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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
*April 8, 2011*



**PRESENT:** John Bennett (Chair), City Councillor Henry Clarke, County Councillor Janet Clarkson, John Martyn, Rosemary O'Donnell, Melinda Rees, Sarah Tate,

**STAFF:** Rebecca Morgan Quin, Dorothy Olver, Sally Samis

**REGRETS:** Paul Armstrong, Susan Bacque, Katherine Blackwood, Gayl Hutchison, Christine McKay, Linda Saunders

**GUESTS:** Ken Whatman, Our Space

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**1. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Item added to New Business, John Martyn to update on Community Advisory Board and Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network

**Motion:** That AHAC approve the agenda as amended.

**Agenda accepted by consensus**

**3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES of March 11, 2011**

**Motion:** That AHAC approve the minutes of March 11, 2011 as distributed.

**M.** Henry Clarke                      **S.** Janet Clarkson

**Carried**

**4. DELEGATIONS/GUESTS**

**4.1. Ken Whatman, Our Space**

- Ken gave a brief history of Our Space. It was formerly the seasonal warming room and a group of individuals came together to create a plan for a community centre not a drop in centre.
- Our Space was incorporated in September 2009 and received charitable status in October 2010.
- Present building can hold 50 people at a time, but serves 300 people a month. Most come and go but there is core group there all day. Life skills are taught through the day with students completing placements.
- Looking to purchase Knox United Church to have a permanent building. It is a large building and Our Space would use Keith Hall 10,000sq ft. The remaining 20,000sq ft would be rented/leased. \$250,000 has already been raised and looking for another \$100,000 for renovations. Expecting to have the down payment by the end of April.
- Currently looking for letters of intent from various partners to rent
- A Feasibility study is being done on other uses for the building.
- Sylvia Sutherland is the honorary Campaign Chair
- AHAC can play an advisory and networking role

## **5. COMMUNITY UPDATES**

- 5.1. Melinda Rees handed out a flyer for an All Candidates meeting Tues April 19, 2011, Lion's Centre Peterborough. All four parties will be there to address social justice issues.
- 5.2. John Martyn said the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough Grants application deadline is April 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **6.1. Property Standards Working Group RFP**

- Melinda Rees said the working group is to meet.

### **6.2. Short Term Rent Support Program**

- Rebecca Morgan Quin said the program is fully allocated for year two.
- Year one funding saw help to 27 city and 4 county residents and one time help to 62 city and 9 county. 106 unique households have been served to help improve housing affordability.

### **6.3. Housing plans/LTAH Strategy**

Deferred

## **7. REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEES**

### **7.1. Community Education~Housing is Fundamental**

- John Martyn reported that research is progressing and that Paul Armstrong was able to uncover stats for the Canadian Mental Health Association needs for this community and similar communities. The data is current from Feb 2011.
  - Peterborough has the highest proportion of renters paying more than 30% of their income on housing costs in Canada and also the highest paying 50% of income on housing costs.
- John Martyn said the stats on unemployment are at 15% for this Region.

### **7.2. Services**

See 6.1

### **7.3. Supply**

- Sarah Tate reported that the Supply committee had met on April 6 with Susan Bacque in attendance and also held a conference call with CMHC Rep Vivian Chih. Vivian will let the committee know when any seed funding comes through. A business case and needs assessment to be done.
- Looking at the work plan on other supply issues over the next month's meetings

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1. Revitalizing the SMART Committee**

Deferred

### **8.2. Election participation for AHAC?**

**Motion:** That AHAC agrees to co-sponsor the upcoming All Candidates meeting on April 19, 2011.

**M.** Sarah Tate      **S.** Melinda Rees

Carried by Consensus

John Bennett asked for comments on the letter that is to be sent to the candidates asking for answers to four housing questions. Various members commented that it was an excellent letter with a suggestion that homelessness be added to question 1. John Bennett will email the letter to candidates and the media.

### **8.3. Report on CMHC Housing Market Presentation**

Deferred

### **8.4. Community Advisory Board (CAB)**

- John Martyn AHAC representative on CAB
- Proceed with best recommendations from the results from the focus groups
- To receive 100% funding after care and outreach are combined for the final priority.
- Report is due at the end of April. AHAC members to receive copies.
- RFP will have more detail.

### **8.5. Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network (PPRN)**

- Chris Kawalec, PPRN Coordinator to speak at the May meeting
- \$10,000 in funding to the Health Unit for a Dental clinic downtown
- \$5,000 to Canadian Mental Health Association for the homelessness program
- PPRN is not a funding agency but have been fortunate to have received large donations.
- Prince of Wales Neighbourhood Hub dates
  - Partnership Fun Fair~May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Prince of Wales school
  - Neighbourhood BBQ ~June 16 at Sherbrooke Park.

## **9. ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETING**

**10. NEXT MEETING: May 13, 2011~12-2pm Sutherland Room**