



TOWN OF HINTON
Community Engagement & Accountability
Committee Room
February 19, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor Matthew Young, Councillor Jack Williams, Ron McKay, Albert Ostashek, Shirley Caputo, Joann Race, Fiona Murray-Galbraith, George Higgerty, Doug Heine (arrived at 11:48 am)

ABSENT: Garth Griffiths, Gerry Brandt, Kathy Rees, Scott Sunderwald

SECRETARY: Rhonda West

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

ORDER

Councillor Young acted as Chairman and called the Regular Meeting of the Community Engagement & Accountability Committee ("CEAC") to order. The time was 11:25 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MURRAY-GALBRAITH - That the Agenda for the February 19, 2015 Meeting of CEAC be adopted.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MCKAY – That the CEAC Minutes of January 15, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

1. Community Connection Team Reports, Confirmation and Appointment to Vacancies

Recreation & Culture (Scott & Doug)

No update.

Education, Wellness & Social Supports (Fiona & Kathy)

Hinton Hospital: The Minister of Health recently toured the hospital; A lot of promotion of the facility and services has been taking place; The hospital is undertaking a lot of cost containment initiatives which hopefully will not impact services; It looks like Hinton will lose the dialysis bus once Edson opens up the new hospital;

Health & Safety Event: The Health and Safety Night for 2015 has been cancelled.


Initial

Governance & Partnerships (Garth & Scott)

No updates.

Local Economy (Gerry & Albert)

Chamber of Commerce: General concern about what 2015 will bring; Organizers of a hockey tournament at the end of March have asked the Chamber to write a letter to Hinton Minor Hockey requesting their support of the tournament. The Chamber has agreed.

Natural & Built Environments (Joann & George)

Valley Shopping District: A couple of businesses in the valley are wondering if they are allowed to set up picnic tables or outdoor patios outside their business? Councillor Young believes they are but staff encouraged businesses to connect with the planning department if they require further information.

2. Review and Update Delegation Invitation List

There was consensus to invite Wendy Jones to the April 29th, 2015 meeting.

3. Town of Hinton 2015 Capital/Project & Operating Budgets

Denise Parent was present to answer questions on the Town's budget and provided a more detailed copy of the operating budget. Questions and comments arising from the discussion:

- Is 1% adequate?
- Commended council for going with 1%
- Hinton Campground – it's already hard to find green space so losing the campground would reduce the green space in town; Denise will provide the group with more clarity on revenue information
- \$5 Water Treatment Plant Fee – better to put it away in case you need it
- A lot of money is going towards recycling

Council will be holding a couch surfing session at the mall on February 28, 2015 to look for public feedback.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Trades Discovery Day on April 30th, 2015.

COMMUNICATION ACTION

NEXT MEETING

The next meetings of CEAC are scheduled for March 19, 2015 and April 29, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

HEINE - That the Regular Meeting of CEAC adjourn.

CARRIED

The time was 1:04 p.m.


Chairman


Director of Community &
Protective Services


Initial

