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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**March 14, 2013**



**PRESENT:** Katherine Blackwood, Bonnie Clark, Kelly Scott, Paul Armstrong, Michelle Longhurst, Rebecca Morgan Quin, Susan Bacque, Tim Welch-TWC  
**REGRETS:** City Councillor Henry Clarke, County Councillor Ron Windover, Alan Cavell, Barb Fowler, Christine McKay, John Martyn, Dorothy Olver, Linda Mitchelson, Paul Gillam, Ron Windover, Sandy Woodhouse, Sarah Tate

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**1. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** February 14, 2013 - Deferred (no quorum)

**4. 10-YEAR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PLAN FOCUS**

- Needs Assessment with detailed Executive Summary
- 4 working titles for themes within the Housing and Homelessness Plan:
  - Helping People with Housing Affordability, Preventing Homelessness, Transitioning out of Homelessness, People-centred Services

**5. COMMUNITY UPDATES**

- Community Counselling & Resource Centre (CCRC): Jukebox Mania fundraising event April 26 2013 at Trentwinds Centre – see website

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**6.1.** Discussion on suitable meeting day/time

- Regular April 11 2013 AHAC meeting confirmed and appointment sent to the committee

**6.2.** Rent Supplement Adhoc Committee Update

- Working on deliverables and goals, and moving forward with the proposal

**7. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES**

**7.1.** Community Education –Editorial Board

- Editorial Board will be meeting soon to work on Housing is Fundamental 2013
- Topics of interest to include the Peterborough Living Wage report

**7.2.** Services – n/a

**7.3.** Supply – February and March notes circulated

- PPRN letter to Mayor received for information

**8. REPORTS FROM OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES**

**8.1.** Homelessness Support Services Coordinating Committee - none

**8.2.** Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network - Spring Newsletter

**9. NEW BUSINESS** - none

**10. ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETING**

**11. Meeting Adjourned** - Consensus

**12. NEXT MEETING:** April 11, 2013 at 12:00p.m. in the Sutherland Room, City Hall

# Housing Supply Committee

## Minutes

March 12, 2013

**Present:** Sarah Tate and Dawn Berry Merriam co-chairs, Barry Crawford-Christian Horizons, Carol Gordon-KPP, Christie Nash-PPRN, Dorothy Boddy, Jack Gillan-CLP, John Martyn, AHAC, Paul Armstrong-AHAC

**Regrets:** Alan Cavell, Barbara Fowler-AHAC, Craig Adams-City of Peterborough, Darlene Cook-Peterborough Housing Corporation, Donna Clarke-Home Grown Homes, Mark Graham-CMHA, Rebecca Morgan Quin-City of Peterborough, Sandy Woodhouse-CMHA, Susan Bacque-City of Peterborough

Notes from last meeting

Approved as circulated

Community Start Up and Maintenance Benefit

Christie gave the following update:

- The sub-committee of the Income Security Work Group of the PPRN, who is working on the issues of Discretionary Benefits and the Community Start-Up and Maintenance Benefit continues to meet regularly.
- We had a meeting with Linda Mitchelson and Dorothy Olver re: feedback on where the \$1.5M one time funding should be spent. Please see the recommendations in the letter to the Mayor and Warden
- Social Services staff are presenting a report to Joint Services on March 28 around the present status of funding for Discretionary Benefits, as well as their recommendation of how the \$1.5M will be spent.
- The ISWG, along with the Basic Needs Committee, are hosting a community consultation on the Social Assistance Review on March 27 from 3-5pm at the public library. All community members are welcome to attend. There will be a special presentation from Jennefer Laidley of the Income Security Advocacy Centre.

Multi-unit Residential  
Rehabilitation Funding (see  
attachment)

Bill C-400

- Update for next meeting
- Bill C-400 was a private member's bill that addressed the crisis of homelessness and inadequate housing in Canada. The vote was defeated, however a letter was sent to the MP re raising the support for a national housing strategy. (see attached)

Presentation by Rebecca re  
surveys presently underway

- Update will be requested for next meeting

-Resident Satisfaction Survey

Update on the Mount St.  
Joseph's project

- 5 working teams continue to meet
- May be looking at a 2 month extension (March 28 is the deadline)
- Decision to develop A Wing first for housing
- Meeting with providers went well
- Discussion resulted in 60/40 split for market/affordable housing units
- Looking at 40 apartments (1 and 2 bedroom)
- B Wing will be the cultural centre
- C Wing is slated for offices/public service uses
- 22 different agencies/organizations have gone through the building

Herbert Street property

- Feasibility study completed
- Jack will help facilitate meeting with Peterborough Housing Authority

Sophie Street property

- Community Living Peterborough is purchasing property on Sophia Street
- Interested in partnering with community agencies
- Intent is to develop a duplex for youth 18 to 28 years of age

**Next Meeting:**  
**Wednesday, April 10, 2013 in the Planning Board Room**

February 25, 2013

Dean Del Mastro, MP Peterborough  
1875 Lansdowne St W  
Box 21030  
Peterborough, ON K9J8M7

Dear Mr. Del Mastro;

We are writing you, as our Member of Parliament, on behalf of the Housing Work Group of the Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network (PPRN) to ask for your support for *Bill C-400 – An Act to ensure secure, adequate, accessible and affordable housing for Canadians* when it comes to a vote on February 27, 2013. This is a private member's bill designed to establish a national housing strategy.

The need for a national housing strategy in Canada is great. Reports indicate that an estimated 1 million Canadian households are living in substandard housing. Nearly 160,000 Canadians are homeless and sadly every year many people die as a result of being homeless.

We are particularly concerned about the growing issue of housing affordability in Peterborough. The increase in inaccessible, substandard housing is staggering and as a result our most vulnerable community members suffer declining health due to unhealthy living conditions.

We believe that Canada can afford to provide the basic human right of proper and secure housing to all of our citizens. The United Nations Human Rights Council, in its 2009 Universal Periodic Review of Canada's compliance with its international housing and other human rights obligations, raised serious concerns about Canada's failure to meet its commitments for social housing and to end homelessness. A national housing strategy would be a positive first step in bringing Canada in line with its international commitments.

Bill C-400 would ensure that all stakeholders in the issue of housing are consulted including provincial, territorial, municipal and Aboriginal governments, civil society organizations and non-profit sector housing. By consulting with all stakeholders, the needs of all Canadian communities would be addressed.

We hope that we can count on your support for adequate, affordable housing in Canada by voting in favour of Bill C-400 on February 27, 2013.

Regards,

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Dawn Berry-Merriam, Co-Chair,  
Housing Work Group

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Sarah Tate, Chair  
Housing Work Group