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



**PRESENT:** Paul Armstrong, Mayor Paul Ayotte, Katherine Blackwood, Gayl Hutchison, John Martyn,

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

**REGRETS:** John Bennett, Brian Fallis, Christine McKay, Rosemary O'Donnell, Dorothy Olver, Melinda Rees, Linda Saunders

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**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

No Quorum, therefore deferred to next meeting

**2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES ~ February 10, 2009**

No Quorum, therefore deferred to next meeting

**3. DELEGATIONS**

None

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**4.1 Report from Nominating Committee**

No Report at this time

- Resolve the issue of a permanent chair and executive. Alternating chair to continue.
- Paul Armstrong suggested a package for county council and set up township meeting with Reeves.
- Linda Mitchelson suggested contacting the Clerk's and CAO network
- Need representative from County to move forward with outreach. Suggestion made that a letter from AHAC to the County Warden requesting County council appoint Interim to complete outstanding tasks

**4.2 ACT Proposal Status Report**

- Rebecca has a framework together –the next step is to assemble the team
- Secondary Suite charette to be held this summer

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

- John received an acknowledgement from Finance Minister Flaherty on the letter sent Jan. 15, 2009.
- CHRA to hold 2009 Resolutions E-Workshops~Free Registration (information available upon request)
  - March 27<sup>th</sup> 12:00p.m.-2:00p.m.
  - April 16<sup>th</sup> at CHRA annual congress in Toronto

**4.4 AHAC Planning ~ membership, work-planning**

Deferred to a later date

## 5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES / WORKING GROUPS

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

#### Housing Is Fundamental ~ Paul Armstrong

- Update from students on their review not available at this time
- HIF's will be continuing with core information.
- Supportive Housing will be the main focus in 2009.

#### Housing Workers Network

- Meeting tomorrow March 11, 10am-12pm~"Navigating the Mental Health System"
- Meeting held at GPAEDC office and open to everyone
- Housing Workers Network scheduled to present at the October AHAC meeting

### 5.2 Working Groups

#### Housing needs of seniors and persons with disabilities ~"With a little help"

- John Martyn to present report at Joint Services Steering Committee ~ March 12, 2009
  - Key points taken from report and will be presented in small PowerPoint presentation.
- Karen Hjort-Jensen will be asked to present at the Supportive Housing Forum on March 27<sup>th</sup>. If she is unable to, John Martyn will present.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1 Budget (Work Plan)

- #1 of the Work plan allocation should read "up to \$1000".
- Homelessness Network decided at last meeting that staff will report back to AHAC, no funds required at this time.

### 6.2 Round Table

#### A Recommendation that AHAC provide up to \$1000 to help fund Supportive Housing Forum, March 27th

M. John Martyn

S. Paul Armstrong

- John Martyn asked if any AHAC members are planning attend the forum would any be available to volunteer for Forum
  - Gayl Hutchison
  - Kathy Blackwood
  - Linda Mitchelson

### 6.3 CHRA Congress

- April 15-18 In Toronto
- John Martyn received a free registration for the Congress and asked that AHAC pay for the accommodations

#### A Recommendation that AHAC provide funds to cover John Martyn's accommodation costs

M. Paul Armstrong

S. Gayl Hutchison

#### Susan talked about the three students from Trent University involved with Housing

CHRA is offering a \$50 registration fee for students wanting to attend the conference

#### A recommendation that AHAC provide \$50 registration cost of students to attend the CHRA Congress

M. Kathy Blackwood

S. Gayl Hutchison

### 6.4 Poverty Reduction Network Update ~ Presentation March 12, 2009

John Martyn reported that things are moving along. All teams are occupied and busy

- Food Security Network moving ahead
- Housing Security Network tracking property standard complaints and eviction of tenants
- Basic Needs Network working very hard on dental oral hygiene initiative that was promised last year

- RDSP ~ Registered Disability Savings Plan
  - New in December 2008
  - Capped at age 59, best suited for younger clients with disabilities
  - Three items required to qualify
    - ❖ Social Insurance Number
    - ❖ Filed Income Tax Return in the past
    - ❖ Medical Doctor required to sign that they are eligible
  
- Gayl Hutchison said that Paul Harris Lowe is willing to come and speak, he is from Dominion Securities
- Poverty Reduction Network giving a brief presentation at Joint Services Steering Committee March 12, 2009, Steve Kiley and John Martyn will be there to answer questions
- A Steering committee is being formed and will consist of 9 individuals including 3 low-income individuals.

**Letter to Minister Watson**

- distributed to attendees, available upon request
  - Sent from the Mayor's office
- Background:** Kathleen Blinkhorn in a teleconference call encouraged Service Managers to communicate to the Minister on AHP and how well it has worked.

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

**8. Next Chair ~ John Bennett (or otherwise arranged)**

**9. NEXT MEETING:**

**TUESDAY APRIL 14, 2009  
2:30-4:30  
SUTHERLAND ROOM  
CITY HALL**