
Minutes
Affordable Housing Action Committee
February 9, 2010



PRESENT: Paul Armstrong, John Bennett, Gayl Hutchison, Melinda Rees, Linda Saunders,

STAFF: Susan Bacque, Linda Mitchelson, Sally Samis

REGRETS: Mayor Paul Ayotte, Katherine Blackwood, John Martyn, Christine McKay, Rosemary O'Donnell, Dave Taylor

1. WELCOME
(2:30)

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Melinda asked that the Services committee report be moved ahead

Accepted by consensus

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES ~ December 8, 2009 and January 12, 2010

Deferred-No quorum

4. DELEGATIONS

None

5. Services Sub-committee Report

- Melinda Rees reported that the committee is developing the proposal further and looking for confirmation from stakeholders, Fire, Building and Health. Invitation letters were sent and there has been excellent feed back from Dr. Pellazarri, Health Dept. To date there has been no response from the City Fire and Building Dept. John Bennett offered to send a letter as Chair of AHAC. Susan Bacque has contacted Trent Gervais and Dean Findlay. Susan will follow up with Dean. John Bennett will contact the Fire Dept.
- Next meeting is Mar. 1, 2010, 9:30am, at the Housing Resource Centre and will report back to the AHAC meeting March 9.

6. COMMUNITY UPDATES

- Susan Bacque said the Housing Division is working on:
 - The Housing Strategy 2010-2020
 - Looking at the short and long term directions for housing
 - 5yr review of the Official Plan
 - Actions on New Housing Supply and increasing supply of affordable rentals
 - Public Consultation to be held Thurs. Mar. 11th 6-8pm in the Lower Auditorium of Peterborough Public Library. It will be small group discussion format with open ended questions. Looking for input from a diverse group of people around the City.
 - 8 AHP projects were submitted to MMAH by the deadline of Feb. 1, 2010 which if approved will provide approximately 150 AHP units.

- The City of Peterborough has asked the Province for a Homeownership allocation that could see an additional 30 units of funding for new homeowners. The new AHP guidelines have been expanded to include the original guidelines for resale. Two units for Habitat for Humanity will be funded under the AHP Homeownership program in early 2010.
- John Bennett is doing research on Green building practices and LEEDS. Looking at a Municipal tool kit prompting Green building practices. In the long term it would be cost effective.
- Gayle Hutchison said that her clients are being placed in KPP units at 443 Reid St. from long-term care. The clients are very happy and relieved and it has positively improved their quality of life.
- Paul Armstrong said that Fred Dart had passed away since the last meeting. He was one of our hard to house persons.
- Linda Saunders is please to announce that the CMHA has entered into referral agreements for units at Saunders Court, Anson St.
- Linda Mitchelson said the Hostel Review Report:
 - Going to extend agreements with YES, Brock and Cameron through to 2013
 - Combine base funding and diem rate.
 - In principle, should there be any municipal savings the money could be invested into Homelessness programming.

John Bennett recommended we extend our congratulations and AHAC's endorsement to Social Services. He is thankful that these steps have been taken as they have been needed for many years. It is exactly where we should be going.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

7.1 Minimum Barrier Shelter WG

- Paul Armstrong and Linda Mitchelson have met and developed a tentative plan.
- The name of the working group has been changed to "Hard to Serve Homeless Working Group"
- Proposed process will deal with:
 - Membership
 - Terms of Reference
 - Define the group of people that we want to focus on
 - Inventory and range of services
 - Models in other communities to examine what other options there are.
 - Discover what is lacking and the gaps.
- Linda Mitchelson said they are looking for a cross section of AHAC members and Homelessness and Support Services staff to be in the working group.
- Will put together a formal outline and present back to AHAC in March or April.

Susan said that clients may react to the new name and might feel marginalize. Gayle Hutchison suggested a more generic name with a clear Terms of Reference. Name suggestions were discussed.

8. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

8.1. COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Paul Armstrong reported that HIF work is ongoing and they are continuing to meet twice a month.

8.2. SERVICES see above.

8.3. SUPPLY

- John Martyn reported via email that the Supply committee has confirmed Terms of Reference and now looking at targets and supply.
- Gayle Hutchison said she had hoped to see follow-up on the Seniors study "With a Little More Help". There are key issues in the report that need more examination, like people being allowed to age in place. Susan Bacque talked about the Housing Strategy and would be interested in pursuing the rural issues, e.g. transportation and maintenance. Linda Saunders said that it is on the CMHA agenda.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. No new business

10. ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING AGENDA

- Housing Workers Network
- Forecast presentation for April or March

Meeting adjourned

11. NEXT MEETING:

March 9, 2010 ~ 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. ~ Sutherland Room