



**TOWN OF HINTON**  
**Community Engagement & Advisory Committee**  
**Committee Room**  
**June 8, 2016**

**PRESENT:** JoAnn Race, Shirley Caputo, Kathy Rees, George Higgerty, Garth Griffiths, Albert Ostashek, Fiona Murray-Galbraith, Mike Schwirtz

**ABSENT:** Doug Heine, Ron McKay, Rob Mackin, Gerry Brandt

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

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**ORDER**

Chairman Garth Griffiths called the Regular Meeting of the Community Engagement & Advisory Committee ("CEAC") to order. The time was 12:17 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**HIGGERTY** - That the agenda for the CEAC meeting of June 8, 2016 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**OSTASHEK** - That the CEAC notes of April 13, 2016 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Community Connection Team Reports**

Recreation & Culture - Work continues on the PAV; Construction tenders will come before Council on June 21, 2016. Rec Centre 10-year strategy will be going to the Standing Committee meeting on June 28, 2016.

Education, Wellness & Social Supports – Seniors "Aging in Place" Survey being conducted out in the community. Local community members had a meeting with representatives from the College of Physicians and Surgeons recently. It was noted that Hinton has one of the strongest medical communities in the area. They encouraged community leaders to meet and talk about community vision and to talk to the Provincial Government about rural health care and marketing.

Another topic of discussion at the meeting was a new helipad. A member of the local Rotary Club indicated he would be willing to take this project to the Rotary Club for support. Council also has asked Administration to provide information on the potential of a helipad. September 23, 2016 is the date for the opening of the cancer wing at the hospital.

Governance & Partnerships – A lot of disappointment with respect to the County regarding the lack of support for STARS. There was discussion with respect to the level of revenue sharing



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between the Town and the County. It was noted that the Town of Grande Cache has requested a feasibility study be conducted from the Province. Feedback was also expressed that the by-election will be a waste of money.

Local Economy – Commercial and construction activity but little residential construction; A lot of people transitioning to their own businesses (home occupations). Wayfinder Corp have plans to make an announcement in the next week or two with respect to their site and new business plan located out at the Obed mine.

Natural & Built Environments – The old IGA building has been bought; a health store will be opening up at the old Piet Steen location. A development permit has been issued for a 5-storey Best Western Hotel. It was noted that people are waiting to hear what is happening with the rec centre.

**2. Participatory Budget Task Committee Update**

Purpose of the committee is to review the PB process and provide recommendations. JoAnn, Kathy, Albert, Garth agreed to form the task committee. Albert agreed to Chair the committee.

**3. Seniors Task Committee Update**

See above

**4. Review and Update Delegation Invitation List**

The delegation list was reviewed and suggestions provided. MLA Eric Rosendahl has indicated he is available June 13, 20 or 24<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that he would be the next delegation. Garth will check on his availability and a meeting will be set accordingly. June 24<sup>th</sup> was agreed.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

CEAC history and mandate was discussed. Is CEAC a viable group to continue? Business cards for members that include the mission statement would be helpful. Information on the Town website is outdated.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**CARRIED**

The time was 1:23 p.m.

  
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Chairman

  
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