
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
October 11, 2012



PRESENT: Barbara Fowler, Bonnie Clark, Christine McKay, John Martyn, Katherine Blackwood, Kelly Scott, Paul Armstrong, Sarah Tate, County Councillor Ron Windover

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

REGRETS: Alan Cavell, City Councillor Henry Clarke, Sandy Woodhouse, Linda Mitchelson

1. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: That AHAC approve the agenda.

M. Kathy Blackwood **S.** Christine McKay

Approved

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: September 13, 2012

Motion: That AHAC approve the September 13, 2012 minutes

M. Bonnie Clark **S.** Kathy Blackwood

Approved

4. 10-YEAR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PLAN FOCUS

- TWC Consulting has been selected through the Request For Proposals (RFP) process. The diverse TWC team excels in both analysis and engagement.
- The Housing and Homelessness Plan (HHPlan) Steering Committee and Project Teams consist of City, County, and Township staff, ensuring buy-in from departments within the governmental structure.
- AHAC will provide feedback throughout the process and align themselves for deputations to Council.
- Township Presentations are booked through to the end of 2012, bringing Housing is Fundamental (HIF) 2012 and HHPlan Bulletin (**attached**)

5. COMMUNITY UPDATES

- October 12-14 at Lansdowne Place "Severe core housing need" exercise
- Trent Centre for Community-Based Education - Student Housing Market study
- Christian Harvey has a youth group that is creating housing-related curriculum
- Youth Summit provides a youth voice, involvement, community-based research

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1. Strategic Planning Day (February 10, 2012) and Terms of Reference Questions

Motion: That direction be given to the executive committee of AHAC, to come forward with a more in-depth action plan that AHAC should be pursuing, based on the notes from the Strategic Planning Day and governed by the Terms of Reference.

M. Bonnie Clarke **S.** Sarah Tate

6.2. CESC Editorial Board Proposal

- A goal is to access the wider community and ensure that housing is a priority
- Effort to get more input from a variety of community sources, proposing 3x1 hour meetings with the reference committee
- Engage a Graphic Designer (possibly through Social Services), as well as social media for marketing

Motion: That the Steering Committee of the Housing and Homelessness Plan determine an effective way for AHAC to have a specific role in the implementation of the Plan.

M. John Martyn

S. Barb Fowler

Motion: To accept the proposal for an editorial board as written.

M. John Martyn

S. Councillor Ron Windover

6.3. Succession Planning

- Update from Chair Nominating Committee

7. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES - WRITTEN

7.1. Community Education - n/a

7.2. Services - n/a

7.3. Supply - **attached**

- Reminder: October 18, 2012 "Mapping Our Way To Supportive Housing In Peterborough" Event

8. REPORTS FROM OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES - WRITTEN

8.1. Homelessness Services Coordinating Committee (**attached**)

Motion: To accept the written report

M. Sarah Tate

S. Kathy Blackwood

8.2. Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network (**attached**)

Motion: To accept the written report

M. John Martyn

S. Paul Armstrong

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Zoning Updates and Information Communication Method

- Zoning – Direction to shred what is here and remove from distribution list
- ONPHA – Look into the digital newsletter distribution

10. ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETING

- Update from Chair Nominating Committee
- Update on Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH)
- World Vision – Help Children and Families in Canada

11. Meeting Adjourned

12. NEXT MEETING:

November 8, 2012 at 12-2pm Sutherland Room

Housing Supply Committee

Minutes

September 12, 2012

Present: Sarah Tate co-chair, Dorothy Boddy, Paul Armstrong, AHAC, Craig Adams, City of Peterborough, John Martyn, AHAC, Barbara Fowler, Carol Gordon, KPP

Regrets: Dawn Berry Merriam co-chair, Susan Bacque, City of Peterborough, Mark Graham, CMHA, Darlene Cook, Peterborough Housing Corporation, Donna Clarke, Home Grown Homes, Jack Gillan, CLP, Alan Cavell, Christie Nash, PSPC/PPRN

Notes from last meeting

Investigation into whether the City's current process for displacing tenants currently renting affordable housing from the city is fair

Craig presented his investigative findings in regards to the City's procedure for giving notice to tenants living in City Owned Affordable housing:

- All tenants are advised when they begin renting or at the time of city acquisition of a property that the home will eventually be demolished and thus they as tenants will be given notice.
- Once the City decides to demolish, the tenants are given four months' notice and they tenants are not required to pay four months' rent.
- The City will always give priority to creating affordable housing first for their residential properties until the property is needed or repairs are too great.

After much discussion the group decided the current process was fair and no further action was required in terms of recommending a better process.

The group did feel that when the City allows a third party to manage the property that is owned by the City, that the City should ensure the tenants will receive the four months' notice and that those four months will be rent free and we are unclear if this happens or not.

Values driving our project: *There is an integration of mixed housing. People are provided with choice(s). The project is high quality and well built. The housing is affordable to low income people. There is universal design.*

Mapping Our Way To Supportive Housing

The group went over the details of the upcoming “Mapping Our Way to Supportive Housing” session on October 18, 2012:

- The theme/topic would be asset mapping and capacity building
- We would discuss assets and strengths (inventory) each agency/organization has and seek out opportunities for collaborative efforts
- Approximately 20 organizations would be invited
- Framework for meeting would be broken into three segments:
 - 1) Each org sharing their role that they provide in housing
 - 2) Each org sharing the role they could play in the future in regards to housing
 - 3) Share past and new proposals that relate to housing

Goals: Identify projects/proposals that are submission ready (like shovel-ready) if funding becomes available

- Identify ways we can collaborate or at least support as a collective projects/proposals that have a possibility of moving forward
- Learn more about it each other
- Possibility of becoming a network/collective that could implement a collective impact approach to solve the large-scale problem of the desperate need for more supportive affordable housing (see attached pdf document from the Stanford Social Innovation Review)
- **Will be held on October 18, 2012 from 11-2 at the Peterborough Legion**

Update on Feasibility Studies

Herbert Street Property

- Feasibility Study completed and numbers look good, however accessibility will be an issue, waiting to hear from Peterborough Housing on next steps.

Rubidge Street Property

- Feasibility Study begun – hoping for a potential 6-10 units some of which will be fully accessible.

Next Meeting

Wednesday October 10 at 11:30 am

Community Education Subcommittee of A.H.A.C.

Editorial Process for the Publishing of “Housing Is Fundamental”

Preamble:

“Housing Is Fundamental” is a document of the Affordable Housing Action Committee. It is the collective voice of the organization and the expression of its concerns to the community. A dollar amount approved by A.H.A.C. in its budget supports the printing and graphic design work. The Community Education Subcommittee researches and prepares the document on behalf of A.H.A.C.

Changes in the publishing process are expected to provide more input and direction from other interested and invested parties in the community who have housing involvement. The process is also intended to guide and shape (to some extent) the final product. As has always characterized this document, the purpose of the process is to create a document that is objective, truthful, and balanced.

Editorial Board:

An editorial board will be established from individuals associated with community partners and agencies (e.g. The New Canadian Centre, The Chamber of Commerce, The Greater Peterborough Area Economic Development Council, the United Way, The Housing Resource Centre, Peterborough Housing Corporation, The Peterborough Legal Centre, The Peterborough Social Planning Council, the City of Peterborough, the County of Peterborough, etc.)

Purpose of Board:

The board will be apprised of proposed content or direction of the document. The board will also have input on content, reviewing, reformatting and initiating. Board members will advise on language and appropriateness of content and all other matters pertaining to production.

Schedule of Meetings:

At least three meetings will be scheduled: a meeting before content has been determined; a meeting while development proceeds; and a meeting when content has been finalized. An initial meeting will inform board members of intention and direction of the document. A later meeting will demonstrate shape and character of the document while in progress. A final meeting will reveal the completed content before being delivered to a graphic artist. More than three meetings may prove necessary.

Final Approval:

Since this is A.H.A.C.'s document, the A.H.A.C. members will have final approval. Any disputes regarding content or other issues will be resolved using a democratic process. The members will have the opportunity to review the document in a committee meeting plus time to continue reviewing beyond the meeting. A deadline will be agreed upon. No further changes will occur after A.H.A.C.'s final approval.

UPDATE:
Homelessness Support Services Coordinating Committee (HSSCC)
(Last meeting: September 26, 2012)

Working group re: Hazards/Hoarding: Lead is Melinda Wall from the Health Unit – continue to meet and discuss linkages, look at best practices. This group submitted worked with CMHA on submitting a funding proposal looking at clinical work with safety/hoarding/mental health clients. Should hear some time in the month of October if it was approved.

Emergency Room interface: Feels like progress has been made in regards to discharge planning (e.g. information sharing with emergency shelter when a patient is being released). The next meeting will be October or November.

Discussion: Drop In Centre is now open at St. John's Anglican Church Monday to Saturday from 11-4 and at Murray Street Baptist Church on Sunday from 1-4. Things are going well and the Centre is working on connecting services into the Drop In Centre.

Discussion: 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan and the new Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (consolidation of some homelessness programs and a portion of the provincial costs of CSUMB).

Links with Youth Justice/Child Welfare: Potential funding opportunities related to youth and recent funding announcement related to youth homelessness – United Way and YES are both familiar. YES has done some work already in preparation for the October 4th submission time line. It was suggested that the Community Advisory Board for the HPS program and the Planning Table for Children and Youth would be good partners to be the community entity for this project.

Peterborough Drug Strategy: Kerri Kightley, Coordinator, presented to HSSCC about the strategy and plans for 2013 and beyond (which includes some youth focus).

Street outreach discussion: Members of the Committee going out on July 17th to different locations around the City to try and connect with people believed to be living on the street. The group visited sites identified last year, but none of them seemed to be active. The group did find a couple of other very small sites, but no one at either one.

**UPDATE:
Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network
(October)**

1. PPRN's Income Security and Basic Needs work groups have prepared several documents that outline the consequences of provincial cuts to Discretionary and Community Start Up and Maintenance Benefits. These documents are available at www.pprn.ca.

Central to this campaign is a report demonstrating that the municipality could, if it chose to, sustain the current level of benefits without increasing property taxes. PPRN is part of a province-wide initiative to educate and advocate for cancellation of these cuts. As part of this work, PPRN has met with Jeff Leal, MPP, most city councillors and some of the county councillors to urge support for the PPRN recommendations. PPRN will be a delegation at the Joint Services meeting on Thursday, October 11 at 3:45. Members of AHAC are welcome to attend this very important discussion.

PPRN requests that AHAC be a delegate to the City Council meeting on Monday, October 22.

2. The YWCA and the Peterborough County City Health Unit, of PPRN's Food Security workgroup, are collaborating in developing Nourish Peterborough, a program and site dedicated to providing education of preparation of healthy food and provision of fresh, local food.

3. PPRN, through its Neighbours In Action work group, are continuing to develop neighbourhood hubs at Prince of Wales Elementary school, at Otonabee Valley school, in partnership with the Peterborough Family Resource Center, and George St United Church, in partnership with the Peterborough Social Planning Council and volunteers from the church.

4. The second PPRN newsletter, prepared by PPRN's Communication work group, is now available.

5. AHAC's Supply Committee is PPRN's Housing Security work group. There is a workshop planned for Thursday, October 18 from 11-2 pm at the Peterborough Legion. The workshop will focus on a mapping exercise to identify current supportive housing services and identify gaps.

6. The PPRN Board of Directors has submitted an offer to purchase 1545 Monaghan Road (the Mount property). A response from Mancal Lifestyles is expected soon.

7. PPRN will host a Planning Strategy on Tuesday, November 27 from 1:30-4 pm. Location to be determined. The facilitator is Liz Weaver, Vice President of the Tamarack Institute. The focus of this workshop is developing ways for PPRN to move forward with collaborative actions.