a linear clause (.3 metres) to define minor or major encroachment
- allow for discretion of the planning department in these situations
- and that in situations of pre-1996 encroachment then an encroachment agreement must be put in place plus recover the cost of Land Titles Office charges
- post-1996 an agreement plus the fee.
- Consensus to bring back to regular council for approval with these changes incorporated.

**There was consensus that the major encroachments be left as is.**

  
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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Urgent Matters from Council and Town Manager**

Councillor Stuart Taylor briefed council on the “Alberta Municipal Governance Symposium” he attended September 5, 2014 in Grande Prairie. The topic was regional governance and the premise that there is too much government in Alberta which can cause financial disparities. Also discussed were partnerships and amalgamations of municipalities.

Interim Town Manager Mike Schwirtz provided an update on administrative matters.

**Executive Assistant Logistics Information**

Upcoming events logistics were discussed.

**IN CAMERA (if necessary)**

**M. MICHAELS - That Standing Committee move in camera.**

**Carried**

The time was 5:25 p.m.

**D. CURRIE - That Standing Committee revert to regular session.**

**Carried**


The time was 6:34 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Carried**

The time was 6:35 p.m.

  
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Deputy Mayor

  
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Director of Corporate Services

  
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