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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**May 11, 2010**



**PRESENT:** Paul Armstrong, Mayor Paul Ayotte, Councillor Brian Bartlett, Katherine Blackwood, John Martyn, Christine McKay, Rosemary O'Donnell,

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

**REGRETS:** John Bennett, Susan Bacque, Gayle Hutchison, Melinda Rees, Linda Saunders

**GUESTS:**

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**1. WELCOME**  
**(2:30)**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**M.** Mayor Paul Ayotte  
Carried

**3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES ~ April 13, 2010**

**M:** Mayor Paul Ayotte     **S.** John Martyn  
Carried

**4. DELEGATIONS**

**4.1. Housing Strategy~Sneak Peak**

- Cheryl Lyon gave a brief overview of the Housing Strategy Draft 3. She said that there has been various consultations with key stakeholders and the housing strategy steering committee. She and Susan have recently met with the Peterborough Landlords association for their perspective. Cheryl discussed the timelines with a plan to have the final draft housing strategy to Council in August.
- John Martyn thanked Cheryl for all her work on the housing strategy and that the housing strategy is a driver for moving forward.
- Cheryl commented that there has been a deliberate attempt to make the housing strategy community based.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**5.1. Property Standards Working Group Proposal**

- Rosemary O'Donnell reported that the PSWG met and are working with Susan Bacque. There is a broad representation on the committee. Committee members have taken various tasks of some items on their own. They are trying to sharpen the deliverables.
- Some stats from the fire and building depts, but looking for something clearer from them.
- Rosemary reported that the proposal cost was still in the range of \$12,000. A suggestion was made to phase it in over a couple years, some were in favour and

some were not. It has been difficult to move quicker on this as each have busy schedules.

- John Bennett had to submit the 2011 budget for the City budget process. It was submitted as \$13,500 same as 2010. Paul Armstrong said that there is going to be various initiatives for the funds and we should prioritize.
- John Martyn suggested that with the number of players involved that the costs could be shared, (e.g. in kind with time and/or resources)
- Mayor Ayotte said that the city needs to see clear deliverables. Submit deliverables to Susan Bacque, if she is happy with it then he would take it to Linda Reed.
- Rosemary said that currently the focus is on the city and not sure how to address the County needs.
- Sonja Hardman, Social Planning Council has been invited to the meetings.

## **5.2 AHAC's political involvement in the 2010 Municipal Election**

- John Martyn said the election is Monday Oct. 25, 2010 and that AHAC has been a partner in various past election events and would suggest that we use the Housing Strategy as a framework. The Supply committee is planning on meeting with individual candidates.
- AHAC should remain neutral but take the opportunity to educate. Possibly partner with other groups to hold an all candidates meeting.
- There is a sense of urgency as AHAC doesn't meet over the summer and should be holding such meetings with candidates sometime late Summer/early Fall. We need a schedule to proceed. John Martyn to start the process and will communicate via email to the committee and be ready to present at the June meeting.
- AHAC's "Housing is Fundamental" along with the housing strategy document, steering committee and stakeholders have had a strong voice.

## **6. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES**

### **6.1 Community Education**

- Paul Armstrong reported that HIF is well ahead of schedule this year and may be a useful document going into the election.

### **6.2 Services**

No report

### **6.3 Supply**

- John Martyn reported that the Supply committee will continue to be a voice at the implementation table on the Housing Strategy. John said that city staff person Paul Pentikainen has been a terrific Housing and Planning resource.
- John continues to be a housing voice from the AHAC Supply at the Poverty Reduction Network. The PRN has hired a person on secondment as a Coordinator. The Coordinator has put together a complete template for the plan.
- John also mentioned that the PRN has had funding from an anonymous donor. This could be a possible source of funding for the Property Standard Working Proposal also.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Bill C-304 ~ “An Act to ensure secure, adequate, accessible and affordable housing for Canadians”**

- John Martyn said there was urgency as it has passed the second reading and going to committee. The Bill sets out the need for a federal housing strategy, it has been favourably received to this point.

**Motion that AHAC write a letter in support of Bill C-304 and send directly to Dean Del Mastro, MP and Barry Devolin, MP and copy Libby Davies, MP and Diane Finley, MP.**

**M. John Martyn                      S. Rosemary O'Donnell**

**Carried**

- John Martyn will write the letter and circulate draft to members for input. Sally will mail out when finalized.

## **8. Community Updates**

- Dorothy Olver said that the meetings for the Homelessness working group are going well. Frontline workers met to identify people for the working group. Ed from the United Way has joined and Heather, Caseworker with a Masters in Social work has joined. She said they are still looking for a funding source. Looking at other communities to see what is working. “No Wrong Door” is presenting at the OMSSA one day conference that Dorothy was to attend.
- Kathy Blackwood said that the CELHIN was not looking favourably on supportive housing for the next three years. There will be a greater challenge to fund.
- Rosemary O'Donnell said the Poverty Rural Outreach is up and running in Buckhorn and going well. Skype technology is being used and have done 6-7 interviews this way. Rosemary would like to make a presentation to AHAC in Sept. Utility funds not available, FUSE winter warmth is not operating. Winter Warmth Enbridge funds remaining but must be used by the end of May. Rosemary met with the OUR SPACE Coordinator and will be offering seminars/workshops and will start with credit counseling. The Rent Bank is up and running.
- Paul Armstrong read a letter sent from Carol Winter regarding treatment of a client of Brock Mission. Dorothy Olver said that her dept is aware of the situation and working on a solution. Paul Armstrong will write a response to Carol Winter.

## **9. ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING AGENDA**

- John Martyn said that it has been the practice in the past to have a small celebratory meeting in June.
- Christine McKay and Dorothy Olver offered to bring snacks. Sally will order a small dessert tray.
- Rosemary O'Donnell invited the AHAC committee to have a meeting at their new facility at 540 George St. She will confirm the date with Sally as soon as possible.

## **10. Meeting adjourned at 4:20**

## **11. NEXT MEETING:**

June 8, 2010 ~ 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. ~ General Committee Room