



TOWN OF HINTON

Regular Council MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Brian LaBerge
Kristen Chambers
Natalie Charlton
Gail Dunn
Don MacLean
Bill McDonald
Dewly Nelson

COUNCIL ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Jordan Panasiuk, Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Davey-Campbell, Executive Assistant
Alicia Bourbeau, Director of Corporate Services
Chris Murphy, Director of Community and Protective Services
Winston Rossouw, Director of Strategic Projects
Trent McLaughlin, Director of Infrastructure and Development Services
Tania Millen, Communications Coordinator
Anna Leismester, Municipal Intern

1. ORDER

The Town of Hinton respectfully acknowledges that it is located on the First People's traditional lands. We recognize this traditional territory to show respect and understanding to those who walked this land since time immemorial. Today, we uphold our ongoing responsibility to work together in the spirit of the intent of the Treaties with all the First Peoples and Nations that call this place home. The Town expresses gratitude for the opportunity to build a better community on these sacred lands for generations to come.

1.1. Call to Order

Mayor LaBerge called meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1. Regular Council Agenda

RC-260120.01

Motion by Councillor MacLean that Council adopt the agenda as presented.

Carried unanimously

3. COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

3.1. Regular Council Meeting January 6, 2026, and the Committee of the Whole Meeting January 13, 2026

RC-260120.02

Motion by Councillor Nelson that Council adopts the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on January 6, 2026, and the Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 13, 2026.

Carried unanimously

4. MINUTE WITH COUNCIL

- 4.1. Ms. Marie-Soleil Pinet raised concerns about the scope and timing of the Beaver Boardwalk project, citing conflicting messaging. She requested clarification on whether Section Y is scheduled for construction, potential start dates, and expressed concerns regarding delays and user safety during construction.

Mr. Jan Vassbotn provided background as a former member of the Beaver Boardwalk committee, noting that Phase 2, including Section Y, is anticipated for 2025–2026. He sought clarification on timelines and shared concerns about safety in Section Y.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- 5.1. CAO Bylaw No. 1159-1

RC-260120.03

Motion by Councillor Nelson that Council give First Reading to CAO Bylaw No. 1159-1.

Carried unanimously

RC-260120.04

Motion by Councillor MacLean that Council give Second Reading to CAO Bylaw No. 1159-1.

Carried unanimously

RC-260120.05

Motion by Councillor Dunn that Council give Unanimous Consent to proceed to Third Reading of CAO Bylaw No. 1159-1.

Carried unanimously

RC-260120.06

Motion by Councillor MacLean that Council give Third Reading to CAO Bylaw No. 1159-1.

Carried unanimously

- 5.2. CAO Performance Review Policy CL 1111 and CAO Recruitment Policy No. CL 1109 Amendments

RC-260120.07

Motion by Councillor Nelson that Council approves Policy No. CL1111, Chief Administrative Officer Performance Review, as presented.

Carried unanimously

RC-260120.08

Motion by Councillor MacLean that Council approves Policy No. 1109, Chief Administrative Officer Recruitment, as presented.

Carried unanimously

5.3. Freedom Express - Unit 504 Replacment

RC-260120.09

Motion by Councillor MacLean that Council approves the purchase of a new Freedom Express bus to be added to the 2026 Capital Fleet Budget for an amount of \$230,000 with funding from the Fleet Reserve.

Carried unanimously

5.4. Council Action Pending List Review

RC-260120.10

Motion by Councillor Nelson that Council rescind Motions: MD - 3193, MD - 3194, MD - 2965, MD - 3585, MD - 3586, MD - 3587, MD - 3588, MD - 3589, MD - 3590, MD - 3591, MD - 3592, MD - 3593, MD - 3594, MD - 3595, MD - 3596, MD - 2031

Carried unanimously

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 6.1. Councillor Bill McDonald - That Council direct Administration to bring forward a review of all Council Committees to a future Committee of the Whole meeting. The review shall include committee membership, financial implications, and consideration of establishing a new committee representing Recreation Centre users.

7. REPORTING

- 7.1. Council Reports
- Boards and Committees of Council
 - Council reported on meetings and events they attended.
- 7.2. Chief Administrative Officer
- Reporting and Status Report

8. ADJOURNMENT

- 8.1. Call for Adjournment of Meeting

RC-260120.11

Motion by Councillor MacLean that Council adjourn the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

Carried unanimously

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer