

MEMORANDUM



Date: December 15, 2015
To: Regular Council Meeting of December 15, 2015
From: Denise Parent, Director of Corporate Services
RE: Results of Participatory Budget Voting

Council approved \$100,000 in the 2015 Budget for a Participatory Budget process where the citizens identify and vote on town-related infrastructure or programs. On July 31, council approved the Town of Hinton Participatory Budget 2015 Rulebook.

From September to mid-October, 58 ideas were received. Administration reviewed the proposals and provided comments as to feasibility and implications.

The Participatory Budget Advisory Committee (PBAC) met twice to review the suggestions and determined if they met the PB criteria which are:

- cannot exceed \$100,000,
- benefit the public by improving local infrastructure or support a Town Program,
- one-time expenditures to be completed in 12 months (minimal operating costs),
- implemented by Town on public property or to support a Town program.

Of the 58 suggestions received,

- 17 met the PB criteria and are proposed to be submitted for voting,
- 8 are being addressed in 2015 or 2016,
- 23 did not meet the 2015 PB criteria for a variety of reasons.

On November 17, Council was presented the 17 proposed participatory ideas that would be brought forward for voting.

Voting for the Participatory Budget was held on December 10 and 12 with 150 ballots being cast. People were asked to vote for up to 3 items and rank them in the order of their preference. 3 points were allocated to the first choice, 2 points to the second choice and 1 point for the third choice.

The suggestion with the most votes is to spend **\$100,000 to build trails, linkages and boardwalks**. Administration will review in context of the trail master plan and determine priority areas to address in 2016.

ATTACHMENTS: Participatory Budget Voting Results



PARTICIPATORY BUDGET BALLOTS

Ranking	Submissions	Budget	Weighted Value
1	<p>Build trails, linkages and boardwalks TOH hire a crew to build trails, linkages and boardwalks (where needed) in 2016 as per Trails Master Plan (ie. along Athabasca River from Maskuta Creek to Riverside Park; connector from West River Road (near Maskuta Creek) up to Natural resource interpretive park or mall; connector from Hardisty Creek near railroad crossing. Paved trails throughout Town.</p> <p>Administration Response Could spend up to \$100,000 to update Trail Master Plan and set priorities for trails to build and maintain.</p>	\$100,000	111
2	Shade/shelter at the Spray Park	\$80,000	82
3	Enhance Riverside Park	\$20,000	74
4	New lights at the skate park	\$6,000	71
5	Community Bike Racks	\$5,000	60
6	Adult Fitness Park	\$75,000	59
7	Fix Potholes on Town Streets	\$100,000	52
8	Upgrading of the Interpretive Park by Canadian Tire	\$50,000	49
9	Transit one-year trial to begin at 7 am Monday to Friday	\$20,000	48
10	Permanent Retractable Basketball Hoop for Court 2, extra court equipment	\$40,000	38
11	Outdoor skating rink at Green square	\$25,000	37
12	More bus shelters (closed in) – based on 4 shelters	\$40,000	35
13	Rubber matting at the park beside the Hinton Centre for wheelchair accessibility	\$100,000	33
14	Install a sidewalk between Keil Drive and Jarvis Street	\$45,000	33
15	Covered shelter and bandstand at Jessie Turgeon Park	\$80,000	20
16	Repair potholes on road and parking lot of Hinton Centre	\$10,000	15
17	Green Square Promotion of Hinton’s industry	\$100,000	6