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Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters

Thursday, November 1, 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
Jay McKnight, PORTall NRP
Christine Clark-Lafleur, Port Cares
Jeffrey Sinclair – Niagara Region
Susan Therrien – Director of Library Services
Neal Schoen - Chair – East Village
Neighbourhood Improvement Task Force
Taralea McLean – Bridges CHC

Judy Cassan – Bridge CHC
Tara McKendrick - CAMH

Regrets:

Mayor John Maloney
Scott Luey - CAO

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.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by L. Kleinsmith
Seconded by N. Schoen

That the agenda for the November 1, 2018 meeting of the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters be approved.
CARRIED.

3. Approval of the September 6, 2018 minutes

Moved by L. Kleinsmith
Seconded by N. Schoen

That the minutes for the September 6, 2018 meeting of the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters be approved.
CARRIED.

4. Business Arising

Social Group at Bridges – now every other Monday from 10:30 – 12:00

5. Affordable Housing

Lori gave a summary of the sub committee meeting. See notes attached. Good policies in place but need to communicate out to the public and developers. Need a coordinated effort with key stakeholders at the table – economic development, developers, builders, for a long term housing action plan. Recommendation to new council for housing action plan.

Jeffrey – Region put a Request for Proposal for Affordable Housing – there will be Port Colborne specific data available. To be completed by end of January. Also data from census. Surveys completed for homelessness and in shelters as they were enumerated. It will be good data to start the conversation. Need to have a definition of the dollar value of affordable housing for Port Colborne.

6. New Business

Hoarding

Powerpoint presentation attached. Getting calls every 2-3 weeks. Bridges and PCFD work together to assist these people to ensure their safety and the safety of others in multiple residential units. Need to keep monitoring homes that have been cleaned. Some times a brief visit is enough for them to know they are still watching. There is a meeting on November 2 to try to dust of some protocols that were previously put in place. Making individuals and owners financially responsible helps them take some responsibility. Very few people are displaced.

Who do we call? Port Colborne Fire Department currently. Fire departments are trying not to be the lead – believe Public Health should be taking lead.

From the prevention side – what have you learned – gatekeepers seeing the signs – some times it is reported by family members – no social life, don't allow people into their house.

Recent conference – Hoarding coalition – stuck on why it happens as opposed to mitigating the problem. Not having the conversation. 4-6% of the population are hoarders.

Library – Susan stated that there is a shift in the library vision to “empower, enrich and educate”. Would like to start a “let's talk” series. People need to know these problems. Knowledge will help solve problems. We need some forums in the city and the Library is there to help.

Jeff mentioned that Dr. Jaeger talked about how citizens depend on the city to solve the problems. We need to empower people.

Annual Report to Council

Lori, Angie and Nancy to get together before February meeting.

Others Items

National Housing Day Event – sponsored by Niagara Regional Housing – November 21, 2018 8:30 – 12:00 at First Ontario Performing Arts Centre – Affordable Housing Development Toolkit

The committee would like to host this event next year.

Christine reminded everyone of the November 8th day for the 100 day review of social programs – coming forward – OW and ODSP increase threatened to be rolled back.

7. Action Items

Annual Report to Council – Angie, Lori and Nancy

Affordable Housing Report to Council – Angie, Lori and Nancy

8. Next Meeting

Thursday, February 7, 2019 1 p.m.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Sub committee Housing Action Plan Meeting held October 15, 2018

Present:

Lori Kleinsmith

Christine Clark-Lafleur

Neal Schoen

Jeffrey Sinclair

Dan Aquilina

Nancy Giles

Discussion was held.

The City of Port Colborne endorses affordable housing yet there are no Community Improvement Plans offering incentives for affordable housing. There should be a separate group dealing affordable housing with would include the Planning Department and Economic Development. We need to promote the ease of development and good policies in Port Colborne. Need to create a property profile database of land available for development.

Region has an RFP out to calculate demand for affordable housing. Closes end of October. Data might be available by January – formal report to follow. There is a Region working committee – how do we better align funding programs between Port Colborne and the Region?

Private sector has a lot of hoops to jump through for affordable housing projects – CMHC in Calgary and the city have developed a SWAT team to bring the process down from 3 years to 3 months – Development in St. Catharines took about 3 years. Could be considered municipal contribution.

Region has new census data available which shows income levels and price of affordable housing.

The City has not seen any development proposals for affordable housing. Region hasn't receive any inquiries about Port Colborne.

Need to make recommendation to council for the preparation of a housing action plan – why is this important – we already have good policies