

Affordable Housing Action Committee (Peterborough)



Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday September 10, 2015

12:00pm to 2:00pm

Coronation Room, 534 George Street N Peterborough Ontario K9H 3S2

Present: Katherine Blackwood (Chair), City Councillor Diane Therrien, Barb Fowler, Christine McKay, Kelly Scott, Paul Armstrong, Sarah Burke

Staff: Susan Bacque, Dorothy Olver, Michelle Longhurst, Rebecca Morgan Quin

Regrets: County Councillor Rick Woodcock, Alan Cavell, Bonnie Clark, John Martyn, Paul Gillam, Sandy Woodhouse

Key Messages for City and County Councillors on AHAC

- AHAC is excited to hear about the decent, safe, accessible and affordable housing at Knox Residences in Peterborough. The 41 bachelor and 1-bedroom unit development includes 6 units at 60% of Average Market Rent (AMR), with the remaining units at AMR or lower.
- AHAC endorsed the presentation by Community Education Sub-Committee Chair to the Joint Services Steering Committee on September 10, 2015.
- SAVE THE DATE for a local National Housing Day event on November 26, 2015
- AHAC supports piloting an approach to community conversations regarding housing and related needs for individuals in the downtown.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: That the Affordable Housing Action Committee (AHAC) approve the June 11, 2015 agenda.

M. City Councillor Therrien

S. Kelly Scott

Carried

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion: That the Affordable Housing Action Committee (AHAC) approve the June 11, 2015 minutes.

M. Christine McKay

S. Sarah Burke

Carried

4. Business Arising from Previous Meeting - none

5. Community Updates

- September 12, 2015 from 12:00p.m. to 2:00p.m. Town Ward BBQ/consultation on poverty and housing at Sherbrooke Street park
- October 3, 2015 "Amazing Habitat Race" is a fundraiser for the Warsaw project
- October 15, 2015 from 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m. "Coming Together, a Reflection on Poverty" is a collaborative event at The Mount Community Centre
- PPRN is developing an infosheet on Housing as an election issue
- New energy-efficiency program for Social Housing through Peterborough Utilities (http://pdiconserves.ca/bus_social_housing.php)
- YES Shelter for Youth and Families summer update <http://yesshelter.ca/yesnews/>

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6. Association Updates

- 6.1.** Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA) – verbal update
- 6.2.** Canadian Housing & Renewal Association (CHRA) – verbal update

7. AHAC Action Plan 2015 Update – see 8.6 below

8. Reports from Sub-Committees, Adhoc Committees and Working Groups

8.1 Community Education

Motion: That the Affordable Housing Action Committee (AHAC) endorses the presentation by Community Education Sub-Committee Chair, Paul Armstrong, to the Joint Services Steering Committee on September 10, 2015.

M. Sarah Burke

S. Kelly Scott

Carried

8.2 Services – See 9.1 below

8.3 Supply – July, August, and September 2015 notes are available upon request

Motion: That the Affordable Housing Action Committee (AHAC) supports piloting an approach to community conversations regarding housing and related needs for individuals in downtown Peterborough.

M. Paul Armstrong

S. Christine McKay

Carried

8.4 “Road Map for Housing Developers” Communication Plan Working Group – verbal update

8.5 Adhoc committee to celebrate National Housing Day 2015

- National Housing Day event will be held on November 26, 2015 in partnership with the Home Response Coalition and other agencies

8.6 Collective Impact Working Group Update – “AHAC Discussions” Next Steps

- A “Backgrounder with Recommendations” document is being drafted

9. Reports from Other Standing Committees

9.1 Homelessness Support Services Coordinating Committee – none at this time

9.2 Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network (PPRN) – verbal update

10. New Business

10.1 Housing Choice Rent Supplement Program research plan

- Discussion about Kathy’s research at KPP about tenant arrears, before and after receiving rent supplements

10.2 Planning Division Staff Reports – Susan provided a verbal update

11. Key Messages for City and County Councillors on AHAC

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12. Items for Upcoming Meetings

- 12.1** Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (SPDAT) overview
- 12.2** Presentation of HSSCC survey results

13. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

M. Paul Armstrong

Meeting Adjourned by Consensus

14. Next Meeting - Thursday October 8, 2015 at 12:00p.m. in the Coronation Room at George Street United Church, Peterborough