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Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters

Thursday, May 3, 2018

1:00 p.m.

Committee Room 3, City Hall

66 Charlotte Street Port Colborne

Attendees:

Co-Chair Lori Kleinsmith, Bridges CHC
Co-Chair Angie Desmarais, Councillor
John Maloney, Mayor
Sherry Hanson, Supervisor, By-law
Enforcement Division
Rob LaPlante, Staff Sergeant, NRP
Scott Lawson, Fire Prevention Officer
Christine Clark-Lafleur, Port Cares
Neal Schoen, Chair – East Village
Neighbourhood Improvement Task Force
Judy Cassan, Bridges CHC
Scott Luey, CAO

Deborah Rollo, Health Services
Coordinator
Jeffrey Sinclair – Niagara Region
Casey Forgeron – member of the public

Regrets:

Guests:

Dan Aquilina

Minutes:

Nancy Giles, EA to Mayor and CAO

1. Call to order

Co-Chair Angie Desmarais called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Introductions were made around the table.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by C. Forgeron
Seconded by L. Kleinsmith

That the agenda for the May 3, 2018 meeting of the Social Determinants of Health
Advisory Committee be approved.
CARRIED.

3. Approval of the February 1, 2018 minutes

Moved by L. Kleinsmith
Seconded by J. Cassan

That the minutes for the February 1, 2018 meeting of the Social Determinants of Health
Advisory Committee be approved.
CARRIED.

4. Business Arising

None.

5. Affordable Housing

St. Catharines Housing Plan – a letter was sent by council however no response has been received yet.

Dan Aquilina reviewed the City of Port Colborne policies with respect to Affordable Housing. He also indicated that the new Zoning By-law, once passed, will allow for tiny houses.

Zoning By-law – back in 2006 we had in the by-law to allow for accessory residences on the property. New by-law allows accessory apartment and included a secondary home on the property provided you meet by-law setbacks. Cannot be in your front yard or rear side yard. Previous by-law require minimum 807 sq ft – new by-law does not have a minimum setback. Someone is building house on an existing lot of record – if property is vacant and legally created it can continue to be developed on. Are there minimum requirements under the Ontario Building Code – Dan doesn't believe so – he will check.

Other policy – incentive to build – development charge waiver on all residential homes – council has the opportunity to extend this – there is a Region development charge – there was rebate development charges for houses that had a development charges

National Housing Strategy announcement yesterday – 14 billion 10 year fund. Many different funds – Region has provincial and federal reps on their committee – direct them to Jeff Sinclair. Christine Clark-Lafleur asked to join the committee. Further information will be distributed by Jeff Sinclair to Nancy to disseminate.

6. New Business

Report on Health Equity in Port Colborne

Christine Clark-Lafleur presented the key information received from Public Health. Public Health had funding to do something with their data and they choose 3 agencies to work with – one was Port Cares. Other two agencies were completely unknown to Christine but they were completely diverse – no obligation for them to share data.

PowerPoint presentation attached and a full copy of the report will be sent to committee members.

Christine reviewed the PowerPoint. Going forward – share report; identify gaps (seniors at risk); identify and apply for new programs and services that address health equity issues; continue to update.

Niagara Region Public Health is presenting a report entitled “A Village of 100” which should be available shortly.

Did Public Health gather info about age and living alone? They looked at the data but time was tight for preparing the report.

Hopefully agencies in the city can use this information.

Casey heard about new housing on East Side – are you getting cooperation from upper levels of government? There are new funds coming available and we need to see how Port Colborne can get their share. There is a focus on family but the development needs to carry itself. Key is to have land and shovel ready projects for affordable housing funding announcements.

Recently met with Economic Development Officer, CAO and Health Services Coordinator and talk about Port Colborne and how they can work together.

7. Action Items

Would like to hear at our next meeting to come forward with ideas of how to use the information.

Need to prepare a report to council on activities over the past two years. Angie and Lori to work on this.

8. Next Meeting

Thursday, September 6, 2018 1:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:05 p.m.