



**TOWN OF HINTON
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2015**

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

ABSENT: Councillor Stuart Taylor

SECRETARY: Lil Wallace - Executive Assistant

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Schwirtz - Town Manager
Denise Parent - Director of Corporate Services

ORDER

Due to the large number of the public in attendance, the meeting was held in the Council Chambers. Deputy Mayor Dale Currie called the Standing Committee Meeting to order. The time was 4:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Town Manager Mike Schwirtz requested that Additional Information #3 (Assessment Notices/Appeal Process) be removed from this agenda, to be brought forward at a later meeting.

There was consensus to accept the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda of June 9, 2015 as amended.

DELEGATIONS

Athabasca Riverfront Park - Presented by Neil McEachern

Neil McEachern spoke to council to address the proposed riverfront park, stating he is not in favour with the proposed park for the following reasons:

- the liability issues to the Town
- who will look after the outhouses and garbage cans
- open fires
- access is not great at the moment
- the locals were not consulted
- Athabasca River is very dangerous at times of the year so not safe for families
- Several other streams and lakes are accessible within a short distance of town (Obed, Jarvis, Kelly's Bathtub)
- No liability for the town with the other streams and lakes
- Department of Fisheries becomes involved
- will be another party place for kids
- doesn't think the town should spend a lot of money on it this year, river is safer at the end of September so this is a very short season.

Council thanked him for coming and expressing his concerns.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Refer to the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda package for [June 9, 2015](#) for detailed background information on these decisions.

Athabasca Riverfront Park

There was consensus that Council accept this report with Option 2 recommendation and it be forwarded to regular Council for a decision.

Council Support and Direction of Community Engagement & Advisory Committee (“CEAC”) and Community Sustainability Plan (“CSP”)

The Mayor and the Chair of CEAC, Mr. Garth Griffiths, indicated they have met several times since the May 26, 2015 Standing Committee meeting to discuss council’s support of CEAC and the direction CEAC should take.

The Mayor requested council’s consensus support to allow him to continue to meet with Mr. Griffiths to discuss how best to leverage people moving forward in order to work together. He stated they would then come back to Council in the Fall with an engagement model that would provide success.

There was consensus to allow the Mayor to work with the Chair of CEAC to clarify the relationship between Council and CEAC going forward.

There was consensus that the previous recommendation from the May 26, 2015 Standing Committee:

“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.”

will not be pursued.

Participatory Budget Addendum to May 26, 2015 DR

There was consensus that Council direct Administration to proceed with the 2015 Participatory Budget and forward this report and recommendation to Regular Council for a decision; use CEAC as an advisory board.

Rec Centre Pool Project

There was consensus that Council accept this report with Part One (Staging and Cost Plan) recommendation and it be forwarded to Regular Council for a decision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Urgent Matters from Council

The Mayor advised that Hinton has been nominated from Molson Coors to host a “one-horse town” concert in September. Citizens are encouraged to post photos of Hinton on their website at “coorsbanquet.ca/oh!”. The Town would win a free concert. A media release with more details will be forthcoming.


Initial

Councillor Barrow asked if the Town owned the land at the drugstore drive-thru in the valley district. He stated safety concerns that people are driving through at excessive speeds and can it be chained off. Administration will look into this.

Councillor Barrow also asked Administration to look at the trail on Highway 16 near the old train station, going towards the bridge. There is a safety concern with a pole, which has tilted.

Councillor Young asked if there is a current bylaw that dumpster lids have to be closed at all times to prevent garbage blowing around. Administration advised there is nothing that specific but that garbage is to be bagged before being placed in dumpsters.

Councillor Maguhn asked about the Baker Street development road closure and Administration advised it should be done by this Friday.

Town Manager Status Report

Mike Schwirtz reminded the public the automated traffic enforcement is moving into the last phase (failing to yield to pedestrians and for distracted driving). Warnings will be given out in June and citations will be issued in July .

The flags at all municipal buildings have been lowered out of respect for the recent loss of Const. Daniel Woodall of the Edmonton Police Service. Flags will remain lowered until after the memorial service which has not been announced yet.

Councillor Maguhn re-stated his ongoing concern respecting the roads at Hillcrest Mobile Estates, stating the roads are in such bad condition that there is no safe and quick access. He invited council to take a drive through the mobile home park towards the east end to experience the roads themselves. He questioned why the Town is not able to repair the roads and have the owners pay the bill to do so. Administration advised the Town does not have authority to do so. It is a private business. Administration has been trying to work with the owners to have them make improvements, but have had little success to date. Councillor Maguhn asked to go on record that he doesn't agree with the situation and council needs to advocate to our MLA and elected officials to have the province look at changing the laws.

Assessment Notices/Appeal Process - Q & A Opportunity

This item was removed from the agenda.

Executive Assistant Logistics Information

Upcoming events logistics were discussed.

MOVE IN CAMERA

M. MICHAELS - That Standing Committee move in camera.

Carried

The time was 5:47 p.m. A short recess was called and the meeting reconvened at 6:06 p.m.


Initial

M. MICHAELS - That Standing Committee revert to regular session.

Carried

The time was 6:20 p.m.

There was consensus to direct Administration to bring back to the June 16, 2015 Regular Council meeting for a decision respecting an offer to purchase received on 10 acres located at Lot 1, Block 11, Plan 102 4242.

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

Carried

The time was 6:21 p.m.

M. MICHAELS - That Standing Committee revert to regular session.

Carried


The time was 8:03 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Carried

The time was 8:04 p.m.


Deputy Mayor


Director of Corporate Services