



## MINUTES

### Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters

Thursday, January 26, 2017

1 p.m.

Committee Room 3, City Hall

66 Charlotte Street Port Colborne

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Co-Chair Lori Kleinsmith, Bridges CHCH  
Co-Chair Angie Desmarais, Councillor  
Yvon Doucet, Councillor  
Casey Forgeron  
George Kurzawa, CMHA Niagara  
Chris Healey, Staff Sergeant, NRP  
Neal Schoen, Justice Niagara  
Judy Cassan, Bridges CHC  
Jeff Sinclair, Niagara Region  
Kate MacNeill, Brock University Student  
Sinead McElhone, Niagara Region  
Public Health

Scott Luey, Chief Administrative Officer  
Todd Rogers, Chief Building Official  
Sherry Hanson, Supervisor, By-law  
Enforcement Division  
Scott Lawson, Fire Prevention Officer  
Harry Hakim, Manager of Community  
Services  
Jill Croteau, Health Services  
Coordinator

Minutes: Carrie McIntosh

#### 1. Call to order

Co-Chair L. Kleinsmith called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

#### 2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Y. Doucet  
Seconded by C. Forgeron

That the agenda for the January 26, 2017 meeting of the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee be approved.  
CARRIED.

#### 3. Approval of the December 5, 2016 Minutes

L. Kleinsmith circulated a list of ideas with respect to affordable housing at the December 5, 2016 meeting. The list was not attached to the minutes.

Moved by S. Lawson  
Seconded by Councillor Y. Doucet

That the December 5, 2016 minutes of the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee be approved, as amended.  
CARRIED.

#### **4. Business Arising from the December 5, 2016 Minutes**

Discussion took place about counting homeless as part of data gathering. S. Hanson advised she is working on the rental licensing by-law and meets with legal next week.

#### **5. Indicators in Port Colborne**

Kate MacNeill, Brock University Student, questioned the committee members with respect to pre and postnatal health indicators in Port Colborne. Discussion took place with respect to some of the gaps in services in the community as well as the isolation that makes accessing services outside of the community more difficult.

Sinead McElhone, Niagara Region Public Health presented with respect to health and social information related to Port Colborne. Sinead noted that the data is not complete and does not provide the full picture of the community. Discussion took place about the health indicators and pulling together data including census, Canadian Household survey and data from Niagara Connects, ROCH and CAMH.

#### **6. Data Gaps**

Committee members will review the presentation and provide more questions and context to forward to Public Health with respect to health indicators for Port Colborne.

#### **7. Affordable Housing**

##### **a. Structure of Meeting with MP, MPP**

Jeff advised that there are challenges with the housing data. The partners who are implementing Niagara's 10-year homelessness and action plan including, Regional Housing, are looking at innovation in housing across Niagara, looking at social housing, rental, unsubsidized, subsidized, data needs to justify to the private sector to create more housing. The challenge is in collection of data, as the current data does not drill down to what is needed. The data gathered can also help Council decide if rental housing is worth regulating ie. if there are only 10 problem houses.

A data sub-committee will meet outside of the Social Determinants of Health Committee to tackle data. It was suggested to contact Niagara Connects and Brock University.

Discussion about meeting with the MP, MPP will resume in the fall. The elected officials will need solid data in order to advocate

#### **8. New Business**

L. Kleinsmith noted the availability of the dental survey and that there are no dentists in Port Colborne who will take ODSP.

## **9. Action Items**

C. McIntosh will send an invite to the group to join the data sub-committee.

Data sub-committee will invite a contact from Niagara Connects and possibly Brock University.

C. McIntosh will circulate Public Health slides (upon approval from Sinead).

Moved by C. Forgeron

Seconded by L. Kleinsmith

That the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee recommend to Council that it indicate to the Ministry of Community and Social Services the City's interest in taking part in the Basic Income Pilot.

CARRIED.

## **10. Next Meeting**

March 22, 2017, 1:15 p.m.

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:50 p.m.