

Supply Sub-Committee Report to AHAC-2010-2011

In the fall the Supply Committee took the lead on holding a number of AHAC information sessions for all City of Peterborough and County candidates. Over the last 9 months the Supply Committee has been focused on two areas; supportive housing and developing our role in the Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network.

Supportive Housing

The Supply Committee has actively sought out new members from three large supportive housing groups (CMHA, KPP and Community Living) that are actively seeking increased affordable supportive housing stock. Over the months we have discussed the high need for supportive housing in our area and the many challenges that each organization has in attaining increased supportive housing stock and also the strengths and resources of each organization. At this point the group has received formal agreements from each of their boards to move forward with exploration of a partnership between the agencies to develop in a collaborative way more affordable, supportive housing in our community. We worked on a set of values for the partnership. We then invited CMHC representatives, City of Peterborough Housing division representatives and one developer to discuss our initiative and discuss potential collaborative efforts with these groups.

Next steps include inviting both Home Grown Homes and Peterborough Housing to our next meeting to discuss ways to include them in our collaboration. We are also working on a \$10,000 CMHC seed funding proposal application. The Supply Committee is also working on a Project Considerations spreadsheet produced by the Housing Department that will help lead us to a better understanding of how a collaborative building effort could occur.

Future goals will be to begin looking at other Supply issues including a better understanding of the requirements and issues surrounding the affordable housing continuum in the Peterborough area and recommendations/strategies we could provide to each level of government on how to increase affordable housing for each level along the continuum.

Poverty Reduction Network

This was our first year as a member of the Poverty Reduction Network. We worked on helping setup the planning committee and the goals/objectives for the planning committee. We also participated in the public launch of the Poverty Reduction Network as well as Federal Election Candidates information session on social issues. The next steps will include discovering ways for each of the committees to find ways to collaborate on projects.

Dawn and I would like to thank all of the Supply Committee members who have given their time over the last year. The Supply Committee deals with large issues that do not have easy answers and often it is tough to stay positive, however this group's dedication is admirable and I for one feel hopeful mostly due to their continued energy and enthusiasm.

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