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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**September 13, 2012**



**PRESENT:** Paul Armstrong, City Councillor Henry Clarke, Barry Crawford, John Martyn, Kelly Scott, Sarah Tate, Katherine Blackwood, Sandy Woodhouse, Bonnie Clark, Barbara Fowler

**STAFF:** Nancy Fischer, Rebecca Morgan Quin, Sally Samis, Michelle Longhurst

**REGRETS:** Susan Bacque, Dorothy Olver, Linda Mitchelson

**GUESTS:** None

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**1. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Barry Crawford asked to add "Membership Eligibility" in item 9.2

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

**M.** Paul Armstrong

**Carried by Consensus**

**2.1 Selection of a Chair and Eligibility for Membership**

- Sarah Tate agreed to Chair today's meeting

**Motion:** That AHAC approve John Martyn and Sarah Tate as a nominating committee for the selection of a Chair.

**M.** Kathy Blackwood     **S.** Sandy Woodhouse

**Carried**

- Barry Crawford said he does not reside in the City or County and that is a requirement in the Terms of Reference. Paul Gillam, Area Manager for Christian Horizons, will sit on AHAC and Barry will join the Supply Sub-Committee.
- The Terms of Reference were distributed to the members

**Motion:** That AHAC nominate Bonnie Clark to the AHAC as a Member at Large.

**M.** John Martyn             **S.** Kathy Blackwood

**Carried**

**3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: June 8, 2012**

**Motion:** That AHAC approve the June 8, 2012 minutes

**M.** Paul Armstrong     **S.** Kelly Scott

**Carried**

**4. DELEGATIONS/GUESTS**

None

**5. COMMUNITY UPDATES**

- Nancy Fischer presented information on the Rural Youth Study (**attached**)
- See also [www.fayandassociates.com](http://www.fayandassociates.com)

## 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- 6.1. Debrief on Strategic Planning Day, February 10, 2012, including reviewing the Terms of Reference (**both attached**)
- Councillor Henry Clarke re-enforced that AHAC minutes are best received by JSSC if they focus on motions
- 6.2. Improving communications with Council/Joint Services Steering Committee
- See item 6.1
- 6.3. Review workplan
- Sub-committees and Standing Committees will provide written update reports to Housing Admin Staff before the meeting, to ensure that they are sent with the minutes.
  - Community Updates will be sent to Housing Admin Staff ahead of time, to be written and sent out with the minutes.
  - Barry Crawford has compiled his thoughts for AHAC looking forward (**attached**)

## 7. REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

- 7.1. Community Education
- Paul Armstrong will ensure that the release process of Housing is Fundamental (HIF) 2013 will be clarified to ensure council is appropriately informed
  - HIF 2012 information report to JSSC and Committee of the Whole in Sept/Oct
- 7.2. Services
- Kathy Blackwood will set up a meeting if there is a need is identified by AHAC
- 7.3. Supply
- October 18 Event (**invitation attached**)
- Motion:** That AHAC accepts that the focus for the Supply Sub-Committee will be supportive affordable housing for this year  
**M. Sarah Tate S. Kathy Blackwood**  
**Carried**

## 8. REPORTS FROM OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES

- 8.1. Homelessness Services Coordinating Committee
- Background on the committee provided
- 8.2. Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network
- November 27, 2012 PPRN Community Foundations event
  - Collective Impact event with Liz Weaver, Vice President Tamarack Institute, being planned
  - Community Hubs are active, note: Norwood Secondary School
  - Nourish Peterborough is attempting to develop a Kawartha food centre in the downtown core
  - John Martyn will provide CSUMB/Discretionary Benefit information to Michelle Longhurst to send out to AHAC

**Motion:** That AHAC support the PPRN with their presentation to City Council, directly related to the provincial cuts to both the Community Start up and Maintenance Benefits and the Discretionary Benefits, and that AHAC be willing to speak on impact to the cuts as related to housing locally.

**M. Bonnie Clark S. Sandy Woodhouse**

**Carried**

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.1. Housing and Homelessness Plan Focus**

- Housing and Homelessness Plan will become a standing item on the agenda (replacing item 4) for the duration of the project (about 10 months), to ensure that AHAC may serve as a sounding board, and provide information, clarification and input to the consultant.
- Items for discussion will be provided in advance and length of discussion at AHAC meetings will vary.

**Motion:** That AHAC take an active role in the development of the Housing and Homelessness Plan and that it be a standing item on the agenda.

**M. Councillor Henry Clarke**

**S. Paul Armstrong.**

**Carried**

**9.2. CESC Editorial Board Proposal for Housing is Fundamental**  
Deferred

**9.3. Succession Planning**  
Deferred

## **10. ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETING**

### **11. Meeting Adjourned**

### **12. NEXT MEETING:**

October 11, 2012 at 12-2pm Sutherland Room

# TO GO OR TO STAY?

A research project about rural youth

You are eligible to take part if you're:

- **16-30** years of age
- raised in
  - **Haliburton County**
  - **City of Kawartha Lakes** (not Lindsay)
  - **Peterborough County** (not City of Peterborough)
- 'insecurely housed'

We want to know how you made the decision to move to an urban centre, or not to move, and how that's working for you.

Participating involves a one-on-one interview. We pay a \$40 honorarium and may help with related expenses.

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AHAC Strategic Planning Session  
Friday, February 10, 2012

Flip-Chart Notes

**Activity 1: SWOT Analysis**

**Strengths**

*What are the things your organization does as well or better than your competition? Anything over which you have control is a strength.*

- ✧ Lots of engaged partners/ eg. At strategic planning session [1 dot]
- ✧ Length of individual commitment [1 dot]
- ✧ Housing is Fundamental document [10 dots]
- ✧ Brings knowledgeable, experienced people together [1 dot]
- ✧ Regarded as a community leader
- ✧ Municipal support & Forum [1dot]
- ✧ Long history & roots in community[1 dot]
- ✧ Its achievements: study senior of needs, Energy Plan, Minimum Barrier Shelter Model, Study of Senior needs, Housing Is Fundamental etc.
- ✧ If AHAC did not exist, would Peterborough have the “affordable” housing it has now?
- ✧ AHAC’s Freedom to talk about Housing and Homelessness [1 dot]
- ✧ Has always maintained the support of City and County Councils [1dot]
- ✧ AHAC is a great opportunity to share knowledge & network [5 dots]
- ✧ Improved collaboration [1 dot]
- ✧ Strong advocates with proven track record [2 dots]

**Weaknesses**

*Consider why your organization may not be where you wanted it to be or areas where your organization falls short of others. Anything which you should have control and do not is a weakness.*

- ✧ Broader Community Awareness [1 dot]
- ✧ Don’t have the power we need to bring about change that is needed [17 dots]
- ✧ Initiatives often blocked by Senior Admin
- ✧ Councils have never taken as their response – housing for low income renters [1 dot]
- ✧ Too much power in hands of developers [1 dot]
- ✧ Growth is not good at this time [5 dots]
- ✧ But keep what you have, instead of new growth
- ✧ Volunteer burnout; lack of new blood
- ✧ Lack of sustainable resources (\$ and people) [2 dots]
- ✧ Too many similar committee/ initiatives with overlapping mandate [1 dot]
- ✧ Unclear accountability [16 dots]
- ✧ Gaps in housing system [6 dots]
- ✧ Not every project gets finished
- ✧ Lack of enforcement respecting repair and maintenance of housing stock [2 dots]
- ✧ Ineffective educating of the community [20 dots]

## **Opportunities**

*Strategic Opportunities are those critical client needs and wants that the organization is uniquely positioned to satisfy. Consider – demographics, social changes, politics, economic, technological, environmental and local trends*

- ✧ Build AHAC with more volunteers for subcommittees – action
- ✧ Official Plan Review – AHAC educational role [2 dots]
- ✧ Affordable Housing Community improvement Plan – AHAC play an education role [10 dots]
- ✧ Role in 10yrs Housing and Homelessness Plan [6 dots]
- ✧ Opportunity to capitalize on its uniqueness emphasize it is a voice of the community and connection to Councils [1 dot]
- ✧ Community collaboration emphasize that we are past learning about each other – it is time for action
- ✧ AHAC play more of a pivotal role in bringing people/ organizations together ; AHAC act as a convener; AHAC connections with homelessness – housing and homelessness for an overarching agenda [23 dots]
- ✧ Lead in developing a community land trust [2 dots]
- ✧ Partnerships with Townships [8dots]
- ✧ Educate public/develop plan based on needs in new 2011 census & new demographic info [5 dots]
- ✧ Advise on social housing strategy for end of operating agreements & capital repair
- ✧ End of debentures/ ministerial consent [1 dot]
- ✧ Pick something key & do it well [10 dots]
- ✧ Become more inclusive and partner non-profits with private developers [5 dots]

## **Threats**

*Threats are needs and wants in your customer base that will fade and disappear for some reason. Threats may stand in the way of your fulfilling your clients' needs and wants.*

- ✧ People who are experiencing issue have no voice. [12 dots]
- ✧ Unknown policy shifts (provincial & federal) [1 dot]
- ✧ Ever growing need & poverty
- ✧ Invisibility – a hidden crises [8 dots]
- ✧ Increased energy costs [2 dots]
- ✧ Fear based on lack of knowledge
- ✧ Dismissed by Politicians (downloading) – Del Mastro
- ✧ Lack of political will [3 dots]
- ✧ Lack of funding
- ✧ Constraint of freedom of expression [6 dots]
- ✧ Difficulty of breaking of the status quo “box” for input/ membership/ new ideas [1 dot]
- ✧ NIMBYism [5 dots]
- ✧ Decrease in number of Middle class, with an increase in poverty
- ✧ Planning legislation – bylaws may prevent construction of affordable housing [3 dots]
- ✧ Lack of community interest/ awareness [15 dots]
- ✧ Refusal by private sector to take housing crises seriously [ 1 dot]
- ✧ Dramatically, increased construction and renovation costs and LAND cost (& availability) [1 dot]
- ✧ Lack of volunteers (burnout)

## **Activity 2: Vision, Values, Mission, Overall Strategy**

### **Vision**

*“What do we need to be in order to survive and thrive?”*

- ✧ AHAC survives, but does not thrive outside its own circle – needs to break out.
- ✧ Maybe not? What should it say?
- ✧ Is the language / model of business the appropriate one for an advocacy body?
- ✧ Strengthen / Advocacy / education
- ✧ Is AHAC advocacy, advisory or both? And if both, is that effective?

### **Value Statements**

*Values are the basic principles or abstract ideals that represent a person’s beliefs about ideal modes of conduct. Values guide our behaviour within the organization.*

- ✧ Inclusivity
- ✧ Respect & listening
- ✧ Co-operation & collaboration
- ✧ Housing is important to the health of a community
- ✧ All society benefits if poverty/ affordable housing/ employment are all addressed
- ✧ Housing is a social determinant of health

### **Mission Statement**

*A mission statement describes the central purpose of an organization – the business it should be in. It defines which service and/or product the organization will provide, to whom and to what level of quality. It is a commitment that directs the efforts of everyone in the organization.*

- ✧ Who is the client/customer? – KPP, Habitat – any group who provides services to need
- ✧ Who are the stakeholders?
- ✧ What is the product – Advice? Information? Facilitation?
- ✧ To inform & recommend action to City & County Council on matters of affordable housing options for people in need. (recommendations, information to City and County Council)
- ✧ Bringing together

### **Overall Strategy**

*A statement of where the organization is going and how it will get there. It answers the question, “what will be become?”*

- ✧ Study
- ✧ Identify
- ✧ Strategize
- ✧ Lobby/ advocate
- ✧ Communicate
- ✧ Pick the hills you’re willing to die on (& don’t tell anybody which they are)
- ✧ Choose your battle
- ✧ Who are your enemies

### **Activity 3: Look at 4 identified items**

#### **Housing is Fundamental**

*Review “Housing is Fundamental” distribution and use, with the aim of supporting advocacy and public awareness, and to sort out who does what, in terms of content of public reporting.*

- ✧ The primer for housing in this community!
- ✧ Is it accessible to the community? Is it too academic?
- ✧ Key educational tool for the community regarding housing
- ✧ Get it out! Go to meetings, make presentations
- ✧ Understand and define community’s information needs and communicate in ways that make sense for them
- ✧ Use of social media
- ✧ Link with broader community reporting? i.e. hunger Report, Poverty Report

#### **Rural Housing and Homelessness**

*Hold specific discussions on rural housing and homelessness issues, and AHAC’s possible role in order to support initiatives in rural areas.*

- ✧ More homeownership issues than renting
- ✧ Invisible – homelessness and mental illness
- ✧ Need for research – lack of literature
- ✧ Seasonal Employment
- ✧ Less issues & frequency in rural areas but cases of poverty are extreme & severe
- ✧ Isolation
  - Risk of going undetected
  - Risk of abuse
- ✧ Seniors (single)
- ✧ Water/ Hydro connection
- ✧ Sewage
- ✧ Lack of connection to services, transportation
- ✧ Mention of 2008 AHAC report on rural seniors, aging in place

#### **Roles for AHAC – A Housing Continuum**

*Specify the roles for AHAC in a new provincial context which emphasizes a housing continuum – linking housing and homelessness more directly than ever before, including land-use planning initiatives and new local rules for social housing in a 10 year plan.*

- ✧ As mentioned AHAC needs to do a better job of providing info to the City/ County Council before making a difference provincially
- ✧ Advocacy to Council on certain areas of official plan eg. Increasing affordable housing target



## **Municipal Rent Supplement**

*Research on municipal rent supplement to develop options, analysis and recommendations to determine viability/potential outcomes of municipal rent supplement programs.*

- ✧ Research international best practices in other areas – who is doing what
  - ✧ Local needs analysis
  - ✧ Supplements go with ‘renter’
  - ✧ Find funding source (use creativity) for new additional rent supplement units
  - ✧ Need to consider supports / programs to enquire sustainable home ownership – protect people from losing their homes = new AHAC customer definition?
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## **Flip Chart sheet re: Who is the AHAC client? Customer?**

- ✧ Low income people [11 dots]
- ✧ Nonprofit/ other housing providers [3 dots]
- ✧ City/ county council [9 dots]

## **ACTION PLAN FLIP CHART**

- ✧ Need 3yr plan – AHAC (review regularly)
- ✧ I.D. immediate opportunities
- ✧ I.D. “CLIENT”
  - ⇒ Advocate or Recommend or Lobby
- ✧ What mechanisms working well now?
  - Housing is Fundamental
  - What should be added, abandoned, measured
- ✧ Added abandoned measure
- ✧ Development of a Communication Strategy
- ✧ Collaboration – New partners
- ✧ Tour of Townships

## **A.H.A.C. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **ROLE**

The Affordable Housing Action Committee (AHAC) is a committee of citizens endorsed by City and County Councils for its expertise on housing and homelessness issues. Through active community participation, AHAC will advise and advocate:

1. for the ongoing availability of affordable, accessible, appropriate and well-maintained housing;
2. for the community supports and services necessary to ensure housing security;
3. for effective policy on affordable housing supply and services at all levels of government.

### **AHAC MISSION**

To facilitate within our greater community the creation of more affordable housing options for people who are precariously or insecurely housed or homeless using a variety of approaches including collaborative networking, housing policy development, capacity building, and advocacy.

### **VALUES**

AHAC believes everyone has a right to safe, secure, affordable housing and that a “housing-first” approach which recognizes that housing stability is a precondition to enhancing the successful outcomes of other interventions.

We believe that safe decent and affordable housing is a key social determinant of health.

We believe that the provision of safe decent and affordable housing is the responsibility of all levels of government.

## **ACTIVITIES OF AHAC**

AHAC will accomplish its role through the following activities:

By identifying emerging needs around affordable housing (supply, policy, resource development) and to sort and assign these needs ( "clearinghouse" function);

By monitoring the trends, evaluating initiatives and making recommendations to maintain and enhance access to housing and related services.

By using communication and consultation strategies for better awareness of and commitment to affordable housing supply and services.

By influencing and advocating for policy development at all levels of government supporting affordable housing.

## **PRINCIPLES**

### **Participatory**

Knowing that each individual and organization has something of value to offer, we believe in creative and innovative solutions and leveraging new "non-traditional" resources. Consequently, AHAC will encourage, through active community participation, the ongoing availability of affordable, accessible, appropriate and well-maintained housing in order to eliminate homelessness and housing insecurity in Peterborough City and County.

### **Advisory**

AHAC will advise City and County Councils, as well as the general public on the full spectrum of housing affordability issues.

### **Accountable**

AHAC will demonstrate accountability to the community and to City and County Councils. This will be accomplished through the Council appointees to the Committee and also by way of periodic reports through normal Council processes or by other modes of communication appropriate to the issue.

### **Consultative**

Believing urban, remote and rural areas require unique approaches and are of equal importance, we will encourage community development approaches that are capacity-enhancing and build on existing assets and solutions that are working well. Consequently, AHAC and its sub-committees will provide opportunities for dialogue and consultation with the community in order to fulfill its role.

### **Advocacy**

AHAC will conduct advocacy activities when it is deemed necessary and appropriate.

## **ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP ON ALL AHAC COMMITTEES:**

Candidates for membership must indicate that they subscribe to and support AHAC's principles and values,

Members will reside in the City or County of Peterborough.

## **COMPOSITION OF AHAC**

AHAC shall be comprised of a Governance Committee (main table) and three subcommittees, Services, Supply and Community Education.

## **COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

The normal complement of voting members shall be thirteen comprising:

Two Council members – one appointed by City Council, one appointed by County Council.

Six sub-committee members – three shall be the Chairs of each sub-committee, three shall be one sub-committee member appointed/elected to the main table by each sub-committee

Five members-at-large drawn from applications received from the broader community.

One member each from the Housing Division and Social Services who sit ex officio and may participate fully in discussions and deliberations.

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

The Chair of AHAC's Governance Committee will be elected in June by the Governance Committee and will not be a Council appointee.

Sub Committee Chairs and main table representatives will be elected by Sub-Committee members.

## **VOTING**

A voting member on the Governance Committee must fill one of the categories outlined above (Sub-Committee member, Member-at-large, Council appointee).

City Staff act as a resource to AHAC and do not have a vote.

## **QUORUM**

In order to achieve quorum, a minimum of 50% of the voting members of the Governance Committee must be present. In the case that insufficient members are present, items requiring discussion and decision will be deferred to the next meeting. The division will be rounded down to the next whole number.

A simple majority of voting members on the Governance Committee at a meeting where quorum is achieved will be required in order to carry a motion. The Chair will vote only to resolve a tie vote.

Members who cannot attend scheduled meetings shall, whenever possible, submit their regrets to the Chair or staff prior to the scheduled meeting date.

## **TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP FOR ALL COMMITTEES**

Membership shall be renewed in June of each year.

Three consecutive absences (without regrets) may be cause for AHAC to reconsider the member's continued membership.

### **Sub-Committee Mandates:**

The mandate of the **Services Sub-Committee** is to monitor trends, evaluate initiatives and make recommendations following active community input and participation to maintain and enhance housing-related services in the community.

The mandate of the **Supply Sub-Committee** is to monitor trends, evaluate initiatives and make recommendations following active community input and participation to maintain and increase the supply of affordable housing within the continuum of such housing.

The mandate of the **Community Education Sub-Committee** is to educate the community on housing related issues in the City and County. CE Sub-Committee is responsible for the periodic "Housing is Fundamental" report to the community, and for assisting in organizing public forums on Affordable Housing.

### **Membership on Sub-Committee/Working Groups:**

Subcommittee/working group membership is open to volunteers from the community and should concentrate on representation from individuals, agencies and organizations with a stake in the mandate of the subcommittee/working group.

## **Ad Hoc Working Groups:**

From time to time the governance committee of AHAC may establish a Working Group to be chaired by a voting member of the governance committee to deal with time-limited tasks. Working Groups are established by a motion to set out the task and time frame and any further details required to assist the Working Group in its assignment.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Composition of the Nominating Committee will be one member of each sub-committee, selected by sub-committee, and the Chair of the Governance Committee. A Nominating Committee shall be struck annually (usually in April) to recruit members for vacancies. This Nominating Committee shall also annually canvass sitting members to ascertain their continued membership. Candidates nominated for vacant positions will be presented by the Nominating Committee for approval usually at the June meeting. The Nominating Committee shall develop a Recruitment Policy to fill in the gaps or vacancies as required.

## **Recruitment Policy**

Members of the subcommittees will be recruited from persons involved in the interests of the subcommittee or from community agencies or organizations involved in similar interests.

Members at large will be recruited from persons expressing an interest in committee work. Preference will be given to persons who have previous AHAC experience, or have worked in sectors directly involved with affordable housing. At least one member at large should be from a client group. Attention should be paid to attempting to have a gender balance on the committee and to have representation from youth, aboriginal, disabled, and immigrant communities.

## **AHAC MEETING SCHEDULE**

The AHAC year will be from September to June. There will be no meetings in July and August. The January meeting will be called at the discretion of the Chair.

Meetings will be held in the following months:

Block 1: September, October, November, December

Block 2: February, March, April, May, June

The December meeting will include a social event.

The May meeting will include a celebration of the year's achievements.

In preparation for an annual report to Joint Services, the June meeting will:

- outline and approve actions of the year
- confirm budget expenditures
- approve the budget and action plan for the next year
- confirm AHAC membership
- welcome new AHAC members

## **DEFINITIONS**

Affordable housing is a safe, secure, stable, accessible, living environment that allows a person to live within their income level, and maintain a healthy quality of life.

Living within the income level implies that the household has sufficient funds remaining after paying for housing and associated utilities to provide for adequate necessities such as food, clothing, etc. With low and moderate income households housing expense should be no more than 30% of gross household income. With households at minimum income levels (i.e. minimum wage or less) affordable housing will require direct assistance.

Homelessness is being without: a safe, secure, stable, accessible living environment and having to live on the street, in a vehicle, in a shelter, in a barn, in an abandoned building or sleep on someone's couch.

'Precariously Housed' or "housing insecurity" is to be in a state of uncertainty around your living environment due to low wages, high rents, high utility costs and/or substandard living conditions.

## Affordable Housing Action Committee

### Some Comments from the Strategic Planning Session in February 2012

- Predict your success to achieve your outcomes
- Advocacy – need voice + who are we advocating for, on whose behalf?
- Tasks need to be in our control
- Public education – Is AHAC's message getting out?
- More volunteers for committee work
- Partnerships with Townships
- Non profits engage with private developers
- Clear understanding of "Who" is the customer and understand the "Why" of AHAC
- Make housing affordable not provide the housing
- Vision, Mission, Value Statement – defines AHAC – need to review and revise?
- Action Plan – 3 year plan for AHAC – what does that look like?

### AHAC - Discussion

#### **1. The Why?**

- Advocacy and Advisory?
- Housing is Fundamental – both urban and rural housing/homelessness
- "Why" – accountability – to what, to whom?
- Vision, Mission, Value statements – tie into where AHAC is going, and how it will get there
- Look at current AHAC Terms of Reference and determine if they still answer the "Why" and Purpose of AHAC.

#### **2. Opportunities?**

- Pick something and do it well and build on success – **example** - AHAC educational role – act as a catalyst to bring community/organizations for common goal of addressing housing and homelessness; **example** - Municipal Rent Supplement; **example** – what can we do about Federal Gov't Housing and Homelessness initiatives set o expire in 2014?; **example** – AHAC role in support of the City of Peterborough's proposal to address and complete the Housing and Homelessness Plan which is complemented by a 3 - year action plan
- Recruitment – at least 1-2 members at large represented from youth, aboriginal, disabled or immigrant communities. Look at giving a voice to those most affected – start by having 1-2 people being members on AHAC – educate and support people most



affected to stand up and be their own voice (for example – ‘People First’ – a self advocacy group – deals with issues affecting the person with an intellectual disability

- Bring seriousness of issues to public by launching a designated week similar to Peterborough CMHA’s launch – “Stop the Stigma” on addressing Mental illness in April 2012 – use of media, paper, radio, website
- Consider using students from Trent, SSF to assist AHAC with social housing projects

### **3. Role for AHAC?**

- Advocacy and Advisor to Joint Services with Support Staff to ensure AHAC’s voice is brought forward effectively
- Municipal Rent Supplement – research national and international best practices – some of this work could be done by local University and College students as part of their school project. Do local needs analysis? Again possible support from students? Does this issue take on significance of the “Why” in support of the customer?
- Develop a 3 Year Plan - includes focusing on something each year that will result in success for AHAC - for example, as mentioned above - Housing and Homelessness Plan Project complemented by a 3 Year Action Plan - a 3 Year Action Plan for AHAC was an item mentioned at the February 2012 strategic planning session – is this something to focus on as 1 of our items in support of the City of Peterborough?

Barry Crawford

AHAC Member at Large

June 2012

## *Mapping Our Way To Supportive Housing in Peterborough*

**When:** Thursday October 18, 2012

**Time:** 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

**Where:** Peterborough Legion

1550 Lansdowne Street W

**Please RSVP by September 21<sup>st</sup>** to  
Michelle Longhurst at  
mlonghurst@peterborough.ca

**Lunch will be provided.**

If you have any questions please  
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**The agenda will include three components:**

Each organization presents:

- Affordable supportive housing -
  - a) their current role
  - b) their role, looking forward
- Past and new housing proposals
- Projects/proposals that are submission ready (ex. shovel-ready) if funding is available

**The goals of the session:**

- Develop an asset mapping and capacity building inventory
- Strengthen/build partnerships
- Identify opportunities for collaborative efforts