



**TOWN OF HINTON  
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 26, 2015**

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

**ABSENT:** Councillor Stuart Taylor  
Denise Parent - Director of Corporate Services

**SECRETARY:** Lil Wallace - Executive Assistant

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mike Schwirtz - Town Manager  
Rhonda West - Legislative & Administrative Services Coordinator

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**ORDER**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Councillor Matthew Young requested an additional item be added to the agenda, listed as "Action Item #5 - CEAC Discussion". There was consensus to add this to the agenda as requested.

There was consensus to accept the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda of May 26, 2015 as amended.

**ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*Refer to the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda package for [May 26, 2015](#) for detailed background information on these decisions.*

**Comprehensive Policy Review and Development Strategy**

There was consensus that Council accepts this report and recommendation be forwarded to Regular Council for a decision.

**West River Road**

There was consensus that this report be accepted for information.

**Athabasca Riverfront Park**

Councillor Matthew Young explained that he had made the motion to have this item discussed by Council again as he had walked the area suggested for the Athabasca Riverfront Park. It had been suggested to him by citizens that this is one place a family with limited funds can have fun for the day, without having to travel too far or have expensive camping gear. He suggested putting up a gate, adding garbage bins, signage, and washroom facilities, and that he wanted it to be open immediately for use this summer.

**Councillors discussed:**

- how to track usage of the park this summer
- how a town employee could open and close the gate
- having the RCMP patrol the park for security
- having trails opened up
- the gate affecting the Junior Forest Wardens' lease and usage
- proceeding now and having administration bring back any concerns discovered at a later date
- applying for available federal grants

Administration cautioned they would like to investigate a few things and bring a report back to council, prior to proceeding immediately, keeping in mind Council's desire to have the park opened quickly.

**There was consensus that Council direct Administration to investigate opening up the proposed Athabasca Riverfront Park (old campground) and bring back a report to the June 9, 2015 Standing Committee meeting, with a target of opening the park by June 15, 2015.**

**Participatory Budget 2015**

**There was consensus that Council direct Administration to bring back to Regular Council a report with cost estimates on obtaining "toolkits" and a schedule for the roll-out date.**

**CEAC Discussion (Community Engagement & Accountability Committee)**

Councillor Matthew Young advised Council he had spoken to members of CEAC and gets the "general feeling" from those members that they are not delivering anything to the community as a whole. These members miss having focus areas (arts and culture for example) to be active and involved with. Councillor Young proposed that Council dissolve CEAC and return to advisory working committees.

**Council discussed:**

- Council would set the terms of reference for each group
- how many CEAC members attend the CEAC meetings
- if more people would be involved if it went back to the advisory committees
- dissolving CEAC without meeting with them prior to decision of dissolution
- Community Sustainability Plan 2040 vision document
- CEAC political issues need to be worked out as members don't feel they can be as "open at the table as they want".
- if there is value to CEAC

Administration advised that there is a meeting scheduled with CEAC tomorrow to finalize their report card prior to presenting to Council on June 9, 2015 and to hold a strategic planning session to develop upcoming 2-year priorities. Council advised that they would have three council members in attendance at the meeting tomorrow.

Councillor Young asked Council for their consensus to the following recommendation:

“That Council accepts the recommendations (1) to dissolve CEAC and (2) set up advisory working committees. The recommendations be forwarded to Regular Council for a decision”.

Councillor Ryan Maguhn asked Council for an amendment to the recommendation as follows:

“To request the CEAC Chair attend the next Regular Council meeting to contribute input on whether to dissolve CEAC”.

Deputy Mayor Dale Currie asked if Council would like to have the two recommendations split, rather than having an amendment. There was consensus to split the recommendations.

**There was consensus that Council accepts the recommendations (1) to dissolve CEAC and (2) set up advisory working committees. The recommendations be forwarded to Regular Council for a decision.**

**There was consensus to request the CEAC Chair attend the next Regular Council meeting to contribute input on whether to dissolve CEAC.**

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

##### **Urgent Matters from Council**

Councillor Dale Currie mentioned he had heard from citizens respecting dust being created with the Switzer Drive construction and asked if it could be watered more during construction. Administration advised that it had been watered today, and they would follow up on this.

##### **Town Manager Status Report**

Town Manager Mike Schwirtz answered questions on the Council action pending list and administrative matters. He reminded the public that there currently is a province-wide fire ban in effect.

Council was advised that the Town has received a FCSS grant for \$75,000 regarding taking action against elder abuse.

##### **Executive Assistant Logistics Information**

Upcoming events logistics were discussed.

#### **MOVE IN CAMERA**

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

**Carried**

The time was 5:41 p.m. A short recess was called and the meeting resumed at 5:48 p.m.

**G. BARROW - That Standing Committee revert to regular session.**

**Carried**

The time was 6:00 p.m.


  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Carried**

The time was 6:01p.m.

  
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Deputy Mayor

  
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Town Manager