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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
*Tuesday, February 10th, 2009*



**PRESENT:** John Martyn (Chair), John Bennett, Katherine Blackwood, Councillor Brian Fallis, Gayl Hutchison, Christine McKay, Rosemary O'Donnell, Melinda Rees, Linda Saunders

**STAFF:** Susan Bacque, Rebecca Morgan Quin, Linda Mitchelson, Sally Samis

**REGRETS:** Paul Armstrong, Mayor Paul Ayotte, Dorothy Olver

**PRESENTERS:** Karen Hjort-Jensen, Cindy Zwicker

**GUESTS** Shelly Ball, Lauraine Cyr, Carol Gordon, Chris Grayson, MaryAnne Linton, Grace MacDonald, Eric Martin, Fay Martin, Karla Porter, Keith Riel, Rhonda Smith,

**COPY:** Suzanne Galloway

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**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

John requested an item be added to the Agenda~AHAC Budget

**M:** John Bennett                      **S:** Melinda Rees

**2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES ~**

**Minutes from December 9, 2008**

**M:** Gayle Hutchison                      **S:** John Bennett

**Minutes from January 13, 2009**

**M:** Linda Saunders                      **S:** Christine McKay

**3. DELEGATIONS**

**3.1 Housing Needs of Seniors and Persons with Disabilities**

- John introduced the researchers ~Karen Hjort Jensen and Cindy Zwicker.
- AHAC commissioned the study but was actually prompted 2 years ago when the HIF was presented to County. Gary King requested information on Seniors housing.
- Karen and Cindy presented.
  - Copy of presentation available
- John interested in how AHAC can take immediate response and action on this report

**Motion to accept the report**

**M:** Melinda Rees                      **S:** Rosemary O'Donnell

### 3.2 Discussion

- Councillor Eric Martin asked where the senior population in Peterborough comes from
- Brian Fallis said the townships with the highest population of seniors were North Kawartha, Havelock Belmont Bethune and Galway Cavendish Harvey with a surprisingly high cohort of 55 – 60.
- County has seen an increase in ambulance calls and with the highest age 80, calling more often.
- Complicated when ambulance take patients to PRHC, because the beds are full with patients waiting for Long Term Care
- Lauraine Cyr spoke about having supportive services in house and how it reduces time in the hospital and eliminates the time into the nursing home, it does work!
- Melinda ~ALC are considered tenants. Extremely vulnerable, their needs are not addressed in the RTA. Senior citizens don't have the resources. Will create a huge number of vulnerable seniors. Staff aging as well.
- Melinda suggested immigration and aging Boomer population will increase proportion of seniors. Central East LHIN, covers a massive area and doesn't have the capacity to move quickly. MOHLTC not willing to let go. Melinda commented that local concern possibly missed in seniors and support care.
- Carol would like to see difference between young adults with disability and seniors drawn more distinctly as needs are so different.
- 1% of hospital budget moving into community by 2011.
- Carol asked about sharing the report, before it goes to Joint Services, John suggested a controlled distribution.

**Motion to have AHAC approved "Housing Needs of Seniors and Persons with Disabilities" Report, be presented to Joint Services at next opportunity.**

**M:** John Bennett

**S:** Melinda Rees

**Motion to spend up to \$1000 to have Karen Hjort-Jensen and Cindy Zwicker prepare and present report to Joint Services Steering Committee and other public forums.**

**M:** Rosemary O'Donnell

**S:** Linda Saunders

**John thanked visitors for attending and invited them to stay.**

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

#### 4.1 Report from Nominating Committee

- No report at this time

#### 4.2 ACT Proposal Status Report

- Rebecca stated that ACT has been approved.
- Charette to be organized ~ April 2009

### 5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES / WORKING GROUPS

#### 5.1 C.E.W.G

- Committee still looking at themes

- Housing Is Fundamental ~ update from students
- Housing Workers Network

John stated the letter was sent to Federal Finance Minister James Flaherty and pleased items in the letter were presented in the Federal budget. Brian ~ County endorsed letter.

AHAC has received budget letter from David Pritchard, Financial Officer, informing of funds available for 2009. John would like to see all funds spent by March 2010.

## **5.2 Work Plan**

- **See attached for updated Work plan**
  
- **Community Plan update scheduled for 2010 or 2011 as funding extended for a two year period. Federal government agreed to sustain current project for the two year period.**

## **6 NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 AHAC Planning ~ membership, where we fit, where we are going**

Deferred

### **6.2 CHRA ~ Advocacy Campaign to Federal Government ~ housing is a priority for Canadians and that investment in housing is a good economic policy.**

Deferred

### **Motion to adjourn**

**M:** John Bennet

**S:** Christine McKay

## **7. ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING AGENDA & ASSIGNMENT OF NEXT CHAIR**

### **7.1 John Bennett**

## **8. NEXT MEETING:**

### **8.1 Tuesday, March 10, 2009 ~ 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. ~ Sutherland Room**