



**TOWN OF HINTON**  
**Community Engagement & Advisory Committee**  
**Committee Room**  
**March 9, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Kathy Rees, JoAnn Race, Albert Ostashek, Doug Heine, Shirley Caputo, Ron McKay

**ABSENT:** Garth Griffiths, Mike Schwartz, Rob Mackin, Gerry Brandt, Fiona Murray-Galbraith, George Higgerty

**SECRETARY:** Rhonda West, Executive & Legislative Assistant

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**ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Albert Ostashek called the Regular Meeting of the Community Engagement & Accountability Committee ("CEAC") to order. The time was 12:04 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**HEINE** - That the agenda for the CEAC meeting of March 9, 2016 be adopted with the addition of the following information items: 1) Additional citizen on Hinton Grant Funding Advisory Committee; 2) Council's decision not to involve CEAC with respect to operating options for the Performing Arts Venue .

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Nancy Robbins from Community Futures West Yellowhead ("CFWY") spoke to the committee about the region and mandate of CFWY. She shared the results of the 2015 Business Visitation Program conducted in Hinton and the five recommendations based on the results (agenda Attachment #1). Shirley Caputo suggested that the survey include GYPSD and Alberta Health Services as they are major employers in the community. Nancy noted that Jasper is very busy with tourism and stated that it is Hinton's job as a community to try and have those tourists stop in Hinton when they are on their way to Jasper.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**RACE** - That the CEAC minutes of February 10, 2016 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Community Connection Team Reports**

**Recreation & Culture** – Biathlon at the Nordic Centre this past weekend was a very impressive event.

**Education, Wellness & Social Supports** – Hinton adult learning society has been granted \$40,000 to set up programs for assistance for new immigrants.

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## Governance & Partnerships

Local Economy – Reports from the community are not great – businesses are having a difficult time; a lot of businesses barely hanging on as an indication of the provincial economy.

Natural & Built Environments – JoAnn noted that the Town has ordered 6 more dog waste stations; the off-leash dog park is open now at Mary Reimer Park.

## 2. Review and Update Delegation Invitation List

The delegation list was reviewed and suggestions provided.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Citizen on Hinton Grant Funding Advisory Committee – Rhonda West confirmed that Council will be looking at the possibility of adding a citizen position to the Hinton Grant funding Advisory Committee in the fall of 2016;
2. Performing Arts Venue - Operating Models – Albert Ostashek indicated he had heard that a Council motion to ask CEAC to come up with some options for operating models had been voted against. Rhonda West clarified that no such motion had been made. Albert asked CEAC members in attendance if requested by Council, would members be interested in helping out assisting administration and council on doing some research on operating models? There was general agreement that this would be in line with the CEAC mandate.

**There was consensus to recommend to Council that an alternate Councillor be appointed to CEAC.**

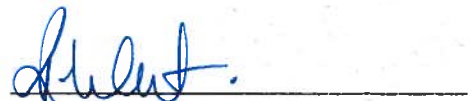
## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MCKAY - That the Regular Meeting of CEAC adjourn.**

The time was 1:47 p.m.

**CARRIED**

  
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Vice-Chairman

  
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