



TOWN OF HINTON
Community Engagement & Advisory Committee
Committee Room
May 10, 2017

PRESENT: Garth Griffiths, Fiona Murray-Galbraith, Shirley Caputo, Kathy Rees, Sharon Meredith, Christian Welk, Jailin Bertolin, Albert Ostashek, Doug Heine

ALSO PRESENT: Laura Howarth, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

SECRETARY: Wendy Anderson, Executive Assistant

ORDER

Chairman Garth Griffiths called the Regular Meeting of the Community Engagement & Advisory Committee ("CEAC") to order. The time was 11:45 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

BERTOLIN – That the agenda for the CEAC meeting of March 8, 2017 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

CAPUTO - That the CEAC minutes of March 8, 2017 be adopted

CARRIED

Shirley clarified that the stop signs by Crescent Valley are three way, not four way as had been recorded for the February 2017 minutes (which had been adopted at the last meeting).

ACTION ITEMS

1. Meeting Schedule

The group discussed meeting times, days and lunches. It was agreed that the meeting time would stay the same but the day would change to the third Thursday of each month with June's meeting being an exception which will be held on June 15th. The group requested that lunches continue to be provided, but on a smaller scale. **Wendy to rebook the Growing Great Kids delegation to June 15th.**

The question was raised on the possibility of calling into meetings. This can be accommodated and the call-in information will be provided in the meeting invitation. If a member is calling in, they will be required to let Wendy know so the meeting can be set up.

2. Council Remuneration Committee

The following people volunteered to sit on the Council Remuneration Committee: Fiona Murray-Galbraith, Kathy Rees, Garth Griffiths, Sharon Meredith and Jailin Bertolin. They will be contacted by Jenna Altrogge with the meeting details and next steps.

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3. Review Draft Report to Council on Homelessness in Hinton

The task group didn't meet; therefore a report was not presented to Council. Ashley Grzybowski (HELP) provided a presentation to Council on April 18th. It was felt that HELP is more than adequately identifying the groups and services available as well as any gaps that are evident. **Chair to contact Council to determine whether they require CEAC to continue to be involved or to step back and let HELP continue with this initiative. Wendy to forward the HELP PowerPoint Presentation to CEAC members.**

4. Community Connection Team Reports

Recreation & Culture:

- Trails are quite wet; the bike club has a plan in place
- Councillor Ostashek took a tour of the PAV, the amount of work inside is amazing, it will be a nice facility
- The Athabasca River Park will be used for the brigade this year

Education, Wellness & Social Supports:

- Rene Laboucane is leaving GPRC so they will be hiring for this position
- Dialysis – they have chosen the architect, space is the issue
- Primary Care Network with Grande Cache have hired Sean Kinney as project manager
- GYPSD superintendent is retiring, hiring a new one
- Long term care is in discussion
- Town delegation met with the Executive Director of Alberta Seniors & Housing; it was a good meeting; they met with Pine Valley; information gathered will be taken to her department to discuss funding upgrades and other possibilities as well
- Need more lodge beds than long term care (35 vs none)
- In discussions with Habitat for Humanity
- Jailin has been working with the vulnerable for 7 years and has not worked with one family that lives at Happy Creek Estates subsidized housing

Governance & Partnerships:

- Need to ensure CEAC meetings have good attendance
- Election is in the fall, need to get out there and get some good people to run
- Commercial garbage collection has been subsidized by taxpayers by \$200,000 /year; looking at options for cost recovery. **Members can speak with business people to get feedback**

Local Economy:

- Have had questions about Coalspur, rumour is that it is moving forward; feel we are doing better than most places
- When comparing split tax for commercial and residential with other communities, Hinton has one of the lowest split taxes. Hinton tries to encourage businesses to set up.

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Natural & Built Environments:

- Old Dodge dealership, why is it still not cleaned up?
- Positive feedback on the storefronts on the hill
- Would like to see a trail to the park gates
- Apartment building along the highway is sitting empty; ARK has sold, sounds like positive changes
- Information on Hinton's water usage compared to other communities, we are much higher than average. This is for residential usage only. An educational plan has been put in place and will be provided to the community

5. Review and Update Delegation Invitation List

- Request that Harry Arnesen from Happy Creek Estates do a presentation

INFORMATION ITEMS

COMMUNICATION ACTION

- Start to communicate with the community regarding water usage
- Encourage residents to participate in clean up week in order to showcase our community
- Encourage restaurants to have pictures of local attractions showcased

Next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

KATHY - That the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The time was 1:06 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary

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