



MINUTES

**Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters
Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 1 p.m.
Committee Room 3, City Hall
66 Charlotte Street Port Colborne**

Attendees:

Co-Chair Lori Kleinsmith, Bridges CHCH
Co-Chair Angie Desmarais, Councillor
John Maloney, Mayor
Yvon Doucet, Councillor
George Kurzawa, CMHA Niagara
Taralea McLean, Bridges CHC
Christine Clark-Lafleur, Port Cares
Chris Healey, Staff Sergeant, NRP

Judy Cassan, Bridges CHC
Neal Schoen, Justice Niagara
Scott Luey, CAO
Harry Hakim, Manager of Community Services
Scott Lawson, Fire Prevention Officer
Travis Morden, By-law Enforcement Officer
Heather Stones – By-law Enforcement Officer

Minutes: C. McIntosh

1. Call to order

Co-Chair Lori Kleinsmith called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Mayor J. Maloney
Seconded by Christine Clark-Lafleur

That the agenda for the October 4, 2016 meeting of the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee be approved.
CARRIED.

3. Approval of the August 22, 2016 Minutes

Moved by G. Kurzawa
Seconded by Mayor J. Maloney

That the August 22, 2016 minutes of the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee be approved as amended.
CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the August 22, 2016 Minutes

C. McIntosh will forward the studies circulated after the first meeting to those who are in attendance today who were not in at the last meeting.

5. Affordable Housing

Discussion took place about the squatters (people “living rough”) in the City that by-law enforcement and the police have been dealing with. By-law staff updated that the options are limited for dealing with those living rough: there is nowhere in Port Colborne to provide shelter, either emergency or transitional; there is a waitlist of approximately 42 people for affordable housing; depending on the situation, people may not want housing or may not know how to navigate the system to get help or it may take time to build trust in order to provide resources and support.

It was noted that Port Cares has applied for 10 more affordable housing units. There is a Regional movement to waive taxes on Niagara Regional Housing units and may ask for the same in municipalities.

Discussion took place with respect to putting together a rapid response to try to provide support prior to having by-law enforcement or police removal. In the short term, by-law enforcement officers can contact Neal, Judy and George to attempt intervention. A sub committee was established to discuss what supports are there, what is required and how we obtain what is required.

6. New Business

C. McIntosh was asked to circulate the Age Friendly report to the committee.

Justice Niagara legal health checklist circulated. www.legalhealthcheckup.ca

Bridges noted that they are advocating for dental health. City Council endorsed a resolution and Bridges is providing the petition to MPP Forster’s office.

7. Action Items

Set up the sub committee meeting - C. McIntosh. Attendees are asked to research ahead of time. All are asked to email related information to add to the discussion. T. Morden will email the regional by-law enforcement group.

L. Kleinsmith will connect C. McIntosh with Jeff Sinclair, Regional Housing.

8. Next Meeting

December 5, 2016, 1 p.m.

Sub committee, October 4 – Will include Judy from Bridges, Christine from Port Cares, Neal from Justice Niagara, City By-law and CMHA (to discuss a rapid response team to arm our by-law staff and develop criteria about response).

9. Adjournment

That the business of the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee having been completed, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:42 p.m.