



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

PRESENT:

Don Harrison, JoAnn Race, Shirley Caputo, Kathy Rees, Garth Griffiths, Albert Ostashek, Jan Vassbotn, Doug Heine, Fiona Murray-Galbraith, Sharon Meredith, Jailin Bertolin, Ron McKay

SECRETARY:

Rhonda West, Legislative & Executive Assistant

ORDER

Chairman Garth Griffiths called the Regular Meeting of the Community Engagement & Advisory Committee ("CEAC") to order. The time was 11:35 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

VASSBOTN - That the agenda for the CEAC meeting of December 7, 2016 be adopted as presented with the addition of one action item: 4) Listening Group Assignments.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Above Ground UVA

Keith Cook spoke to the group about his business, Above Ground UAV, and showed the group a video of images that he recorded of Hinton and area. He indicated that this type of material can be used to put promotional material together. Mr. Cook has worked with the Town and will continue in 2017 with additional photos and videos to complement tourism and Hinton First Initiatives. The promotional videos can be adapted for the specific customer's needs.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MURRAY-GALBRAITH - That the CEAC minutes of November 9, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CEAC members introduced themselves and provided the new members some background information about themselves. Garth Griffiths provided CEAC members with a brief overview of CEAC duties.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Community Connection Team Reports

Recreation & Culture:

- Jan used Facebook for input and provided the group with a copy of the comments. Albert advised that Council has asked Administration to develop a social media policy which will be coming to Council in the near future. Composting was also a concern that was raised through the feedback. Don suggested that composting could be tied into the new recycling company in town

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Education, Wellness & Social Supports:

- Successful opening to the cancer clinic; lab renovations are complete;
- Dialysis: Fiona advised that they have met official regarding the renal program and showed them a space in the hospital where they could run it with 6 patients; pitch has to be made to the Minister of Health; staffing would come back to Hinton and looking at how could work with Edson staff re dialysis. Expensive option but hopefully will have good news soon;
- Foundation: Hinton identified as regional centre for stroke, maternity, ortho and general surgery. Foundation purchasing more laproscopic equipment;
- Have heard of homeless people in town looking for food, clothing etc. Attempts have been made to make accommodation for men. There is a definite gap for the men who don't have anywhere to go. Churches do a fair amount to assist them;
- A new director at BRIDGES and members are encouraged to meet him;
- Encouraged members to keep the youth of the community in mind. The trustees were encouraged to reach out to the students and find out what is going on with them. Fiona confirmed they are aware through the hospital.

Governance & Partnerships:

- Local Economy: Concerns along food quality and selection at grocery stores;
- Lots of talk about the rec centre and the golf course;
- Seems to be a renewed interest in small businesses opening up;
- Albert advised that building permits are up significantly from the past;
- The recent pipeline announcement will help the economy.

Natural & Built Environments:

- Included in the handout from the Facebook input.
- Jailin noted that there is a huge increase of meth use in Hinton and many people are being affected. Fentanyl is also an issue. Albert noted that the police take concerns seriously more so now than years ago. Debbie from Victim Services is a good contact person to talk to.

2. Review and Update Delegation Invitation List

There was consensus to schedule the following delegations for upcoming meetings:

- January 4, 2017 – Robin Campbell, Canadian Coal Association
- February 8, 2017 – Gordie Lee, Infrastructure Services Director
- March 8, 2017 – Candace Pambrun/Deanna Fuller - Hinton Adult Learning Society
- April 12, 2017 – Tammy Crozier, Addictions Counsellor, AHS Addictions & Mental Health

3. Meeting Logistics

There was consensus to maintain the current meeting schedule of the second Wednesday of each month starting at 11:30 a.m. in the Committee Room.

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4. Assign New Members to Listening Groups

The new CEAC members volunteered to listening groups as indicated below:

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

INFORMATION ITEMS


Next meeting: January 4, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.


ADJOURNMENT

VASSBOTN - That the Regular Meeting of CEAC adjourn.

CARRIED

The time was 1:10 p.m.



Chairman


Secretary

