



TOWN OF HINTON

Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting
held May 10, 2016
Committee Room

Present:

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

Also in Attendance:

Mike Schwartz, Chief Administrative Officer, Wendy Jones, Director of Planning & Development, Laura Howarth, Director of Community Services, Gordie Lee, Director of Infrastructure Services

Refer to the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda package for [May 10, 2016](#) for detailed background information.

ORDER

Deputy Mayor Taylor handed the Chair of the Standing Committee Meeting over to Councillor Currie. Councillor Currie called the Standing Committee meeting to order. The time was 4:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There was consensus that the agenda be adopted with the addition of an item under Action and Discussion Items:

- #1 – By-Election Discussion**
- #2 - Councillor Reflections**

CITIZENS "MINUTE WITH COUNCIL"

Bernie Kreiner wished Dale and his wife Linda all the best. Bernie shared a poem he wrote about Dale's service and contributions to the community as a Councillor.

Marcel Dery spoke to council about two issues. The first related to the donation of the art collection from his late wife, Monika Dery. Mr. Dery would like to donate a number of art pieces, however, he needs clarification of the Town's policy. Mayor Mackin thanked him for his generous donation.

Mr. Dery requested that Council consider including a connector road off the East Access Road in their future planning documents. He believes the East Access Road is sub-standard and proposed that the Town develop a connector that heads east providing access to more industrial land and a connector to the Willow Creek Road. Councillor Maguhn advised Mr. Dery that he will keep the development in mind when reviewing the Transportation Master Plan. Administration confirmed that the proposal is currently included in the draft Transportation Master Plan.

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no delegations before Council.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

By-Election Discussion

There was consensus to direct Administration to bring a report to Council on May 17th, 2016 providing information relating to a by-election for the Councillor vacancy.

Councillor Reflections

Councillor Dale Currie read a statement he had prepared that outlined key abilities a Councillor should have while in public office (Attachment #1).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Urgent Matters from Council

Councillor Maguhn expressed his appreciation to the members of Hinton Fire Rescue who have helped out at the Ft. McMurray fires. He also thanked community members who have been very generous.

Council members and the CAO expressed their appreciation to Dale and Linda and wished them the best of luck for their future.

There was consensus to direct Administration to review the Public Art Policy in 2016 regarding how donations from residents can be incorporated.

There was consensus to direct Administration to work with Rene of the Hinton Centre with respect to the possibility of a community fundraiser event for the Ft. McMurray fire disaster.

2. Chief Administrative Officer Status Report

3. Legislative and Executive Assistant Logistics Information

MOVE IN CAMERA

MICHAELS - That the Standing Committee meeting move in camera.

CARRIED

The time was 5:11 p.m.

BARROW - That Standing Committee meeting revert to regular session.

CARRIED

The time was 6:05 p.m.

Councillor Currie provided Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Schwartz, with his formal written letter of resignation as a Councillor on Hinton Town Council (Attachment #2). CAO Schwartz accepted the letter of resignation and wished Councillor Currie every success.

ADJOURNMENT

MICHAELS - That the Standing Committee meeting adjourn.

The time was 6:07 p.m.

CARRIED



Deputy Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer

COUNCILLOR REFLECTIONS BY DALE CURRIE

- Ability to communicate and work with staff, citizens and council members in both a professional and personal manner
- The ability to work directly with each other – no reliance on technology – be personal
- Ability to be a team player – appeal to citizens and staff
- Ability to work and trust each other, staff, council, citizens
- Ability to brush up on team building skills
- Ability not to ask for too much at one time and make sure you add a “thank you!”
- Ability to have your own unique responsibilities regarding issues and projects
- Ability for us to care about each other and to be the person who reaches out to different sections of the community
- Ability to focus on making a success for Council as a whole
- Ability to be willing to adopt to change and take other’s suggestions
- Ability to be professional, open minded to ideas and traits that make a community great
- Ability to debate hot topics – whatever way the vote goes – leave it in the board room
- Ability for every council member to listen to others – which includes being receptive to criticism without lashing out
- Listening sometimes can be more important than speaking
- Ability to use language that is constructive, honest and respectful
- Ability never to be a “Glory Hog”
- Stand in the spotlight alongside other councillors, staff and citizens. Take the blame when things go awry
- Ability to not stress out citizens, councillors and staff
- Ability to understand that praise goes a long way
- Ability to know Councillors can’t please everyone on issues or projects but be prepared to respond to citizens and staff when they ask why
- Ability for a Councillor to visit departments and see how things are going – “Have a Good Day!”
- Ability to balance life, work & council

Success is achieved by listening – talking – acting for what is best for the community as a whole. Success is simple – do what’s right, the right way, at the right time.

Remember: Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

Be here for the right reason

May 10, 2016

To Chief Administrative Officer Mike Schwirtz,

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation as a member of Hinton Town Council effective immediately.

I have enjoyed serving the residents of Hinton over the past years and value the friendships I have made with past and current members of Town Council and Administration.

I wish all the best to the residents of Hinton for a bright and prosperous future. Hinton is a community that cares and it has been my honour serving you as Town Councillor.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dale Currie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end of the name.

Dale Currie

