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**Minutes of the Meeting  
Sept. 8, 2009**



**PRESENT:** John Bennett, Mayor Paul Ayotte, Gayl Hutchison, John Martyn, Linda Saunders

**STAFF:** Susan Bacque, Cheryl Lyon, Dorothy Olver, Sally Samis

**REGRETS:** Paul Armstrong, County Councillor Brian Bartlett, Kathy Blackwood, Christine McKay, Linda Mitchelson, Rosemary O'Donnell, Melinda Rees

**1. WELCOME :**

John Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:45p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Consensus

**3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES ~ May 12, 2009 and June 9, 2009**

Consensus

**4. DELEGATIONS**

None

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**5.1. Ratification of AHAC feedback on Official Plan Amendment**

Deferred

- Mayor indicated OP amendment has been forwarded onto Province
- Do we see the role of AHAC in the housing strategy, and taking an active part
  - In the final version 4.2.3.2 deleted and replaced with new statements
    - "City will establish" 4.2.3.5 to "City may establish"
- Open door, AHAC to ensure and provide city will facilitate
  - Establishing minimum targets
  - Encourage zoning of secondary suites
- Susan stated that there is a plan for review of OP in 5 years.
- The Housing strategy: will look to the strategy on how the city will implement housing targets.
  - The deadline to be in place was June but an extension has been given until Jan 2010.
- Cheryl Lyon reported:
  - ACT and Secondary suites consultation going ahead tentatively planned for Sept. 30, 2009
  - Recommend key stakeholders and look to AHAC for help on this
  - City county outreach initiated by AHAC will go forward
  - John M and John B asked about time frames and are willing to help
- John asked if Social Services would or could be part of the consultations
- Planning Dept.'s Paul Pentikainen has done a lot of research on other municipalities and Ken Hetherington agreed to the idea of making it as comprehensive as possible.
- John M minutes to reflect inclusive and fundamental principles should be identified at least by Jan. 2010
- John B stated that it be identified, what the specific role of AHAC is to be.
- Amendment to the work plan specifically item 5 and 6

## **5.2. ACT Proposal Status Report ~ Cheryl Lyon**

- Sept 30 as a tentative date
- Focus will be on secondary suites
- To be held at Bridgenorth community centre
- Invitation to major stakeholders with best stories and advice

## **6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES / WORKING GROUPS**

### **6.1. C.E.W.G Committee ~ Gayl Hutchison**

- Housing Is Fundamental
  - Content finalized and ready to go
  - New designer has ideas about resetting and design new life
  - Need to set up a working group to address promotion and distribution for the document
- John M stated that Paul Armstrong deserves a lot of credit for all the hours spent on HIF

### **6.2. Housing Workers Network**

- Meeting Sept 9 with the focus on pests including bed bugs
- AHAC will continue to support HWN

### **6.3. Services Committee ~ Melinda Rees**

No Report

### **6.4. 2009 Progress report on work plan tasks**

- John M. stated that the Poverty Reduction Network is without a lead on the housing segments and suggested that AHAC could take the lead on Housing at PRN table. In interim he is combining his role with planning and housing.
- Homelessness Partnership Strategy
  - John M invited to meeting, it is a local project receiving national attention.
  - Very successful program
  - Action item: AHAC will continue to provide the resources \$8000-\$9000
- Continue to fund community plan update.

### **6.5 Update Work Plan**

- Collapse #9 with Housing Is Fundamental
- #8 re: Community Plan Update, Len Liftchus has left Peterborough United Way, Lisa Smith is the new contact.
- Housing lead for Poverty Reduction Network to be John Martyn as interim lead
- Staff to update the work plan and distribute

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1. Provincial Housing Strategy ~ Consultation Session ~ Sept. 17, 2009 ~ 6:30p.m. - 9:30p.m**

- John Martyn and John Bennett will attend representing AHAC
- Susan attended the Ottawa session.
- It was less informative for the Ministry then for community.
- Written submissions are due by Dec. 2009
- John Martyn reported that Jeff Leal MPP is sponsoring a town hall meeting next Monday, Sept. 14. Delegates to this meeting were by invitation only.
- John Martyn reported that he is invited to RHINO~Rural Housing Issues Network Ontario, Sponsored by Wellesley institute
  - Complete lack of structure or plan on rural housing, and didn't make it to the forum.
  - Trying to formalize a way to get the issues out. Minister Watson being made aware.
  - Cheryl suggested a County rep be on the Housing Strategy steering committee.

- The suggestion was made at the Ottawa consultation that the depth of affordability be reduced to 20%. Bob Rae's government set it at 30%.
- John Bennett suggested that a meeting be set-up before the two consultations are held.
  - Monday Sept. 14 at 11:30 and lunch to be provided
  - Tentatively to be held in the Planning Board room, Sally to send out invitation to all AHAC members
  - Housing is Fundamental should be used as a framework

## **7.2. SHSC Regional Housing Strategy Consultation – Susan**

Susan Bacque attended and reported that:

- The attendance was reasonable
- We are still waiting to see the report.
- She will check the website and send to AHAC

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

- What is best forum on housing
- After 20 years is it time to revamp and look at new ways.
- Reinvigorating meeting of committee members
- There is a need to tackle this issue, before the budget, and work plan are decided to
- Housing Workers Network and Poverty Reduction Network both taking a vital role
- Past AHAC meetings with topics have had good attendance:
  - Seniors study
  - Peterborough Utilities Services
  - Planning Dept. presentation on Official Plan
- The Mayor said the Council had stepped back because AHAC had more expertise. He would like to see the financing go back to provincial and federal governments but then we would lose our voice.
- There is still a huge need for housing advocacy and the Legal centre and HRC are seeing a need for advocacy.
- Add to agenda as a single item for the November meeting. Send out to Sub Committees and key stakeholders to attend the meeting for ideas and recruiting.
- Behind every social issue, housing is still key.
- Policy drives legislation and there is a strong need to keep going.
- How does AHAC respond to the housing strategy?
- How do we work out a role in the housing strategy?

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

8.1. October meeting assign Next Chair: John Bennett

**Meeting adjourned 4:20pm**

## **9. NEXT MEETING:**

**Oct. 13, 2009 ~ 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. ~ Sutherland Room**