



**TOWN OF HINTON
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 24, 2015**

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

ABSENT: N/A

SECRETARY: Lil Wallace - Executive Assistant

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

ORDER

Deputy Mayor Marcel Michaels called the Standing Committee Meeting to order. The time was 3:58 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Matthew Young requested an item be added to the agenda under "In Camera (Land)". Council granted consensus for the addition.

Councillor Stuart Taylor questioned splitting the recycling item into two separate topics (relocating and recycling) so that a councillor with a potential conflict of interest could remain in the room for the recycling discussion. Consensus of Council was that with proper handling of the discussions by the Chair, the matter did not need to be split.

There was consensus to accept the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda of March 24, 2015 as amended.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Refer to the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda package for [March 24, 2015](#) for detailed background information on these decisions.

Community Grant Program Guidelines

There was consensus that Council direct Administration to amend the proposed procedure with the following two changes:

- (1) That Administration or the Town can put forward safety related requests; and
- (2) there is no cap on the dollar amount for safety requests.

There was consensus that Council direct Administration to forward this item to Regular Council for decision.

Review of Recycling Operations and Relocation from Rowan Street

At this point in the meeting Councillor Glen Barrow excused himself stating the discussion and direction decisions could affect his business since it is located at 889 Switzer Drive (one of the option sites identified in the report). He left the room at 5:22 p.m.

Town Manager Mike Schwirtz stated that there were three items that needed discussing and they were intertwined so could not be separated:

- (1) Does Council want to move recycling from Rowan Street and if so, best location to relocate to;
- (2) The option of shutting down the Scott Street processing facility and shipping recyclables to Edson;
- (3) Further direction on "Take It or Leave It".

There was consensus that Council direct Administration to retain Rowan Street as the recycling location.

Councillor Glen Barrow returned to the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

There was consensus that Council direct Administration to enter into negotiations for an agreement with Edson & District Recycling Society to truck recyclables, in the most cost-effective manner, as per recommendation presented.

There was consensus that Council accept the Take It Or Leave It for information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Urgent Matters from Council

The Mayor advised council the Evergreen board will meet with Municipal Affairs soon to discuss funding of the proposed expansions.

The Mayor advised that he has been advised the fire investigation of the Hinton Golf clubhouse is ongoing. He recently met with the General Manager, who advised they are coming up with a number of back-up plans for the course and the scheduled events.

Councillor Barrow stated he had heard concerns respecting the lights by the Arby's building, turning south onto Switzer and suggested there should be turning lights at that location. Chip trucks turn at that location headed towards the valley and it is a safety concern.

There was consensus that Council direct Administration to review the installation of turning lights heading South onto Switzer Drive from Highway 16.

Town Manager Status Report

Town Manager Mike Schwirtz presented an update on the Council Action Pending List. He also indicated that Fortis has been working to repair the section of street lights on Switzer Drive that have been shorting out on a regular basis. Fortis has been having difficulty resolving the problem but they are hopeful to have it permanently fixed soon.

Executive Assistant Logistics Information

Upcoming events logistics were discussed.

MOVE IN CAMERA

G. BARROW - That Standing Committee move in camera.

Carried

The time was 6:25 p.m. The Chair called for a short recess and the meeting reconvened at 6:32 p.m.

S. TAYLOR - That Standing Committee revert to regular session.

Carried

The time was 6:38 p.m.

G. BARROW – That Standing Committee move back in camera.

The time was 6:39 p.m.

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

Carried

The time was 6:42 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Carried

The time was 6:43 p.m.



Deputy Mayor



Director of Corporate Services

