



**TOWN OF HINTON**  
**Standing Committee of Council Meeting**  
**MARCH 18, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Ian Duncan, Deputy Mayor Lorraine Johnston-MacKay  
Councillors Bill Bulger, Jane Macridis, Janice Callihoo, Dale Currie,  
**ABSENT:** Ryan Maguhn  
Rhonda West - Legislative & Administrative Services Coordinator  
**SECRETARY:** Lil Wallace - Executive Assistant  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Bernie Kreiner - Town Manager  
Denise Parent - Director of Corporate Services

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**ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Lorraine Johnston-MacKay called the Standing Committee Meeting to order. The time was 9:00 a.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Bernie Kreiner requested one last-minute in-camera item be added to the agenda – LAND NEGOTIATIONS (FOIP).

**There was consensus to accept the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda of March 18, 2013 as amended.**

**ACTION ITEMS**

***Refer to the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda package for March 18, 2013, for detailed background information on these decisions.***

**Council Input to MGA Review - Part 2**

Part 2 of this continued discussion focuses on specific areas of the Municipal Government Act (“MGA”) review.

Councillors comments included:

- Since Councillors are governed by 2 Acts (Municipal Government Act and Local Election Authorities Act) so could both acts be combined?
- MGA should include the sections of the other acts that it makes reference to as appendix at the back of booklet.
- **Consensus - Recommend MGA include the sections of the other Acts that it makes reference to as appendix at the back of Queen’s Printer booklet.**
- The word “viable” shows up in several places of the Act; “sustainable” should be used as a better description since the municipality could be viable on a short term; sustainable is

  
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long-term. Sustainable is more the intent. **Consensus was to replace “viable” with “sustainable”.**

Council was then asked the question “Do you want broader financial authority? Should it be in the MGA?” Council was given the following example:

If expand financial authority, be more specific who is charged those areas that are causing demand on the municipality (eg. oil trucks causing more sweeping of roads because of mud brought in when staying at hotels so charge a user fee or sales tax). The oil company should pay rather than all property taxpayers.

**Consensus was yes, that municipalities should have broader financial authority and it should be included in the MGA.**

Council developed and reviewed consensus positions of two pages of MGA review questions provided by the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (“AUMA”). See attachment “A” to these minutes for these consensus positions.

A short recess was called at 10:25 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:36 am. Councillor Bill Bulger left the meeting at 11:12 am due to a medical appointment.

**J. MACRIDIS - That Council extend the time for the Standing Committee Meeting beyond 3 hours.**

**Carried**

The time was 11:59 am

A short recess was called at 12:25 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 12:34 p.m. Councillor Bill Bulger returned to the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

### **2013 Provincial Budget Impacts**

Denise Parent advised council that the budget will be reviewed in the next few weeks to determine the impact of the province decreasing the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (“MSI”) funding. As the MSI funding continues to drop each year, the Long-Term Capital Plan will also have to be revisited.

The Town’s financial statements for 2012 are anticipated to be presented to council in April as the auditors were here last week completing their review.

**There was consensus that this report be accepted for information.**

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **Urgent Matters from Council and Town Manager**

Mayor Duncan informed council of a request by Hinton Minor Hockey to purchase a jersey to be signed by Dean McAmmond, have it framed in a case and hung at the recreation centre. Mr. McAmmond, who played in Hinton for a short period of time and eventually went on to play for the NHL, will be in Hinton for the upcoming PeeWee Provincials being held March 21 to 24, 2013 at the recreation centre.

  
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In honour of Hinton Minor Hockey hosting the upcoming PeeWee Provincials, there was consensus to spend up to \$500.00 towards the purchase of a jersey and framing case. These funds will come from council contingency.

**Executive Assistant Logistics Information**

Upcoming events logistics were discussed.

**MOVE IN CAMERA**

**D. CURRIE - That Standing Committee move in camera.**

**Carried**

The time was 1:10 p.m.

**B. BULGER - That Standing Committee revert to regular session.**

**Carried**

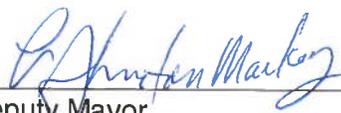
The time was 1:56 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**J. CALLIHOO - That Standing Committee Meeting of Council adjourn.**

**Carried**

The time was 1:57 p.m.

  
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Deputy Mayor

  
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Director of Corporate Services

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