



TOWN OF HINTON
Community Engagement & Accountability
Committee Room
September 10, 2014

PRESENT: Garth Griffiths, Fiona Murray-Galbraith, Jack Williams, Shirley Caputo, Scott Sunderwald, George Higgerty, Albert Ostashek, Ron McKay, Councillor Matthew Young

ABSENT: Gerry Brandt, Kathy Rees, Jennifer Norquay, Doug Heine, Councillor Dale Currie

SECRETARY: Rhonda West/Lil Wallace

ALSO PRESENT: Laura Howarth – Director of Community & Protective Services

ORDER

Chairman Garth Griffiths called the Regular Meeting of the Community Engagement & Accountability Committee (“CEAC”) to order. The time was 11:07 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

HIGGERTY - That the Agenda for the September 10, 2014 Meeting of CEAC be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MURRAY-GALBRAITH – That the CEAC Minutes of April 23, 2014 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

1. Council/CEAC Collaborative Model

The model that was approved by Hinton Town Council on June 3, 2014 was presented to the group for review.

SUNDERWALD - There was consensus that CEAC accept the Council/CEAC Collaborative Model as presented.

2. Interim Status Report from Partners on 2013-2015 Priority Strategies

The interim report and update was reviewed by members of CEAC. The final report will be provided to CEAC in February, 2015. It was noted that on Strategy 13 that the town is not the lead partner on this; chamber needs to report; **Garth offered to speak to Brian LaBerge (lead partner) to get an update report from him for the group.**


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Garth would like to see the highway corridor study brought back into discussions. **Garth requested to add this as an agenda item and to look at having someone come speak to it to let the group know what they are doing, what's happening.**

There was consensus that the interim report from the implementing partners be reviewed once again at the October meeting in order to review the reports from all implementing partners.

3. Term Expiration and Membership Recruitment

The group reviewed the terms expiring in 2014. **Laura asked group to go out into the community and talk to people to recruit people.**

There was consensus that the item is accepted for information.

4. Communicating the Outcomes & Measures Report

Garth asked if Emily could begin a draft communication re outcome measures, website and launch of new logo/Hinton 2040. **Garth & Scott will meet with Emily and put something together to bring back to next meeting.**

Albert gave a brief update of what the Chamber has been doing including working with Town on offsite levies. **Garth would like to have Chamber come talk to the group. Albert will speak to Brian to see if that's possible.**

5. Listening Group Reports

Scott feels these reports have been light and this is an extremely important message to get across to the group. **Request to put Listening Group Reports as first action item on the agenda and that CEAC members bring 3 or 4 items that you have been hearing, talking about and good news items.**

Recreation & Culture (Scott, Doug) – Scott noted that the North American Biathlon will be taking place in March and will be a big event. He receives a lot of questions about the land use framework matter. Scott reported that preliminary planning has started and there will be a lot of communication about the planning in the next three years. He noted that it is a massive plan for us and how we fit into the plan affects tourism and the economy. He noted that CEAC might be a focus group that could contribute.

Garth asked about Stuart Taylor running for the Wildrose Party – what does that mean for our town? He indicated that there is discussion in the community about that topic.

On the subject of the participatory budget, Garth noted that there is a feeling that it is not a big deal, no one believes it. Councillor Young advised that it is a new concept and anything new takes time to get going.

Garth continues to hear talk about Baker Street and questions as to what is going on? Albert confirmed there are commitments from both parties (builders) involved. Matthew noted that it is now up to the builders to get things going.

George Higgerty left at 12:45 pm.


Initial

Education & Wellness (Kathy, Fiona) – proposed meeting had to be rescheduled. Fiona reminded everyone about the Hinton Healthcare Foundation golf tournament coming up. She advised that four (4) options have been developed for a heliport - 2 onsite and 2 offsite. Erica Button will be nominated for the rural physician award for her work in obstetrics.

Governance & Partnerships (Garth, Scott)

Local Economy (Gerry, Albert) - Albert is hearing concerns with housing prices down the road since biggest developer ceased house construction now; Chamber Commerce getting phone calls re living wage concerns; what happens if that becomes widespread; food prices, local economy problem already with people going out of town to shop.

Garth asked if Qualico pulls out what does that mean to the community? There was clarification that it was the builder that pulled out and not Qualico.

Natural & Built Environments (Jennifer, George) – Garth noted a great job on repairing the Beaver Boardwalk, lawns mowed well and good job with tree planting program by the Town; Scott is encouraging people to start replanting Douglas Fir trees which are native to the area; Matthew advised that for Christmas they want to have every tree lit up, a skating rink open and firepit area in the Green Square area;

On the matter of the Highway Signage Corridor Councillor Young advised that Council is wanting feedback from CEAC members; forward the Task Committee report to Council; Council would also like feedback on the MDP/LUB from CEAC members; Council is also working on encroachment agreement revision, rental suites in basements for seniors to help offset the cost of homecare, a draft for the photo radar money policy with revised percentages and that Innovista Phase II should be closing any day and Phase III as well in the near future;

Fibre optics – Matthew encouraged citizens to get the drop put in at their home; Hinton will be one of the few communities with high speed fibre optic; any repairs done not done in the fall will be followed up and completed in the spring; commercial drops are free as well.

6. Review and Update Delegation Invitation List

There was consensus to accept the delegation invitation list for information.

INFORMATION ITEMS

COMMUNITY PULSE

NEXT MEETING

The next meetings of CEAC are scheduled for October 8, 2014, November 13, 2014 and December 11, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.


Initial

ADJOURNMENT

OSTASHEK - That the Regular Meeting of CEAC adjourn.

CARRIED

The time was 1:16 p.m.



Chairman



Director of Community &
Protective Services