



TOWN OF HINTON
Community Engagement & Accountability
Committee Room
March 11, 2013

PRESENT: Garth Griffiths, Kathy Rees, Scott Sunderwald, Gladys Nelson, Lavone Olson, Shirley Caputo, Rob Mackin, Jennifer Norquay, Gerry Brandt, Rick Zroback, Councillors Dale Currie and Bill Bulger

ABSENT: Ron McKay, Fiona Murray-Galbraith, Doug Heine

SECRETARY: Rhonda West

ALSO PRESENT: Laura Howarth – Director of Community & Protective Services
Christopher Read, Recreation and Culture Manager

ORDER

Chairman Garth Griffiths called the Regular Meeting of the Community Engagement & Accountability Committee (“CEAC”) to order. The time was 11:30 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CAPUTO - That the Agenda for the March 11, 2013 Meeting of CEAC be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Cheeying Ho from the Whistler Centre for Sustainability spoke to the committee by telephone regarding the CSP Outcomes and reviewed the process that will be undertaken.

Glen Ross, Chairman, and Kimberley Worthington from the Town of Hinton, provided CEAC with an update and next steps with respect to the Post Secondary Education Facility Committee. A draft advocacy plan has been prepared. Their next meeting with Grande Prairie Regional College is on the 16th.

Tim Shain representing the Council of Canadians spoke to CEAC and provided an overview of the Council and the issues that the Council is involved with including social and environmental issues. Tim spoke about the Council’s “Blue Community” initiative.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

SUNDERWALD – That the CEAC Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2013 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED


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ACTION ITEMS

1. Council Remuneration Policy #052

Garth Griffiths indicated that he had spoken to some CEAC members about serving on the Council Remuneration Review Committee.

CAPUTO - That the following CEAC members (5) serve on the 2013 Council Remuneration Review Committee: Gerry Brandt, Kathy Rees, Gladys Nelson, Garth Griffiths, Douglas Heine.

CARRIED

2. CSP Outcome Measures

GRIFFITHS - That a sub-committee (alternate) be formed consisting of Scott (Gladys), Dale, Shirley (Rob), Kathy, Rob (Gerry), Rick (Jennifer) to provide support to the CSP Outcome Measures project.

CARRIED

3. 2013-2014 Priority Strategies – Results of Listening Period

CEAC members discussed the results of their listening period with respect to the draft 2013-2014 priority strategies.

There was consensus that CEAC members email Garth Griffiths as to what makes them proud to be a Hintonite in order to develop a list that will be communicated by CEAC as to why Hinton is a great place to live, play and invest.

MACKIN - That the 2013-2014 priority strategies be approved as presented.

CARRIED

CAPUTO - That CEAC, represented by the Chair and/or Vice-Chair, present the Implementing Partners with the Priority Strategies for 2013-2014 and the final reports from the Highway Corridor and Recreation Centre Task Committees.

CARRIED

REES – That the Implementing Partners present the Master Implementation Plan for approval as a delegation at the June, 2013 CEAC meeting.

CARRIED

4. Receiving Community Information

BRANDT - That community information be forwarded to CEAC members on a regular basis through the secretariat (Rhonda West).

CARRIED

There was consensus that future meetings alternate between noon and evening meetings.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

SUNDERWALD – That information items #1-6 be received for information.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY PULSE

- Residents are starting to notice empty retail spaces in town. People need to be encouraged to open a business and then follow up with supporting the local business; Cost to run a business seems to be higher in Hinton. Many towns are losing their “mom-pop” businesses to large retailers and online shopping. Businesses need to be competitive and offer a good service. There are responsibilities on both the consumer and the local businesses.

NEXT MEETING


The next meeting of CEAC is scheduled for June, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT


BULGER - That the Regular Meeting of CEAC adjourn.

CARRIED

The time was 1:03 p.m.



Chairman



Director of Community &
Protective Services


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