



**TOWN OF HINTON
Regular Council Meeting
January 15, 2013**

PRESENT: Mayor Ian Duncan, Councillors Bill Bulger, Jane Macridis, Janice Callihoo, Dale Currie, Lorraine Johnston-MackKay, Ryan Maguhn

ABSENT: N/A

SECRETARY: Lil Wallace - Executive Assistant
ALSO PRESENT: Bernie Kreiner - Town Manager
Rhonda West - Legislative & Administrative Services Coordinator
Denise Parent – Director of Corporate Services

ORDER

Mayor Ian Duncan called the Regular Council meeting to order. The time was 6:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

D. CURRIE - That the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of Council held January 15, 2013 be adopted with the following amendment:

- Third delegation presentation will be delayed until the next meeting.

Carried

CITIZENS "MINUTE WITH COUNCIL"

No one came forward to speak to council.

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Building Assets Together Team Update - Presented by Deanna Alford

A group of enthusiastic young adults (Shayla Lalonde, Danielle Alford, Hayden Meunier, Jane Sunderwald) who are members of the Building Assets Together ("BAT") Team appeared before council and outlined some of the benefits of attending the recent 4th annual "Imagine" Developmental Assets Leadership conference. The conference was held December 4, 2012 at the Hinton Training Centre and was open to all Grade 6 students and involved youth leaders as mentors. The conference focused on working with the BAT team to build assets in young people, learning how to deal with stress, responsibility, personal power and build self-esteem.

Council commended Deanna Alford and the team on an excellent program in our community. The Mayor then presented the 2012 Minister of Municipal Affairs' Award of Excellence to the group as he had accepted it on their behalf in Edmonton.


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2. Chamber of Commerce – Presented by Mike Smith, President

Mike Smith, President of the Chamber of Commerce, introduced Rob Mackin who advised he had spoken to the Chamber at a special meeting held January 8, 2013. He then presented to council some of that Chamber presentation. Mr. Smith then advised council the Chamber as a whole had deliberated the presentation and made recommendations to council on their concerns re the proposed 2013 budget as follows:

1. 3rd Party Efficiency Review/Audit

- Prior to approving any tax increases and approving 2013 Operating Budget, the Town should conduct 3rd party efficiency review/audit to ensure operating expenses appropriate for municipality of this size;
- Review should aggressively look at areas of savings/efficiencies that would minimize any tax increases – including the increased splits between residential/non-residential property taxes;
- Due to timing and scope, only basic cost-of-living type increases be approved at this time;
- Results of review utilized in development of 2014 budgets;
- 3rd party review would report back to group of citizens/Chamber delegate(s)/Council member(s) and all results/recommendations made public and transparent.

2. Major Capital Projects Review Committee

- Form a Major Capital Projects Review Committee to review business case essentials and overall priority of major Town capital spending, with a specific focus on ‘want’ projects versus ‘need’ projects;
- Committee to include members of Council, citizens and Chamber members.
- Open and transparent to the community.
- All major 2013 capital projects reviewed and approved through this group with the exception of any critical/essential projects required to start as soon as possible.

3. Improved Clarity on Town Financials

- Request Town of Hinton improve overall communication and clarity respecting budgeting and overall financial performance;
- Enhancements include: multi-year budgeting/business planning; aligning department aggregation at the budget and financial reporting levels, using standardized accrual accounting.

4. Improved Communications

- Mayor and Council become more engaged with the community;
- Improved communication and openness with town projects and priorities.

5. Economic Development Commission

- Economic Development Commission created to review and provide decision-making input into all development proposals and help drive further growth and economic development opportunities within the community.

3. Town Manager's Office Division Update - Presented by Bernie Kreiner

This presentation was delayed to the next Regular Council meeting.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

1. Regular Meeting of Council Minutes - December 18, 2012
2. Standing Committee of Council Minutes - January 8, 2013

J. MACRIDIS - That the Minutes listed above be approved as presented.

Carried

ACTION ITEMS

Refer to the Regular Council Meeting Agenda package for January 15, 2013 for detailed background information on these decisions.

1. Photo Enforcement Agreement

B. BULGER - That Council enter into a three year contract extension with Global Traffic Group Ltd. for the provision of photo enforcement services expiring December 31, 2015.

Carried

2. Council Agendas - In Camera Topics

J. CALLIHOO - That Council gives First Reading of Council Procedure Bylaw #1060-1.

Carried

Councillor Jane Macridis then proposed the following amendment to the bylaw:

“That the IN CAMERA items must include the topic description and delete the reasons why they must be in camera.”

Councillor Macridis then asked Administration for clarification of the original intent of the bylaw and was advised that the reason stated will be a general reason (for example, refers to MGA, FOIP, legislation pieces) and not the specific detail aligning the topic,

Councillor Macridis then requested a withdrawal of her amendment. Unanimous consent was provided for the withdrawal.

B. BULGER - That Council gives Second Reading of Council Procedure Bylaw # 1060-1.

Carried

L. JOHNSTON-MACKY - That Council provides Unanimous Consent for Third Reading of Council Procedure Bylaw #1060-1.

Carried

D. CURRIE - That Council gives Third Reading of Council Procedure Bylaw #1060-1.

Carried


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INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Council Information Package #1 - previously circulated December 20, 2012
2. Council Information Package #2 – previously circulated January 3, 2013
3. Council Information Package #3 - previously circulated January 10, 2013

Respecting the Council Action List shown in package #3 – Councillor Macridis requested an update from Administration re Hinton Search & Rescue permanent location; such update to be provided after Hinton Search & Rescue has had their annual general meeting later this month.

D. CURRIE - That Council Information Packages #1 , #2 and #3 be accepted for information.

Carried

REPORTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, TOWN MANAGER

1. Council Reporting (Training/Conferences/CEAC, Listening Teams, All Other Committees)

Councillor Bill Bulger reported:

- Attended the budget open house held yesterday; for him it created awareness of community understandings and misunderstandings; good exercise and looks forward to doing more of that on a regular basis (town hall meetings).

Mayor Ian Duncan reported:

- Met with West Fraser re water distribution and treatment for our community; Mr. Kreiner and mayor will pursue opportunity to ask West Fraser to continue treatment;
- Thursday he will be meeting with MLA Robin Campbell, Premier Redford and Minister Bhullar, Minister for Service Alberta; here for afternoon; looks forward to opportunity to speak to them;
- Enjoyed budget workshops, Jan. 17 is cut-off date for information to be compiled; will be presented to council after that.

Councillor Jane Macridis reported:

- Wonderful opportunity to meet citizens at the budget open house; reminded citizens to attend "Coffee with Council" any time they want to discuss items with council; also "Minute with Council" another opportunity to speak to councilors about any concerns or questions citizens have.
- As the education listener, the post-secondary education facility working committee met last week; did not yet receive the business plan from GPRC; working collaboratively with the college; inviting Don Gnatiuk of GPRC to attend the next meeting.
- Jan. 27/13 is National Family Literacy Day celebrated across Canada as awareness to promote literacy and encourage parents to read to their children daily; fun free activities planned at the library on January 26/13 from 12 noon to 2:00 pm; invites everyone to come to the library and participate.
- Canadian newspapers have been added to the library membership; you can receive online services as part of membership; Press Display is a collection of 1200+ newspapers from 94 countries, includes 291 Canadian newspapers, available in 48 languages.


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Councillor Lorraine Johnston-Mackay reported:

- Attended the Mary Remier Regional Park meeting; discussion about proposed capital budget and the water concerns within the park; board looking forward to the outcome on this proposed project;

Councillor Ryan Maguhn reported:

- Attended RCMP committee meeting last week; Shona Allen was elected Chair in November, 2012 and George Higgerty elected Vice-Chair at last week's meeting; reviewed terms of reference for newer members; on Jan. 28th members of the Solicitor-General's office will be attending Hinton; several new members undergoing training; having annual policing priorities meeting Feb. 14; discussing May conference and call-out for resolutions; downward trend in different areas of criminal activities; one area of concern is assaults statistics are on upward trend. RCMP seeing lower number of impaired driving charges;
- Attended budget open houses; enjoyed discussions;
- Continues to explore how town can encourage economic growth; encourages local businesses to contact him with suggestions on this.

2. Town Manager Report

Town Manager Bernie Kreiner reported:

- Receiving \$17,000 grant from Alberta Recycling Council for Play & Spray park finishing work;
- Introduced Denise Parent, Director of Corporate Services;
- Town staff in 2012 raised \$4,638.00 towards the Hinton United Way campaign, led by three staff in financial department this year; proud to contribute to the community;
- Wayne Ferguson has provided his resignation as Deputy Fire Chief and returned to Manitoba;
- Plainsman Development has completed the purchase of the Thompson Lake property; another active developer now in town;

MOVE IN CAMERA

J. MACRIDIS- That the Regular Meeting of Council move in camera.

Carried

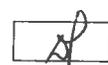
The time was 8:08 p.m. The mayor then called a short recess until 8:22 p.m., at which time the meeting continued.

J. MACRIDIS - That the Regular Meeting of Council reconvene.

Carried

The time was 9:19 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT


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J. CALLIHOO – That the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn.

Carried

The time was 9:20 p.m.



Mayor



Director of Corporate Services