
Minutes
December 8, 2009
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.



PRESENT: Paul Armstrong, Mayor Paul Ayotte, County Councilor Brian Bartlett, John Bennett, Kathy Blackwood, Gayl Hutchison, Christine MacKay, John Martyn, Linda Saunders, Dave Taylor

STAFF: Dorothy Olver, David Pritchard, Sally Samis

REGRETS: Rosemary O'Donnell, Melinda Rees

GUESTS: Kim Dolan

1. WELCOME ~ John Bennett , Chair
Attendees introduced themselves

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
John Martyn ~ Poverty Reduction Strategy report to new business
M. Paul Armstrong S. Gayle Hutchison
Carried

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES ~ Nov. 10, 2009
M. Mayor Paul Ayotte S. County Councillor Brian Bartlett
Carried

4. DELEGATIONS
None

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS
5.1. Election of Chair

- John Bennett said that a note had been sent out by email indicating his intention to let his name stand for AHAC Chair for one year. In light of past events AHAC is in need of continuity. John B turned the meeting over to Paul Armstrong to chair and left the room. Paul Armstrong asked if there were any other nominees for the position of Chair for AHAC. There were no other nominees. There was discussion around past practice and the Terms of Reference guidelines in selection of committee members.

Motion that AHAC accept John Bennett as Interim Chair until May and a nominating committee be formed right away to start the process of selecting a Chair.

M. Kathy Blackwood S. Mayor Paul Ayotte

Defeated: 3-3

Discussion: The Mayor asked what the past process for the selection Chair has been. Paul Armstrong stated that over the past year there has been a schedule of Interim Chairs.

Motion that AHAC accept John Bennett as Chair for one year until December 2010. During this time AHAC is to complete the Terms of Reference and have approved by Council. Then establish a legitimate nominating committee for the selection of officers.

M. John Martyn S. County Councillor Brian Bartlett

Carried

The Mayor asked that the Terms of Reference be circulated to the committee members. Brian Bartlett suggested a special meeting for the Terms of Reference.

5.2. Budget Items for 2010

- David Pritchard gave a brief update on the 2009 financials and the Council approved the 2010 Budget of \$13,500. Currently there is \$10,459 under spending for 2009. Can this amount be carried over? John Bennett said that in the past there has been an accrual of the under spending but the auditors are not comfortable with this.
- Kathy Blackwood asked if there were a quote/contract signed before year-end for the Property Standard working group request of \$12,000 could the extra amount be retained. David Pritchard was unsure. Mayor Ayotte said he would see what he could do to make it happen.
- Paul Armstrong said that CEWG spent \$3,000 in 2009 on Housing Is Fundamental and that \$4,000 may be a little light for 2010 and would like to see \$5,000.
- John Bennett said there is leeway on various line items to move around funds. John Martyn said that the memberships are valuable but attendance to various conferences could be reconsidered.

Motion that AHAC accept the 2010 proposed budget of \$13,500

M. John Martyn

S. Mayor Paul Ayotte

Carried

5.3. Workplan 2010

Members to take workplan, changes in light of the budget
Recommend that this be taken as an information only,

5.4. Spending Review 2009

No Discussion

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES / WORKING GROUPS

6.1. CEWG Committee

Paul Armstrong said that they hoped that HIF would take on a life of it's own and it seems to be happening. The Mayor reported that COW received the report and it will now go to Council for approval and Paul Armstrong will be presenting. HIF is being circulated to agencies, Housing Providers, the County and eight presentations to county township offices have been arranged. There will be a separate mailing to ONPHA and Kathy Blackwood will make a presentation to ONPHA. Paul Armstrong said the committee is now looking to 2010 and the issues they would like to see addressed; Housing Poverty and Health will be key along with highlighting the housing benefit and housing strategy. Also will look at the shelter necessity for women in crisis. We will continue to ask for input from AHAC on the next addition of the document.

6.2. Service Committee

Kathy Blackwood said that the Property Standards Sub Committee is preparing invitation letters for perspective committee members. A landlord is interested in joining. A request has been made to the City Property Standards for stats on the number of orders carried out. Kathy said the committee is meeting later today and she will report to them.

6.3. Supply Committee, Report distributed by email.

- Focus will be on the Housing Strategy
- Identify the priorities
- Will be meeting every three weeks
- Next meeting Dec. 16 will be looking at case studies from 2002
- Terms in the Places to Grow to clarify
- Paul Pentikainen assigned as a resource

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Poverty Reduction Strategy ~ John Martyn

- Report in the Globe and Mail, state little progress and there is 1.9million federal funding unspent
- Highlights from the Federal government that met Dec. 4 on how to get the funding out the door. Minister Finley looking to swap provincial funds before Dec. 14. She is quoted saying, "No way are we getting back into the housing business" The cost of developing supply in not getting any less.
- AHAC Supply sponsored a Teleforum, Dec. 1 ~ **The Life Expectancy of Homeless & Marginally Housed People in Canada** (Powerpoint presentation available upon request)
- Need to see more social housing and rent supplements.
- John Martyn stated that there are successful Hubs developed for various community groups using school buildings. Provincial funds have allowed community groups to use school facilities free of charge. Exploring the idea of neighbourhood hubs specifically addressing poverty reduction.
- There has been two community consultations and heard the need for housing is the most important.

Kim Dolan, Executive Director from PARN attending because of interest in housing for persons living with HIV. She commented on a fairly comprehensive study that address' access to safe affordable housing, healthy living (see attachments). PARN has access to money for housing conference specifically directed to housing and HIV.

Various Links provided by Kim:

<http://www.pshp.ca/>

<http://www.ohtn.on.ca/Pages/Research/Housing-HIV-and-Health-Research.aspx>

Healthy spaces website. http://www.cccf-fcsge.ca/healthy-spaces/home_en.php

8. ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING AGENDA

- Housing Workers Network
- Terms of Reference.
- Next steps
- Update from Linda Mitchelson on HPS.
- John Martyn~Start looking at partnership

9. Meeting adjourned at 4:10

10. NEXT MEETING: January 12 ~ 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. ~ Sutherland Room