



TOWN OF HINTON
Community Engagement & Accountability Committee
Council Chambers
November 16, 2015

PRESENT: Garth Griffiths, Scott Sunderwald, Kathy Rees, George Higgerty, Doug Heine, Fiona Murray-Galbraith, JoAnn Race, Mayor Rob Mackin

ABSENT: Gerry Brandt, Shirley Caputo, Ron McKay

SECRETARY: Rhonda West, Executive & Legislative Assistant

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Schwirtz – Chief Administrative Officer

ORDER

Chairman Garth Griffiths called the Regular Meeting of the Community Engagement & Accountability Committee (“CEAC”) to order. The time was 11:04 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There was no agenda for this meeting.

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

ACTION ITEMS

1. CEAC Review

Mayor Rob Mackin, Council representative appointed to CEAC, provided the group with an overview of a new model for CEAC to operate under. His goal is to ensure the new model is rewarding for CEAC members as well as the community. Mayor Mackin reviewed his findings from other communities that had committees like CEAC. Mayor Mackin proposed the following:

- Launch the Community Engagement & Advisory Committee
- The committee meet at minimum 2x/year with Council
- Strike task forces for specific initiatives (ie. Work with stakeholders and community to research and make recommendations to council on possible actions, next steps, opportunities, challenges etc.)
- Provide progress reports on key initiatives, task forces, utilize objective benchmarking (Whistler metrics)
- Maintain/update Hinton 2040 CSP working with town administration and council

Mayor Mackin provided examples of possible initiatives: recreation centre strategy, Municipal Development Plan project, water meter strategy, arts centre operating models, Hinton Regional Economic Development Coalition, soft services (seniors, special needs).

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Feedback from CEAC members:

- Importance of soft services (ie. Seniors and special needs) not getting lost
- A gap for the listening groups when they hear other things going on in the community; how do those types of things come back?
- How do they get from a "good idea" to something more?
- CEAC members want to still be available for people to call

Mayor Mackin provided that CEAC members would go out and find out what is happening and bring it back to a meeting with Council (instead of the implementing partners). He reiterated that CEAC members would gather feedback through listening and then bring it back to the table.

There was consensus that the committee members approve the new model for CEAC.

Follow up actions:

- Send out priorities list drafted in June, 2015 to CEAC members
- Schedule a CEAC meeting for the first week of December, 2015

INFORMATION ITEMS

COMMUNICATION ACTION

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

SUNDERWALD - That the Regular Meeting of CEAC adjourn.

CARRIED

The time was 1:00 p.m.

Chairman

Chief Administrative Officer

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