
Minutes of the Meeting
October 13, 2009



PRESENT: Paul Armstrong, Mayor Paul Ayotte, County Councillor Brian Bartlett, John Bennett, Kathy Blackwood, Gayl Hutchison, John Martyn, Linda Saunders

STAFF: Susan Bacque, Linda Mitchelson, Sally Samis

REGRETS: Christine McKay, Rosemary O'Donnell, Melinda Rees

GUESTS: Sonya Hardman (Social Plan Coordinator), Gerry Litchy, (SHSC) Sarah Tate, (Habitat for Humanity)

1. WELCOME ~ John Bennett, Chair
Attendees introduced themselves

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Request moving item 6.1 forward to business arising ~ Paul Armstrong has to leave early

Consensus

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES ~ May 12, 2009, June 9, 2009, and September 8, 2009
M. Mayor Paul Ayotte S. Gayle Hutchison
Carried

4. DELEGATIONS
None

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 Housing is Fundamental ~ Paul Armstrong reported

- A long time in the making with committee members faithfully meeting twice a month and working well together and balanced each other off.
- John Martyn stated that Paul Armstrong shouldered the bulk of the work
- Paul would like to think the publication has helped with educating the community on the issues. He described the evolution of the publication and how the new layout design has a fresh bold look. There was a very positive response to the new publication.
- This is the voice of AHAC and advocacy for housing in Peterborough.
- Distribution is going to be key. Joint Services doesn't meet until the New Year. Presentation will be made to County and City councils. The suggestion was made to attend the eight municipal council meetings and present 2009 HIF. Housing Dept. to request time at municipal council meetings.
 - What mechanism should be used for distribution?
 - I. Brian Bartlett said he didn't see a problem with taking it to the County and speaking
 - II. A team could go around to each of the municipal council meetings
 - III. Present at council meetings, leave two documents as calling card and offer to come back to provide wider consultation.
- The Mayor said he would get back to Paul if a HIF presentation is needed.

- Paul stated that this is a society that tolerates people that are cold, wet, infested and crowded. That food banks and starvation are not going away but it seems we are content with living conditions. The municipal role is to put pressure on higher levels of government.
- John Bennett thanked Paul Armstrong on behalf of AHAC for the excellent work done.

5.2 Ratification of AHAC feedback on Official Plan Amendment

Electronic vote taken May 18, 2009

Motion to ratify the AHAC feedback on the OPA

M. Mayor Paul Ayotte **S.** John Marytn

Carried

5.3 ACT Proposal Status Report ~ Susan Bacque reported

- Charette held at Bridgenorth community centre on Wed. Sept. 30
- Very successful, positive experience for participants, approx. 40 people attended
- Minutes will be recorded and reported back to the funders. They can be considered in the Official Plan review specifically with regard to the secondary suites
- Good representation from various sectors. Good diverse group: Planners, public health, and realtors.
- Fostering community acceptance of Secondary suites.
- Topics covered:
 - Creative ways to encourage Secondary suites
 - Legal & Liability, Health and Safety & Regulatory Issues
 - Zoning & Land use issues
 - Community acceptance of Secondary Suites
- City staff was very helpful, on time and well organized. Excellent facilitating and presentations
 - Susan will pass comments onto Cheryl, Amy, Paul, Rob and Rebecca (as she started the proposal).
- Results to be shared with County planners and other municipalities

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

Three attended the Lindsay Consultation ~ John Martyn, John Bennett and Cheryl Lyon

- AHAC meeting prior to the consultations was helpful
- 18 sessions held across Ontario using the five questions. MMAH will use results to develop the Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy.
- Excellent for preparation to develop our own housing strategy.
- All attendees received a thank you letter from Minister Watson. John Bennett reported on a letter in reply that he sent to Minister Watson from the RHINO group highlighting the special needs of rural communities in trying to provide a focal point to represent the outlying communities of Ontario.

6 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES / WORKING GROUPS

6.1 Supply Committee ~ John Bennett

- Meeting held Oct. 7 with two new members.
- John Martyn to chair for a few months and raise awareness for the committee
- Poverty Reduction Network has agreed to let the AHAC Supply committee be the housing lead at the Network.
- Build something similar to food network that has an active committee of 12 and reaching out to 100 to:
 - 1) Build membership
 - 2) Focus on elements of OP where AHAC could have a voice
 - Secondary suites
 - Affordability
 - Retiring of mortgages

- Invite Paul Pentikainen to the Wed. Nov 4 meeting and have an open invitation.
- Meeting time 11:30-1:30 with a light lunch provided.

Motion to allow a \$1000 budget from AHAC.

M. John Martyn

S. Paul Armstrong.

Carried

6.2 Services Committee ~ Kathy Blackwood

No Report

6.3 Housing Workers Network

No report

6.4 2009 Progress report on work plan tasks

- Budget added for 1000 PRN to work plan
- Budget update to be added to the Nov. agenda.
 - A few important items that have been completed:
 - The ACT charette held Sept 30, 2009
 - 2009 Housing is Fundamental publication completed.
 - On going support to the HWN, Social Services has shared in administrative role.
 - Comments back to Sally for the last column of work plan.
 - Item 5a ~ Cheryl Lyon arranging a steering committee and AHAC to be involved
 - Item 6 ~ Kathy Blackwood pulling together Service committee.
 - Susan pointed out that the workplan was to have someone from the HWN to the Oct. Meeting. Linda Mitchelson will invite the HWN to the January meeting.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 AHAC Planning ~ membership, where we fit, where we are going

- Focus of November meeting,
- Open invitation part of the meeting talking about content setting for 2010. (Municipal Election year)

8 ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING AGENDA & ASSIGNMENT OF NEXT CHAIR

8.1 November meeting assign Next Chair: *John Bennett*

Mayor motion to adjourn.

9 NEXT MEETING: Single Agenda Item ~ “The Future of AHAC”

Please note the room change for:

November 10, 2009 ~ 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. ~ City Board Room