



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

PRESENT: Don Harrison, JoAnn Race, Shirley Caputo, Kathy Rees, Garth Griffiths, Albert Ostashek, Jan Vassbotn, Doug Heine, Fiona Murray-Galbraith
SECRETARY: Wendy Anderson, Administrative Assistant

ORDER

Chairman Garth Griffiths called the Regular Meeting of the Community Engagement & Advisory Committee ("CEAC") to order. The time was 12:06 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RACE - That the agenda for the CEAC meeting of November 9, 2016 be adopted as presented with the addition of one information item.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RACE - That the CEAC notes of June 18, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

1. Introduction of Members

The group did introductions and provided members some background information about themselves. Garth provided CEAC members with a brief overview of CEAC duties.

2. Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair

Albert Ostashek called for nominations for the position of Chair three times. Jan Vassbotn nominated Garth Griffiths as Chair and Garth accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. **Garth Griffiths was confirmed and elected as Chair of CEAC.**

Albert Ostashek called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair three times. Shirley Caputo nominated Kathy Rees as Vice Chair and Kathy accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. **Kathy Rees was confirmed and elected as Vice-Chair of CEAC.**

3. Grant Funding Advisory Committee

The Grant Funding Advisory Committee is comprised of three CEAC members and one HMLB member.

MURRAY-GALBRAITH - That Jan, Kathy and Don be assigned as CEAC representatives to the Hinton Grant Funding Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

4. Assign New Members to Listening Groups

CEAC members volunteered to listening groups as indicated below:

- Recreation and Culture (Jan, Don)
- Education, Wellness & Social Supports (Kathy, Fiona, Doug)
- Governance & Partnerships (JoAnn, Garth)
- Local Economy (Garth, JoAnn)
- Natural & Built Environment (Don, Jan)

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5. Community Connection Team Reports

Recreation & Culture - Work continues to move ahead on the PAV with some confusion on the slower speed signage for pedestrians. A lot of positive comments heard on the Recreation Centre open house with some concerns regarding the ball diamonds. It was suggested to have more than one open house due to the shift workers. Boat access to the Athabasca River is being built.

Education, Wellness & Social Supports – Foodbank usage numbers are up. Recognition for the Hinton Family Violence month was good; however, there are some issues with family violence occurring. The Hinton Training Centre is currently working with the federal and provincial governments to create a wildfire plan as well as a culinary program and the Hinton Fire Academy. The community has done a wonderful job advocating for renal dialysis; a petition was sent to Sarah Hoffman, Minister of Health. Whitecourt has also raised concerns about their service. The Cancer Clinic grand opening has been rescheduled to December 4th, and will be in conjunction with the Lights in December fundraiser for palliative care. **Fiona will provide Rhonda with the grand opening invitation for the Cancer Clinic which is to be fanned out to CEAC members.** Greg Cummings is the new Chief Zone Officer for AHS. Hinton Healthcare Foundation received \$20,000 in funding from the Community Grant Program for a middle c arm; they received an extension for the funding and hope to have the program and equipment in place next year. Turkey Drive starts next week and runs until December 15th; funds go to the Kin Hall, Food Bank and Healthcare Foundation.

Doug left the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

Governance & Partnerships – CEAC members would like to get the committee up and running.

Local Economy – Compared to other communities, Hinton is doing OK; there is a lot happening in the community. The recent changes to store frontages and new stores opening have made a difference. In reviewing the minutes from 5 years ago, it appears that about 85% of the items identified have been completed. With Canada's 150th birthday next year, it will be very busy. There appears to be funds available from the federal and provincial governments for the non-profit groups. The new cougar sculpture at the Green Square is beautiful and should have tourists stopping.

Natural & Built Environments – Discussed feeding the beavers; HWP has become involved once again (delivered 37 truckloads of aspen). The new trails were developed with the Participatory Budget at Mary Reimer Park are under threat with ATV's and motorbikes causing damage. This is an issue with most of the Town trails. If there is a bylaw in place, it should be enforced. Discussed the possibility of Geothermal; we hope to have Hinton as a centre where others can come to learn about the process.

6. Review and Update Delegation Invitation List

CEAC members reviewed the delegation invitation list. **Garth will invite Robin Campbell to the next meeting.**

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INFORMATION ITEMS

Albert spoke to the group regarding Hinton & Region Economic Development Coalition (HREDC). Since this group has been formed, he had been part of the coalition. Since being elected to Council he now requires a motion from CEAC to remain on HREDC.

HARRISON – That Albert represent CEAC and continue to sit on HREDC.

CARRIED

Members discussed where they see CEAC moving forward to. They would like to recruit more members (notice in paper) and would like to see youth and local business as part of CEAC. The Hinton2040.ca website is out of date and needs to be refreshed. It was suggested that a photo of CEAC members be on the website as well as a description of what CEAC does with members of the listening groups provided.

Albert formally requested that CEAC members provide responses to what they have heard on geothermal from the community. Members have heard:

- Positive responses
- \$225,000 cost, they feel that it is high
- Heat vs power (or combination) big plus would be power
- How will the heat be moved to buildings
- Everyone waiting for feasibility study
- Letters to the Editor have been in the local papers
- More interested in Power than heat. Carbon tax will be a huge impact. Natural gas prices will increase if it is the only fuel to make power.

Next meeting: December 7th at 11:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

VASSBOTN - That the Regular Meeting of CEAC adjourn.

The time was 1:31 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairman

Secretary

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