



TOWN OF HINTON
Regular Council Meeting
February 5, 2013

PRESENT: Mayor Ian Duncan, Councillors Bill Bulger, Jane Macridis, Janice Callihoo, Dale Currie, Lorraine Johnston-MacKay, 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 6:32 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

J. CALLIHOO - That the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of Council held February 5, 2013 be adopted as presented.

Carried

CITIZENS "MINUTE WITH COUNCIL"

Al Evans, the father of a child injured recently at the crosswalk of Mountain Street and Fairfax/Maligne, spoke to council. Mr. Evans would like council to make changes to the crosswalks to improve safety including the following suggestions:

- change the colour of the lights
- should be a stop sign at the crosswalks
- lower the speed limit to 30 km in that area
- move the flashing light to the school side (left side) of Mountain Street so children don't have to cross over to activate
- make the crosswalk and the lights more visible.
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He has spoken to Gerard Redmond Catholic School and they are in favor of working with the AMA School Safety Patrol.

Francis McGee spoke to council and stated that in light of recent social media postings and letters to the newspapers and "coffee circle" discussions, he wanted to make clear that this was his own personal feelings, not part of some group. Mr. McGee feels people in our community do not understand the dynamics of town administration's role and responsibilities or specifics of the Town Manager's job. He would like council to bring forward some type of description outlining the depth of administration's jobs so that the community is enlightened about what the job of town administration really is. He further stated he would like to see the community focus on issues, rather than attacking people personally.


Initial

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. AltaLink - Presented by Ed Toupin

Mr. Ed Toupin, Municipal & Community Relations Manager North for AltaLink spoke to council about Alberta's electrical transmission system. AltaLink's goal is to provide safe, reliable, cost-effective electricity to municipalities like Hinton. AltaLink transports the power, Fortis handles distribution. After the recent upgrades completed along Highway 16, Hinton now has two reliable feeds of electricity.

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

Bernie Kreiner spoke to council to update them on activities of the Town Manager's Office since his last presentation one year ago.. Division updates are provided to advise council what each division does and the status of projects as per Council's directions. The Town Manager's overall responsibilities are set out in Section 207 of the Municipal Government Act.

The Town Manager currently sponsors the following projects:

- P3 performing arts theatre project
- West Fraser water treatment plant negotiations and water production/licence rights
- Post-secondary education facility and programs (working group)
- Integrated housing supply
- Extended care facility process (working group)
- Sustainability outcomes project
- Inter-municipal revenue sharing
- Sustainability journey process team
- Customer service system – improvement plan
- Strategic communications planning
- Municipal integrated planning plus budget system update
- Municipal resource optimization program
- Delegated authorities update.

Mr. Kreiner then spoke about myths in the community v. facts and provided explanations to dispel the myths.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

1. Regular Meeting of Council Minutes - January 15, 2013
2. Standing Committee of Council Minutes - January 22, 2013

D. CURRIE - That the Minutes listed above be approved as presented.

Carried

ACTION ITEMS

Refer to the Regular Council Meeting Agenda package for 05 Feb 2013 for detailed background information on these decisions.


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1. 2013 Operating and Capital Budgets Approval

B. BULGER - That Council approves the 2013 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets as attached (Operating budget = \$29,007,409 and Capital budget = \$22,286,286).

R. MAGUHN - Amend the capital budget by deleting all line items related to the development of Innovista Phases 2 and 3.

Amended Motion Defeated

D. CURRIE - Amend the capital budget by proceeding with only 2 lanes for Phase 4 of Switzer Drive (by amending the project scope).

Amended Motion Defeated

Councillor Maguhn requested a “friendly” amendment to Councillor Currie’s motion as follows:

“Amend the capital budget by delaying the 4-lane Switzer Drive project to next budget year.”

The friendly amendment was not accepted by Councillor Currie.

Original Motion Carried

J. MACRIDIS - That any further 2013 budgeted “savings and efficiencies” found prior to the tax rate bylaw coming to council for approval be applied to an across-the-board reduction in property taxes.

Carried

Mayor Duncan called a short recess. The time was 8:50 p.m. Denise Parent, Director of Corporate Services, left the meeting at this time due to illness. The meeting reconvened at 9:07 p.m.

2. 234 Baker Street Land Use Amendment First Reading

Jean Anne Fraser advised council the error in the proposed Bylaw 955-3 (paragraph 3 on page 44 of 52 of the agenda) respecting advertising (proposed indicated 2007 dates) has now been corrected prior to council giving first reading.

B. BULGER - That Council give Bylaw 940-10 (Municipal Development Plan) First Reading.

Carried

D. CURRIE - That Council give Bylaw 721-10 (East Hinton Area Structure Plan) First Reading.

Carried

J. MACRIDIS - That Council give Bylaw 955-3 (Hinton East Boundary Joint Area Structure Plan) First Reading.

Carried

J. MACRIDIS - That Council extend the time for the Regular Council meeting beyond 3 hours.

Carried


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The time was 9:32 p.m.

3. Naturalization of Town Green Spaces

D. CURRIE - That Council receives this report for information.

Carried

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Council Information Package #1 - previously circulated January 17, 2013
2. Council Information Package #2 - previously circulated January 24, 2013
3. Council Information Package #3 - previously circulated January 31, 2013

Respecting Council Information Package #3, correspondence item #3 (invitation to bid on 2016 Alberta Winter Games) Councillor Bulger asked Administration to provide their thoughts as to whether it would be something to pursue at this time. Director of Community & Protective Services Laura Howarth replied that preliminary calls had been made to our municipal neighbors to the east and west and the response was that it was not something they were exploring at this time; also, some of our volunteer groups are struggling due to lack of volunteers so it was felt these groups would not be able to assist; it requires several volunteers to organize an event of this size.

Mayor Duncan mentioned the letter received from Happy Creek Estates to MLA Robin Campbell indicating a clear and present need for affordable housing.

Councillor Lorraine Johnston-Mackay made mention in Council Information Package 2 the GYPSD Board News said the board is working on school calendar and conducting a survey; she is encouraging the public to complete the survey.

B. BULGER – That Council accept Information Packages #1, #2 and #3 for information.

Carried

REPORTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, TOWN MANAGER

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

Councillor Bill Bulger reported:

- Outcome of CEAC meeting has been posted on website; can see CEAC's strategic plan for next two years;
- Ongoing discussions on long-term care working group;

Councillor Janice Callihoo reported:

- Councillor Bulger and herself attended the recent CEAC meeting; it was a strategic planning session on goals and priorities.


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Councillor Dale Currie reported:

- Attended the FRAG meeting; discussed lumber prices which are up; housing starts in 3rd quarter are up; Sundance Forest Products is renamed as Edson Forest Products;

Councillor Jane Macridis reported:

- Landfill authority working towards regional continuity for waste reduction;
- Attending inter-municipal meeting with Yellowhead County tomorrow;
- Reminded the public about the Bridges Trivia Night scheduled for Friday, February 22 at The Guild; the Mayor will be the master of ceremonies for this event;
- Expressed council's continued commitment to seek future partnerships for performing arts facility
- Advised council that she is in Edmonton for a medical appointment on February 19, 2013 so may be a little late arriving for the Regular Council meeting scheduled for that evening.

Councillor Lorraine Johnston-Mackay reported:

- Attended recent Pulpmill Advisory Committee meeting; odor report expected by end of February; odor emission concerns to be identified in the study; public invited to phone main gate at 780-865-2251 ext. 346 regarding any odor concerns and lodge concerns.
- Hinton will host PeeWee Provincial hockey tournament March 21 to 24, 2013; looking for lots of volunteers.
- The various arts groups in Hinton are all very active hosting a number of events; Arts on fire coming up on February 23 along with Hinton's Winter Magic activities;
- Historical society working on historical markers and signage;

Councillor Ryan Maguhn reported:

- Councillors Currie and Maguhn attended two policing committee meetings; last one was a training session about nature and role of policing committee; very beneficial training;
- As the business listening councillor, he wants to hear business concerns or ideas from the community; call him to discuss.

I. DUNCAN - To support in principle the use of Community Safety Initiative ("CSI") funds for school safety patrol programs.

Carried

I. DUNCAN - That Council direct Administration to prepare a report extending the distance of current established school zones for Council's consideration.

Carried

I. DUNCAN - That Council direct Administration to prepare a report outlining the pros and cons regarding the timing and collection of off-site levies pertaining to land development.

Carried


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2. Town Manager Report

Town Manager Bernie Kreiner reported:

- The recycling program added 3 more recycle options, being batteries, aerosols and printer cartridges.
- Free public wireless internet access is now available at recreation centre
- The provincial government announced they will host water conservation workshops at 20 communities across the province; Hinton is scheduled for 5:30 pm to 8:00pm at the Hinton Center on February 21, 2013.

MOVE IN CAMERA

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

Carried

The time was 10:15 p.m. The mayor called a short recess and the meeting reconvened at 10:30 p.m.

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

Carried

The time was 11:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Carried

The time was 11:59 p.m.



Mayor



Town Manager


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