
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
May 13, 2011



PRESENT: Paul Armstrong, John Bennett (Chair), Katherine Blackwood, City Councillor Henry Clarke, Gayl Hutchison, Linda Saunders, Sarah Tate,

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

REGRETS: County Councillor Janet Clarkson, John Martyn, Christine McKay, Rosemary O'Donnell, Melinda Rees

GUESTS: Ken Hetherington, Manager of Planning
Chris Kawalec, Coordinator, Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network

1. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: That AHAC approve the agenda

Agenda accepted by consensus

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES of April 8, 2011

Motion: That AHAC approve the minutes of April 8, 2011 as distributed.

M. Henry Clarke **S.** Gayl Hutchison

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS/GUESTS

4.1. Ken Hetherington, Proposed Community Improvement Plan Area for Affordable Housing

- Ken handed out two documents ~ Proposed Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and Financial Incentives. See attached.
- Ken gave a snapshot of the documents. He would like to leave these with the committee for questions and formalized comments, There are three programs in the proposed CIP and they will work in conjunction with the AHP guidelines.
- Sarah Tate, Chair, Supply Sub-Committee is very interested and will take to next meeting for discussion. It was suggested to create a core working group. Henry Clarke volunteered.
- Draft documents to be sent to all AHAC members.

4.2. Chris Kawalek, Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network (PPRN) Coordinator

- Chris handed out a document that lists the key activities and the organization chart of the network. See attached.
- Chris was hired in February for two years, with his main focus "Neighbours in Action" and communication.
- PPRN at its core is for information sharing, bringing groups together not creating new ones.

- Chris said there are plans to have 3 neighbourhood hubs in place.

5. COMMUNITY UPDATES

- John Bennett gave an update on the letter that AHAC sent out to all the Federal candidates. Liberals, Conservatives and Green Party all responded. Dean DelMastro replied in writing with a 28 page backgrounder from his staff. He stated that AHP is a provincial responsibility. Jeff Leal said it is undefined in the constitution. John also sent the letter to local newspapers, and received a reply from Jack Rowe.
- Paul Armstrong said there is a display of photos by journalist Charlie Gregory depicting people marginalized in Peterborough. On display at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church May 14 & 15 and on displayed at Dreams of Beans on Hunter St.
- Gayl Hutchison, MS Society said that MS clients need air conditioners and smart meters are going to be an issue because of the client need for cooling in peak demand times.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1. Property Standards Working Group RFP

See Services Report

6.2. Short Term Rent Support Program

No change from previous month's report

6.3. Housing plans/LTAH Strategy

- Susan Bacque said the LTAH received royal ascent on May 4 and needs to be proclaimed. The Province is planning to consolidate funding for programs for hostels, emergency energy and rent bank and talks about this are underway.

6.4. Election Report

See Community updates

7. REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

7.1. Community Education ~ Housing is Fundamental (HIF)

- Paul Armstrong said the document is close to going to the graphic artist. More information suggesting that poverty, housing and health go hand in hand. HIF document is the voice of AHAC. Review of draft document Add to the June agenda for review.

- Henry Clark recently read an article that tracked the cost of a homeless person in New York City. See links for more information on this topic:

<http://www.csh.org/html/NYNYSummary.pdf>

Highlights from article:

- A homeless mentally ill person in New York City uses an average of \$40,449 of publicly funded services over the course of a year.
- Once placed into service-enriched housing, a homeless mentally ill individual reduces his or her use of publicly funded services by an average of \$12,145 per year.

- Accounting for the natural turnover that occurs as some of the residents move out of service-enriched housing, these service reduction savings translate into \$16,282 per year for each unit of housing constructed.
- The reduction in service use pays for 95% of the costs of building, operating and providing services in supportive housing, and 90% of the costs of all types of service-enriched housing in New York City.
- \$14,413 of the service reduction savings resulted from a 33% decrease in the use of medical and mental health services directly attributable to service enriched housing.
- Much of these savings resulted from NY/NY residents' experiencing fewer and shorter hospitalizations in state psychiatric centers, with the average individual's hospital use declining 49% for every housing unit constructed.
- On average, shelter use decreased by over 60%, saving an additional \$3,779 a year for each housing unit constructed.
- The cost of supportive housing, the most common model of NY/NY housing, was considerably less than that of other models created by the initiative, requiring an annual outlay of just \$995 per unit.

St. Michaels Hospital, Toronto, released a study earlier this year. See link:

<http://www.sciencenewsline.com/medicine/2011030812000041.html>

7.2. Services

Katherine Blackwood reported that the Property Standards RFP is set to go June.

7.3. Supply

- Sarah Tate reported that the committee is moving forward on the \$10,000 CMHC SEED grant and will go through KPP to apply. At the May meeting they had a developer attend and were exploring the idea of a joint venture to provide more supportive units.
 - Next steps~inviting new partners to the table, non-profit housing, PHC, Homegrown Homes.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. AHAC 2012 Budget

Susan Bacque suggested a quarterly report be prepared for AHAC meeting to show year to date spending. The first report to be presented at the Sept. meeting.

Motion: That AHAC approve the 2012 budget.

M. Henry Clarke

S. Linda Saunders

Carried

8.2. Celebrate AHAC accomplishments

John Bennett thanked and congratulated all the members for the valuable work being done and the positive results.

Henry Clarke commented that council also acknowledges the positive results and the Housing Is Fundamental publication.

8.3. Revitalizing the SMART Committee

Deferred

8.4. Report on CMHC Housing Market

Susan Bacque and Paul Armstrong attended the CMHC housing forum at the Holiday Inn on April 5, 2011.

- Forum held to produce annual snapshot, economic forecast locally, provincially, nationally and internationally.
- Housing sales in Peterborough reported to be stagnant, 2% growth in price prediction. High demand in Peterborough for detached 60 foot lots.
- Johnathan Bennett, PRHC, presented on the disproportionate number of low income people requiring emergency services. Homeless people are more expensive to serve requiring longer stays in the hospital.
- 300-600 housing starts in Peterborough each year.

9. ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETING

9.1. HIF review

9.2. Report on OMSSA Conference, Dorothy Olver

10. NEXT MEETING: June 10, 2011~12-2pm