
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Sept. 9, 2011



PRESENT: Paul Armstrong, City Councillor Henry Clarke, Barb Fowler, Gayl Hutchison, John Martyn,

STAFF: Susan Bacque, Suzie Johnson, Linda Mitchelson, Sally Samis

REGRETS: John Bennett, Katherine Blackwood, County Councillor Janet Clarkson, Christine McKay, Rosemary O'Donnell, Melinda Rees, Linda Saunders, Sarah Tate

GUESTS: None

1. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

John Martyn opened the meeting and welcomed new members, Suzie Johnson, Social Services and Barb Fowler.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: That AHAC approve the agenda.

Approved by consensus

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES~ May 13, 2011 & June 10, 2011

Deferred-No Quorum

4. DELEGATIONS/GUESTS

None

5. COMMUNITY UPDATES

- Linda Mitchelson said Council had approved a pilot project that has two components to it.

- Harm reduction at Brock Mission
 - Service resolution protocol through Four Counties

The project started in February 2011 and has been extended to April 2012. There has been some progress with improvements in certain situations.

An information meeting is being planned in October to address misconceptions and give info. An invitation will be extended to AHAC and the agencies and volunteers who support people that are homeless.

- John Martyn updated that the PPRN partnered with YMCA and a number of resources to run a successful summer program weekly at Turner Park. The Y provided two workers at Alexander Court for two-2 hour sessions every week with Maizie Watson, Housing Social worker with PHC. The Y also gave a significant discount to families for Saturdays at the pool.
- John Martyn also said that Dr. Rosana Pellizzari, Medical Officer of Health will be issuing a Poverty Report Card for Peterborough in September. This is a collaborative effort with the Health Unit, PPRN and the Social Planning Council.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1. Property Standards Working Group RFP

Susan Bacque said that the RFP was issued to 15 consultants but no submissions were received. Susan spoke to one of the consultants who felt that it was too much work for the funds available.

There is a new program that is to start in 2012 with a component called Ontario Renovates and it will address home and multi res renovations. This program replaces RRAP.

Susan will send the list of 15 consultants to AHAC committee for information purposes.

6.2. Ratification of 2011-2012 membership

Deferred

6.3. Provincial Election ~ All Candidates meeting

John Martyn said the meeting is Wednesday Sept. 21 at Market Hall, Peterborough. Social issues will be addressed. John Bennett is representing AHAC on the working committee. Other representative on the committee include Legal, Health Unit, Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network, (PPRN), and Social Planning Council.

The candidates will be given background on identified issues and the audience will have opportunity for questions.

6.4. AHAC Quarterly Reconciliation

Sally Samis presented the quarterly report to the committee. See attached.

7. REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

7.1. Community Education ~ Housing is Fundamental 2011

- Paul Armstrong said that there had been a delay in the final print. On Sept. 7 Paul spoke with the CESC members and it was decided to seek out another quote.
- Paul Armstrong thanked John Martyn and Cheryl Lyons for their efforts and contributions to the final product.

7.2. Services

No report

7.3. Supply

Paul Armstrong said the committee met on July 20th. The Agencies represented on the Supply committee have gone forward with applications to CMHC for seed money for a supportive housing project. Agencies represented on the Supply committee are Canadian Mental Health, Kawartha Participation Project, Habitat for Humanity, Community Living and possibly Peterborough Housing Corp. and Homegrown Homes.

John Martyn welcomed Malcolm Hunt, Director of Planning and Development Services to the meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH)

Susan Bacque said that we have a letter dated Aug. 12 notifying the City of Peterborough of a funding allocation of \$4.4 million for four years. Susan advised against optional participation in transition year one and to concentrate on years two, three and four. There was general agreement. There is a lot of flexibility on how to use the funding, and there are six components of the Investment in Affordable Housing Program (IAH).

Susan went over a discussion guide. (See revised guide attached)

Highlights discussed:

- Community Living is already approved for funding for an affordable rental project.
- Target groups are described in the guidelines by the province. Members felt that singles and especially single men is where the highest need is.
- Extending rent supplement to keep current levels going and adding more rent supplement tenants/units.
- RRAP from CMHC is ending Mar. 31, 2012. Ontario Renovates component is to take over April 1, 2012. The stats on take up in the City and County are much higher than first thought and RRAP has been especially popular in the County. It will be difficult to carry on current service levels and still participate in the other components.

Councillor Clarke asked if it would be worthwhile to have the discussion with a focus group. Susan agreed that it would be a good start to the conversation.

John Martyn said a decision is not needed today, but it is the start of a good conversation and thanked everyone for their input.

9. ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETING

None at this time

Motion to Adjourn:

M: Councillor Henry Clarke

10. Next Meeting: October 14, 2011~12-2pm, Sutherland Room, City Hall