

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
October 12, 2010

PRESENT: John Bennett (Chair), Katherine Blackwood, Rosemary O'Donnell, Melinda Rees, Linda Saunders,

STAFF: Susan Bacque, Rebecca Morgan Quin, Dorothy Olver, Sally Samis

REGRETS: Paul Armstrong, Mayor Paul Ayotte, Gayl Hutchison, John Martyn, Christine McKay, Sarah Tate

GUESTS:

1. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Approved by consensus

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES September 14, 2010

Approved by consensus to be ratified at next meeting

4. DELEGATIONS

None

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1. Property Standards Working Group RFP

- Melinda said the draft RFP was ready and would send it to the Mayor for input.
- Next steps:
 - Compile a list of Consultants to send the RFP to.
 - Form a Selection Committee

5.2. Nov. 23 –CMHC involvement in Celebration of Housing Success Stories

- Committee will be meeting Wed. Oct. 13.
- **Action item:** John Bennett, Chair to consult with Paul Armstrong, Chair of CESC on a media release for the event.

5.3. AHAC Representation at ONPHA Conference

Paul Armstrong will be attending the ONPHA Conference in November and \$700 is recommended by consensus as budgeted.

5.4. Short Term Rent Support Program

- Rebecca Morgan Quin said that the Notice of Intent for Direct Delivery was sent to MMAH on Oct. 1. Waiting for approval now from MMAH.
- Consultation with HRC is underway,
- Looking at three streams for the direct delivery, Market tenants, AHP tenants and tenants in financial distress.

6. REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

6.1. Community Education

No report

6.2. Services

See 5.1

6.3. Supply

- Report on attendance and discussion at three city/county & one all candidates meetings. Generally good discussion & questions about housing and poverty

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 AHAC Input to Provincial Policy Statement Review

- John Bennett said there is opportunity to have input on the PPS review, eg. Definitions re: Affordable housing, % of income
- Susan Bacque will ask Paul Pentikaninen to provide technical assistance for AHAC's response.

7.2 Community Consultation on Housing Stability

- Deferred to November meeting.

7.3 Housing issues and services to residents of the County

- Rosemary O'Donnell said that Reducing Rural Poverty and Homelessness Outreach centers available in Peterborough County in Havelock, Buckhorn and Apsley. The centers provide free access in various forms to allow face-to-face contact with housing counselors. It was suggested that the Outreach cards be mailed with the next HIF mailing. Rosemary will give a presentation at the next AHAC meeting.
- Rosemary O'Donnell said that the energy season is upon us and that various programs are being amalgamated at the provincial level and not sure what it is going to look like. In three weeks there will be no emergency funds available locally, unless you are in receipt of the Child tax credit or live in the county.
- John Bennett suggested that HRC chat with Brenda Dales at PSPC regarding their plan for community hubs in support of the Poverty Reduction Network.

8. Community Updates

Thursday Oct. 14, 2010 ~ Homelessness in the Winter Rally, Peterborough Square, contact Carol Winters.

9. Motion to Adjourn

M. Melinda Rees

10. ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETING

- Community Consultation on Housing Stability~Linda/Dorothy
- Housing issues and services to residents of the County Presentation~Rosemary
- Plan Christmas meeting

11. NEXT MEETING: November 9, 2010 ~ 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. General Committee Room, City Hall