



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Joint Services Steering Committee

From: Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services

Meeting Date: June 9, 2016

Subject: Report CSSSJSSC16-005
Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network- Strategic Plan

Purpose

A report to provide the Joint Services Steering Committee with an overview and presentation on the recently updated Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network (PPRN) Strategic Plan.

Recommendation

That the Joint Services Steering Committee endorse the recommendation outlined in Report CSSSJSSC16-005 dated June 9, 2016, of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

That the presentation by the PPRN be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There is no additional budget or financial implications resulting from the endorsement of the recommendations in this report.

Background

The Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network (PPRN) was created in 2006 as a Mayor's Task Force and later transitioned into a community-driven initiative led by volunteers and representatives from a variety of local agencies and organizations. The Work Groups set out priorities in the following areas: Income Security, Food Security, Basic Needs, Affordable Housing, Employment and Training, and Community Hubs. The Chairs of the Work Groups, along with PPRN staff and volunteers, make up the Planning Committee, which meets monthly to share progress and discuss priorities.

PPRN's Community Plan for Poverty Reduction seeks to be a tool to bring diverse groups together to tackle this complex and pressing issue in our community. The revised strategic plan was released on April 13, 2016, based on the activities of Working Groups and developed with input from community members and other stakeholders. The PPRN currently consists of dozens of agencies and individuals who work tirelessly to improve outcomes for people living in poverty. New membership is welcome and efforts are made to ensure that people living in poverty are part of this process to help address the problem in a meaningful way.

The PPRN Strategic Plan is focused on the current context of the community, strives to be responsive to the immediate needs of those living on low-incomes, and seeks to create systemic change with an end goal of reducing and eventually eliminating poverty in Peterborough City and County. A copy of the current strategic plan is attached to this report as Appendix A.

PPRN initiatives align with work happening in the community and complement other strategic plans including the City's 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan and align with the strategic priorities of the Social Services Division especially as they relate to the employment, economic and social well-being of members of the City and County of Peterborough.

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Appendix A - PPRN Strategic Plan