



Meeting Notes
Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters
Thursday, May 18, 2017
1:15 p.m.
Committee Room 3, City Hall
66 Charlotte Street Port Colborne

NOTE: Quorum was not obtained, however, the members in attendance engaged in an information discussion. These notes serve to document that discussion and will be presented to the Committee at its next meeting.

Attendees:

Co-Chair Lori Kleinsmith, Bridges CHC
Co-Chair Angie Desmarais, Councillor
John Maloney, Mayor
Scott Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
Neal Schoen, Justice Niagara (does not count towards quorum)

Regrets:

Yvon Doucet, Councillor
Casey Forgeron
George Kurzawa, CMHA Niagara
Christine Clark-Lafluer, Port Cares
Scott Lawson, Fire Prevention Officer
Bryan Theal, Community Services
Sherry Hanson, Supervisor, By-law Enforcement Division

1. Call to order

Co-Chair Angie Desmarais called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. As quorum was not achieved, no decisions were made and the following are meeting notes only.

2. Approval of the Agenda

None.

3. Approval of the March 22, 2017 Minutes

None.

4. Business Arising from the March 22, 2017 Minutes

Lori will follow up with Dee Tyler, Gateway Niagara with respect to a copy of the presentation she provide at the March 22 meeting.

Representation on Regional Housing Board. Scott inquired as to why there is not a representative from Port Colborne and provided the following: There are openings from time to time and advertisement is posted for application. An individual from Port Colborne applied to the last round of applications but was not accepted. Regional

Council is aware that Port Colborne would like to have representation as there is a direct impact on our community.

Basic income pilot project. Update provided that the City's application was not successful. Disappointment was expressed that individuals will be used as test cases in the pilot, rather than a whole community.

5. Affordable Housing

A data meeting was held between Lori, Judy, Jeff, Christine, Sara and George to discuss housing indicators. Another meeting will be held at the end of May. Carrie will circulate the meeting notes (attached).

Discussion took place about the lack of outreach services. Questions included - Who are they, what do they deliver, what are our outreach needs and what is available in other communities. A list of needs not being fulfilled is required. Members were asked to work on documenting this over the summer.

Discussion took place about people living rough and whether there could be a designated area for tents, perhaps the churches could get involved in offering a free discreet site. It was questioned why there is no shelter in Port Colborne as people don't want to shelter outside of the community in which they live. It was stated that this issue will require a multi-agency approach.

6. New Business

MP Badawey is hosting a consultation on poverty on May 23. Consultation on poverty – BADAWEY 23rd.

The Provincial NDP put forward a private members bill with respect to rent control.

7. Action Items

Angie will talk to Reverend Hurkmans about possible church involvement.

8. Next Meeting

At the call of the chair.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:24 p.m.