



TOWN OF HINTON

Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting
Held March 27, 2018
Committee Room

Present:

Councillors Trevor Haas, Dewly Nelson, Albert Ostashek, JoAnn Race, Tyler Waugh

Absent:

Mayor Marcel Michaels, Councillor Ryan Maguhn

Administration in Attendance:

Denise Parent, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Laura Howarth, Director of Community Services, Wendy Jones, Director of Planning & Development, Gordie Lee, Director of Infrastructure Services, Emily Olsen, Communications & Strategic Advisor, Todd Martens, Fire Chief / Protective Services Manager, Chris Murphy, Staff Sergeant, Hans van Klaveren, Parks & Recreation Manager, Jean Blinkhorn, Protective Services Coordinator, Yvette Donais, Recreation Administrator Supervisor, Dale Woloszyn, Public Works Planning & Project Manager (joined the meeting at 5:14 p.m.), Wendy Anderson, Executive Assistant

Also in Attendance:

Richard Thombs and Garnet Dawes, ISL Engineering and Land Services

Refer to the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda package for [March 27, 2018](#) for detailed background information.

ORDER

Deputy Mayor Ostashek called the Standing Committee meeting to order. The time was 4:02 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

NELSON - That the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda of March 27, 2018 be accepted:

Carried Unanimously

CITIZENS "MINUTE WITH COUNCIL"

The following citizens spoke to the Draft Animal Control Bylaw:

Stacey Green – still having issues with dogs off leash.

Cathy Thomas – number of dogs should be case by case; over limit fee is very high; off leash park is not for every dog; community is becoming less friendly; owners need to take responsibility for their pets; doesn't see an exemption for fostering or rescuing; agrees with a lifetime license.

Richard Blais – thanked Council for bylaw changes, feels it is a very good working document and would like to see Council support; their family dog was recently attacked, since then has heard many stories


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of dog attacks; is in support of the two dog limit, not all pet owners are responsible or can provide for / maintain more than two animals; supports the proposed leash requirement in town if it provides community safety.

Bev Bentley – in the past changes to the bylaw never made a difference, it is up to people to follow the law; proposes a program to educate animal owners about their pets

Dorota Bentley - her dog doesn't do well in the dog park and is always on leash, has regular encounters with dogs off leash and has had issues; feels dogs should be on leash at all times to avoid altercations.

Natasha Mullen – feels owners of multiple dogs are being penalized, should be case by case; suggested a lifetime license; feels the dog park is not a good place for dogs that are reactive; has issues with cats wandering and defecating in other people's yard; frustrated that Bylaw is not doing anything about them.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Automated Traffic Enforcement Policy**

HAAS - That Council direct Administration to make the changes to the Automated Traffic Enforcement Policy that have been indicated and bring back to the April 17, 2018 Regular Council meeting.

**Consensus Achieved 4-1
For: Race, Waugh, Ostashek, Haas
Against: Nelson**

S/Sgt Murphy left the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

2. **Draft Animal Control Bylaw**

HAAS - That Council direct Administration to make changes requested to the Draft Animal Control Bylaw and bring back to the April 24, 2018 Standing Committee meeting for further discussion.

Consensus Achieved 5-0

Deputy Mayor Ostashek called a break at 6:13 p.m. The Standing Committee meeting resumed at 6:24 p.m. J. Blinkhorn and T. Martens left the meeting.

3. **Policy #082, Recreation & Parks User Fee Policy**

NELSON - That Council direct Administration to remove the less than 2% optional increase in fees from Policy #082, Recreation & Parks User Fee Policy.

**Consensus Not Achieved 2-3
For: Race, Nelson
Against: Waugh, Ostashek, Haas**

NELSON - Direct Administration to organize public consultation regarding Policy #082, Recreation & Parks User Fee Policy including 2018 – 2021 Fee Schedules A and B as presented and bring a report to Regular Council of April 17, 2018 for a decision.

Consensus Achieved 5-0

4. **Future Water Treatment Plan Feasibility Study**


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R.Tombs and G. Dawes from ISL Engineering and Land Services joined the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

WAUGH - That Council accept the Town of Hinton Water Treatment Plant - Future Treatment Plant Feasibility Study report as information.

Consensus Achieved 5-0

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Urgent Matters from Council
2. Chief Administrative Officer Status Report

NELSON – That Council direct Administration to remove Item Number MD-1395 Tax Incentive from the Action Tracking list.

Consensus Achieved 5-0

3. Executive Assistant Logistics Information

E. Olsen and Y. Donais left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

IN CAMERA

NELSON - That the Standing Committee Meeting of Council move In Camera.

Carried Unanimously

The time was 7:00 p.m.

R. Tombs and G. Dawes left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

R. Tombs and G. Dawes joined the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

L. Howarth and H. van Klaveren left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

HAAS - That the meeting be extended beyond four hours.

Carried Unanimously

W. Anderson left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

HAAS - That the Standing Committee Meeting of Council move out of In Camera.

Carried Unanimously

The time was 9:22 p.m.

NELSON - That Council direct Administration to bring forward a Request for Decision at the April 3, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council subject to Council's in-camera deliberations to:

- 1) Move forward with Steps 1, 2, 3 and 4 Recommendations utilizing Site Location 3 as a new future Water Treatment Plant as defined in the WTP Feasibility Study dated March, 2018**

- 2) That the Request for Decision titled, "Town of Hinton – Water Treatment Plant" and attachments, remain private pursuant to Sections 16, 21, 23, 24 and 25 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSA 2000, Chapter F-25.***

Consensus Achieved 5-0

NELSON - That the Standing Committee Meeting of Council move In Camera.

Carried Unanimously

The time was 9:25 p.m. W. Jones, G. Lee, D. Woloszyn, R. Tombs and G. Dawes left the meeting.

NELSON - That the Standing Committee Meeting of Council move out of In Camera.

Carried Unanimously

The time was 9:48 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

NELSON - That the Standing Committee meeting adjourn.

Carried Unanimously

The time was 9:49 p.m.



Deputy Mayor



Interim Chief Administrative Officer