



MINUTES OF THE MEETING
April 14, 2009

PRESENT: Paul Armstrong, John Bennett, Katherine Blackwood, County Councillor James Jones, Christine McKay, Rosemary O'Donnell, Melinda Rees

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

REGRETS: Mayor Paul Ayotte, Gayl Hutchison, John Martyn, Dorothy Olver, Linda Saunders

PRESENTER: Liam McGuire

COPY: Suzanne Galloway

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

M. Paul Armstrong S. Rosemary O'Donnell

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

February 10, 2009

M. John Bennett S. Rosemary O'Donnell

March 10, 2009

M. Paul Armstrong S. John Bennett

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Liam McGuire, Trent University ~ Residential Segregation and Population Characteristics: An Examination of Lifecycle Spatial Distribution Patterns in Peterborough, Ontario

Liam presented ~ *Presentation available upon request.*

Questions and discussion items:

- Was there anything that struck you as surprising? Liam talked about the single downtown core and the elderly population and the small concentration in north end. He didn't expect to find the need to have mixed lifecycle stages.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1. Report from Nominating Committee

John Martyn suggested, through email, that a meeting be set up to finalize the selection of a permanent Chair.

4. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES / WORKING GROUPS

4.1. C.E.W.G Committee

Making progress on 2009 HIF

4.2. Housing Is Fundamental ~ update from students

CEWG meet on April 22, and will hear from the students at that time.

4.3. Housing Workers Network

Rosemary reported that in principle and still needing final approval ~ Linda Mitchelson, Social Services, has offered Admin support to the HWN. Social Services feel that it is useful partnership.

4.4. AHAC Services Sub Committee ~ Melinda Rees

Melinda reported that two working groups have been formed to address:

1. Creation of Eviction Protocol

- Kathy Blackwood as lead of this initiation with Kelly Scott and Leanne Cross
- Looking to PHC or SM to add a member and a Property Manager.

Susan stated that an Eviction Protocol was created in 2002. Legislation has changed and will wait for the working group to do the study before going forward with communication to social housing providers.

2. Property standards and enforcement

- Rosemary O'Donnell as lead with Melinda Rees and Leanne Cross
- Invitation to Syd Green to join
- Also like to recruit a staff member from City of Peterborough

City staff has spoken to the property standards staff and have discussed developing a guide to be provided to renters.

Melinda also reported that the Low Income Energy Network (LIEN) has acknowledged the work done by AHAC as beginning the push toward a comprehensive program.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. AHAC Planning ~ membership, work-planning

Deferred

5.2. April 23 ~ Housing Strategies for small towns and rural communities

Reminder of upcoming Forum in Lindsay, flyer handed out.

5.3. Report going to Council ~ 10 AHP Projects Proposed, Susan/Rebecca

Highlights of the Report:

- 10 projects proposed creating 100 additional AHP units
- Provincial and Federal stimulus for shovel ready and funding to continue for AHP for two years
- Should hear from MMAH sometime in May with funding amounts
- 20 projects in total submitted to the Service Manager proposing 400 additional AHP units.
- City and County accomplishments shows 14 projects creating 416 AHP units completed or near completion
- Proponents will be asked to submit a complete proposal
- Kathy Blackwood commented that AHP housing does not target the highest needs households.
- Will be asking the proponents to set aside 20% of units for rent supplement.

5.4. County/City Outreach ~ Rebecca and Susan

- Rebecca circulated a draft presentation for AHAC comments in the context of developing a housing strategy
- Expecting to do three specific consultations
- What the tools are for affordable housing and the relationship with the city and county.
- Great responses from the county to develop AHP in specific areas.
- Next step to take to county planning staff
- There is ongoing lack of education on homelessness in the county.
- Strong interest from the county, demographics changing. The further out from city the higher the housing need for seniors is.
- Needs assessment and plan demographics for each municipal.
- Susan would like to set up committee to help with outreach.
- Suggestions made
 - Mary Smith Deputy Reeve from Smith Ennismore Lakefield.
 - Gillian Sandeman former MPP. Lives in Peterborough now.
- Susan asked that AHAC critique draft slide presentation
 - Paul Armstrong and Rosemary O'Donnell volunteered

5.5. Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (CHPP) ~ Linda Mitchelson

Quick overview ~ Summary overview handed out.

- Social Services responsible for and oversees the funding
- Funds used for Hostel programs
- Already funds committed in principle to staff a person dedicated with helping women ready to move from transitional housing into permanent housing
- \$75,000 still available in 2009
- Are these the priorities that still make sense and how to best use funds?
- John Bennett suggested looking at the latest update to social plan
- Add to May 12 agenda for further discussion

6. ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING AGENDA & ASSIGNMENT OF NEXT CHAIR

6.1 Next Chair ~ May 12th ~ John Bennett
June 9th ~ Melinda Rees.

6.2 Agenda items

CHPP ~ Linda Mitchelson

7. Motion to Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, May 12, 2009 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sutherland Room ~ City Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHAIR: John Bennett</p>
