



TOWN OF HINTON
Community Engagement & Advisory Committee
Committee Room
January 7, 2016

PRESENT: Garth Griffiths, Kathy Rees, George Higgerty, Albert Ostashek, Fiona Murray-Galbraith, Shirley Caputo, Ron McKay, Mike Schwirtz

ABSENT: JoAnn Race, Gerry Brandt, Doug Heine, Mayor Rob Mackin

SECRETARY: Rhonda West

ORDER

Chairman Garth Griffiths called the Regular Meeting of the Community Engagement & Advisory Committee ("CEAC") to order. The time was 12:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CAPUTO - That the Agenda for the January 7, 2016 Meeting of CEAC be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

REES – That the CEAC Minutes of June 17, 2015 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

1. Task Force Structure & Priorities

Committee members reviewed the proposed priorities put forward at the December, 2015 meeting: **seniors issues, recreation centre and the highway corridor**. They were also presented with two proposed priorities of Council: **water metering and the participatory budget**. CEAC members confirmed the group could act as a listening group on the issues based upon having a clear understanding of the request from Council. The process was reviewed whereby the next step would be a joint meeting of CEAC and Council to review all priorities and determine if/what task committees should be established for specific priorities. CEAC members Galbraith, Rees and Race have begun gathering information on seniors issues via a community survey and will present their findings to Council at the joint meeting.

There was consensus to add "Shopping Local Concerns" to the list of priorities to discuss with Council.

2. Participatory Budget

Albert Ostashek handed out a draft terms of reference for a CEAC task force on the Participatory Budget Review/Feedback Team. The purpose for the task force is to gather feedback from the public and stakeholders on the 2014/2015 process, review successful

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participatory projects in other jurisdictions and provide recommendations and suggested improvements for Council consideration. It is expected that a report or recommendations would be brought forward to Council by the end of March, 2016.

There was consensus for appointed CEAC members to continue with reviewing the Participatory Budget process and 2015 results and make recommendations to Council.

3. Community Connection Team Reports

Recreation & Culture

Arts Facility Venue: Hearing mixed feedback on Council's decision. People are concerned about the upfront cost of preparation with the risk of the project not moving forward (council decision).

Education, Wellness & Social Supports

Hinton Healthcare Foundation: Fiona Murray-Galbraith noted that the Hinton Healthcare Foundation is a vibrant foundation group bringing lots of information to the community. She noted that the foundation has decided to pull back on fundraising and the focus for 2016 will be celebrating the cancer clinic in June, re-doing the palliative care room and participating in Hinton's 60th anniversary by promoting health in Hinton. She noted that the foundation was able to purchase the mini C-arm. Travelling for appointments: Fiona noted that this continues to be a concern with more people going into Edmonton for specialist appointments. The foundation is considering purchasing another telehealth to allow more people to stay in Hinton and have their appointments done through that venue. Fiona asked if CEAC members were interested in participating in the 60th Anniversary celebration?

Action: Mike Schwirtz indicated he would check to see if a CEAC member could sit on the organizing committee.

Governance & Partnerships

Garth Griffiths noted that CEAC has a role to play and members are moving forward under the revised mandate.

Local Economy

Albert Ostashek reported that a major development has been the formation of the Hinton and Regional Economic Development Coalition which is comprised of town council and administration, Community Futures West Yellowhead, Alberta Skills & Trades, Chamber of Commerce, CEAC and 2 members at large for membership. The group has lots of ideas coming through in 2016 with their first major project being "Hinton First" (#HintonFirst).

Natural & Built Environments

Water meters is an interesting proposal. Will wait to hear from Council as to next steps with respect to the Highway Corridor. The main concerns relating to the highway corridor are aesthetics and appearance with an anticipated increase in tourism and visits to the National Park, traffic control and first impressions.

4. Meeting Schedule

Prior commitments for meeting logistics were discussed.

There was consensus to schedule CEAC meetings for the second Wednesday of each month.

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5. Delegation Invitation List

CEAC members discussed potential delegations for the upcoming months.

There was consensus to schedule the following delegations:

Nancy Robbins, CFWY, March, 2016 meeting

Local grocery store managers and Chamber President, April, 2016 meeting

INFORMATION ITEMS

COMMUNICATION ACTION

CEAC members were encouraged to talk to people about CEAC membership.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of CEAC will be scheduled for February 10, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

CAPUTO - That the Regular Meeting of CEAC adjourn.

CARRIED

The time was 1:27 p.m.


Chairman


Chief Administrative Officer