



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

PRESENT: Scott Sunderwald, Fiona Murray-Galbraith, Kathy Rees, Albert Ostashek, Doug Heine, Ron McKay, Shirley Caputo, Councillor Matthew Young, Councillor Jack Williams

ABSENT: Garth Griffiths, Gerry Brandt, Joann Race, George Higgerty

SECRETARY: Rhonda West

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

ORDER

Vice-Chairman Scott Sunderwald called the Regular Meeting of the Community Engagement & Accountability Committee ("CEAC") to order. The time was 11:03 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Renee LaBoucane, Manager, Community Stewardship, from Grande Prairie Regional College, provided Council with an update relating to the Post-Secondary Education & Training Campus and program partnerships. Recent activities for the past year include:

- Assist in providing post-secondary information
- Deliver programs face-to-face, video conference and online
- Supervise exams for online learners
- Take part in high school and community events
- Programs delivered in West Yellowhead are Office Admin, Oil/Gas Specialization, Unit Clerk, Academic Upgrading, University Transfer, Business Administration, Early Learning & Child Care, Custom delivery training (Teck, West Fraser etc.)
- GED Exam Centre
- Dual credit coordinator with Grande Yellowhead and Evergreen School Divisions
- Trades Discovery Day is scheduled for April 30, 2015

Renee confirmed that the college has grown in the past two years offering more variety of programs and indicated if the college can offer programs where people come to the community for education (creating a niche) then post-secondary education in the community has the opportunity of growing. The college is active in ensuring that it is delivering programs that meet current industry/training demands and provide opportunities for people to work and learn at the same time.


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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

CAPUTO – That the CEAC Minutes of February 19, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

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

Recreation & Culture (Scott & Doug)

North American Biathlon – a great community achievement; did Hinton proud and showed that Hinton can be a sport tourism destination; Scott wants to talk to the Director of the Canmore Nordic Centre to see if Hinton can get more on the map in the way of funding from the Province;
Hinton Art Club – has closed shop due to volunteer burnout.

Education, Wellness & Social Supports (Fiona & Kathy)

Hinton Hospital – very surprised by the announcement about Good Sam (+48 beds); with the population projections Alberta Health Services has for Hinton, we don't feel we need that many LTC beds and felt a mixture of Good Sam level of care beds and Lodge level of care beds was what was needed; the proposed location poses a problem for movement and parking; two new surgeons coming to Hinton (husband/wife team acting as one surgeon) as the current surgeon is cutting back on hours; hearing community concerns about losing the dialysis bus and hospital administrators have voiced their concerns to the Minister;

Alberta Health Services - undergoing a huge organizational restructuring with a July 1st implementation; news release indicates 8-10 operational districts with an advisory committee attached to each district that will provide enhanced local input and decision making; Fiona indicates she hopes to get good representation from Hinton to sit on the advisory committee; if anybody is passionate about health care and would like to be part of an advisory committee, please watch for more information;

Governance & Partnerships (Garth & Scott)

Provincial Budget - Town Council received an invitation to be in the visitors gallery when the provincial budget is presented on March 26, 2015.

2015 Operating Budget - Councillor Young provided the group with an update on the 2015 operating budget that was passed at the Council meeting on March 17, 2015. He noted his concerns about the potential costs with respect to the Water Treatment Plant. Councillor Young briefly spoke about a possible opportunity that a Co-Gen plant will be built in Hinton with respect to waste management.

Local Economy (Gerry & Albert)

Chamber Update - Ongoing concerns of the business community regarding the state of the economy. Reported that some local businesses have shut down and employees laid off.

Natural & Built Environments (Joann & George)

Hinton Golf Course - Concerns expressed over the recent fire at the Clubhouse at the Golf Course.


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Athabasca Riverfront Park - Scott confirmed that the group has disbanded. The group was willing to meet with Council but did not want to have upset landowners in attendance as well. Fiona indicated that she has received feedback that the group was disappointed with the lack of CEAC support (no attendance at open houses and did not speak to Council). Scott advised that the group needed local leadership to step up and reminded members that the community supported this project (80%+), had financial support from businesses, and it came down to a road issue. If those issues get dealt with and the community brings the project alive there will be people still interested in bringing it to life. Scott commented that if political leadership is not there the project won't happen; community needs to be made aware of what is really happening at the riverfront area (illegal quadding, dumping etc.); Town council should be playing a far more active role as they are the ones that can provide the solutions; Scott will be meeting with Mayor Mackin next week.

2. Review and Update Delegation Invitation List

The group would like to have the topic of "Housing demands" added as a delegation after report card has been prepared.

3. Update on Timeline for Report Card

Laura reviewed the upcoming timeline for the report card process. The group will receive the implementing partners report along with an updated measurable outcomes report and asked committee members to take the next month to review the documents and come prepared with their thoughts on the report card for the next meeting. After the report card has been finalized the group will meet to plan for the next 2-year cycle.

There was consensus that the April 29th meeting focus only on the draft report card and the meeting be scheduled from 10:00 to 1:00 p.m.

There was consensus that the May 27, 2015 meeting be scheduled from 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. to focus on finalizing the report card and holding their strategic planning session.

INFORMATION ITEMS

B.R.I.D.G.E.S trivia night on Friday.

COMMUNICATION ACTION

Reminder that there are two very large communications coming up – report card and CEAC priorities.

NEXT MEETING

The next meetings of CEAC are scheduled for April 29, 2015 (In Camera Session), May 27, 2015 and June 17, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.


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ADJOURNMENT

McKAY - That the Regular Meeting of CEAC adjourn.

CARRIED

The time was 12:51 p.m.

"Scott Sunderland"
Vice-Chairman

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Director of Community &
Protective Services

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