



TOWN OF HINTON
Community Engagement & Advisory Committee
Committee Room
February 10, 2016

PRESENT: Kathy Rees, George Higgerty, Fiona Murray-Galbraith, JoAnn Race, Albert Ostashek, Gerry Brandt, Doug Heine, Shirley Caputo, Ron McKay, Mayor Rob Mackin

ABSENT: Garth Griffiths, Mike Schwirtz

SECRETARY: Rhonda West, Executive & Legislative Assistant

ORDER

Vice-Chairman Albert Ostashek called the Regular Meeting of the Community Engagement & Accountability Committee ("CEAC") to order. The time was 12:06 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

HIGGERTY - That the agenda for the CEAC meeting of February 10, 2016 be adopted with the addition of an information item regarding task forces.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

REES - That the CEAC minutes of November 16, 2015, December 2, 2015 and January 7, 2016 be adopted as presented.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Community Connection Team Reports

Education, Wellness & Social Supports – Kathy advised that the questionnaire regarding senior's needs (Attachment #1) is being circulated and she has 17 completed to date. CEAC members suggested distributing the questionnaires at the library, place of business, legion, seniors drop in centre and have a table set up at the mall. Mayor Mackin updated the group regarding the new hinton fire academy that offers an 18-week training program for new firefighters. Students will be staying and living at the Hinton Training Centre.

Governance & Partnerships – Mayor Mackin advised that the Town has sent a letter of support to new MLA Eric Rosendahl regarding the proposed expansion of the Hinton Training Centre.

Local Economy – Gerry advised that in the business community there is real fear this year with commodity prices increasing, the dollar dropping and minimum wage going up. Business owners have expressed concerns as to what is sustainable and about the effect on numbers, impact on purchasing power, hiring, expansion plans, keeping the doors etc. Discussion needs to continue with local MLA and MPs regarding pipe lines and the outward migration of workers from Hinton. Mayor Mackin stated that the Town sent a letter of support for the Trans Mountain

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Pipeline project and continues to be involved in the process. Albert stated that the Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Community Futures West Yellowhead and Alberta Employment and Skills regarding hinton business walks. Members go out and talk to businesses regarding what is concerning them and the program has been very well received. The Hinton HREDC (Hinton Regional Economic Development Coalition) continues to meet and are moving forward with some interesting campaigns. The Chamber board had an opportunity to sit down with Denise Parent regarding the 2016 operating and capital budgets and provided feedback that the new format is very easy to read and understand. Note that Robin Campbell is speaking at the business network meeting tomorrow regarding the state of the coal industry in Canada.

2. Appointment to the Hinton Grant Funding Advisory Committee

There was consensus that Joann Race, Kathy Rees, Albert Ostashek and Doug Heine be appointed to the Hinton Grant Funding Advisory Committee for a 1-year term.

There was consensus that having a citizen at large sit on the HGFAC would add value to the committee.

3. Review and Update Delegation Invitation List

- Nancy Robbins from CFWY is confirmed for the March 9, 2016 meeting
- Grocery store managers (tentative for April meeting). Members confirmed that the purpose of the delegation is to get accurate information on what grocers are doing to remain competitive to dispel myths and rumours that exist and to share feedback that members are getting from the community
- Add MLA Eric Rosendahl
- Add Brad Kopp re local real estate development

INFORMATION ITEMS

Rob distributed a draft terms of reference for a CEAC Seniors Task Force (Attachment #2). CEAC members discussed the specific items and issues that the task force will review.

There was consensus that Fiona Murray-Galbraith, Joann Race, Kathy Rees, George Higgerty, Doug Heine and Mayor Rob Mackin be appointed as members to the Seniors Task Force.

There was consensus to request staff admin support for the task force.

COMMUNICATION ACTION

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2016.

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ADJOURNMENT

MCKAY - That the Regular Meeting of CEAC adjourn.

CARRIED

The time was 1:24 p.m.



Vice-Chairman



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