
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
April 13, 2010



PRESENT: Paul Armstrong, Mayor Paul Ayotte, Councillor Brian Bartlett, John Bennett, Katherine Blackwood, Gayle Hutchison, John Martyn, Rosemary O'Donnell, Melinda Rees, Linda Saunders

STAFF: Susan Bacque, Dorothy Olver, Sally Samis

REGRETS:

GUESTS: Donna Churipuy & Sami El-Hajjeh~Health Unit, Donna Rogers~Fourcast

1. WELCOME: Introductions
(2:30)

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Consensus

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES ~ March 9, 2010
M. John Martyn S. Gail Hutchison
Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Health Unit~ Property Standards Working Group

Melinda Rees said that the PSWG met on April 6, with good representation from the Building and Fire Dept. and Health unit. The proposal will be ready for the May AHAC meeting.

Presentation from Donna Churipuy and Sami El-Hajjeh ~ Peterborough County/City Health Unit

Health Hazards Complaints and Investigations Presentation was informative, (Presentation attached).

- John Martyn asked if there is any pattern to the type of tenants/units that the complaints come from, e.g. basements units or houses with multiple units. Sami said that older units received more complaints not necessarily basement older units.
- Is there a correlation between income levels and demographics? Sami said yes, repeat complaints, typically do not happen
- Susan Bacque asked if they were mostly rental properties. Sami said the stats are based on rental properties only.

4.2 Donna Rodgers ~ Fourcast

Shelter Outreach Presentation was informative, (Presentation attached)

- Demographics of clients: women tend to be 24-35 years of age with a history with CAS either for themselves or their own children; men mostly over 65 but some 18 year olds.
- Donna gave an example of a situation that happened a month ago at Brock Mission. This man was released into Peterborough after a 12-month stay in the Whitby Psychiatric Forensic hospital with two Risperidone pills. A staff person there had gut feeling about the man, she knew with two pills that they had about 12 hours before his psychiatric symptoms would emerge. Consents from the Whitby doctor were sent to PRHC. A crisis nurse was brought in and the man was given a four-month's prescription.
- We need more staff to provide the right services for the right people.

5. COMMUNITY UPDATES

5.1 Poverty Reduction Network

- John Martyn said the "Neighbours in Action" community group is holding a BBQ June 15 in Sherbrooke Park. There will be representation from the City Recreation, Social Services Dept., Police, Health unit and the school board. There are 13-14 people including parents on the planning committee. The school board is giving office space at Prince of Wales School for the police and health unit to set up.

5.2 CMHA

- Linda Saunders said there are 8 supportive housing rent supplements in development. There have been conversations with the CE-LHIN. CMHA is providing the bricks and mortar; Fourcast providing services and rent supplements with private landlords have been arranged.

5.3 Homelessness Working Group

- Paul Armstrong and Dorothy Olver said that the key priority now is to identify the clientele. There is work to be done under the heading "Harm Reduction". A good inventory of Services is needed.
- Next meeting is in May

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 Property Standards Working Group Proposal

Deferred

6.2 AHAC's political involvement in the 2010 Municipal Election

Deferred

7. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

7.1 Community Education

Paul Armstrong said that excellent progress is being made with regular meetings. The committee met last week with the Director of Health Rosanna Pellizzari and she is very interested in being a guest author for HIF 2010.

7.2 Services

No Report

7.3 Supply

John Martyn reported that the committee is meeting every three weeks. Sarah Tate and Dawn Berry Merriam are the new co-chairs. John will remain as the AHAC representative. John Bennett would like to see one of the co-chairs attend the AHAC meetings.

- The committee is working on target levels and the development of three ranges of affordability.
- Need to be more active with the provincial and federal levels of government. The City and County councilors understand.
- The Housing Strategy will be very helpful going forward. Susan, Cheryl and especially Paul Pentikainen have been very helpful.

Susan Bacque would like to go over the framework of the Housing strategy and give a sneak preview at next month's meeting. Recommendations on targets may be included in the Housing Strategy. Targets will need to be supported by realistic analysis of what is needed and what is achievable.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

9. ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING AGENDA

9.1 Housing Strategy Sneak Peak

10. Meeting Adjourned

11. NEXT MEETING:

May 11, 2010 ~ 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. ~ Sutherland Room (Paul Armstrong to chair)