



PORT COLBORNE

MEETING NOTES

Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

1:00 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
Taralea MacLean, Bridges CHC
Sherry Hanson, Supervisor, By-law
Enforcement Division
Chris Healey, Staff Sergeant, NRP
Casey Forgeron
Scott Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
Neal Shoen, Justice Niagara
Susan Therrien, Director of Library
Services

Regrets:

Todd Rogers, Chief Building Official
Scott Lawson, Fire Prevention Officer
Tara McKendrick, CMH Niagara
Jeff Sinclair, Niagara Region
Christine Clark-Lafleur, Port Cares

Meeting Notes:

Carrie McIntosh

1. Call to order

Co-Chair Angie Desmarais called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

N/A

3. Approval of the March 22, 2017 Minutes and the May 18, 2017 Meeting Notes

N/A

4. Business Arising

None.

5. Affordable Housing

a) Housing Data Update

Lori advised that the data sub committee (Lori, Judy, Jeff) met twice. Lori distributed information to members and summarized. Lori will provide to Carrie to circulate with the minutes. The data will be updated with 2016 numbers once available from the census.

A question arose with respect to data about secondary suites in rentals and Lori responded that she was unsure of how to capture the data. It was suggested she speak to the Fire Department.

Sherry will look at the permit system to determine if renovations that add more units are tracked or if a manual review can be done.

Discussion took place about what the City can do such as offer incentives, possible through a CIP for landlords to ensure their rental units comply with all legislation.

b) City of St. Catharines Housing Action Plan 2017 (<http://bit.ly/2evCMmB>)

Lori summarized the St. Catharines Housing Action Plan. Carrie will invite the Planner from St. Catharines who authored the report. Committee members are asked to forward questions to Carrie in advance so the Planner can prepare.

c) Elected Representative – Niagara Regional Housing FAQ (included with agenda email).

The fact sheet was provided to Committee members and requested to submit comments to Carrie to forward to Regional Housing.

It was suggested that the Sheriff's Office in the Courthouse in Welland be contacted to obtain eviction numbers for Port Colborne as well as statistics by postal code from the Landlord/tenant board.

6. New Business

Susan Therrien, Library Director of the Port Colborne Public Library was introduced to those in attendance. Susan advised that the Library is a good place for organizations to post their information, meet, advertise or provide outreach. Not only does it have different hours than City Hall but it is more accessible and less intimidating of an atmosphere and really a hub of activity.

Discussion took place about lack of quorum at the last two meetings. Angie noted that she would advise Port Cares and CMH that they can send alternates to the meetings.

Carrie was directed to prepare a report recommending to Council that the Terms of Reference for the Committee be revised to include a representative from the East Village Neighbourhood Improvement Task Force.

7. Action Items

- Angie – reach out to Port Cares and CMH about sending alternates
- Carrie – invite St. Catharines Planner to next meeting, prepare a report addressing the Committee's Terms of Reference.
- Sherry - look at the building permit system to determine if renovations that add more units are tracked or if a manual review can be done.

8. Next Meeting

November 1 or 2, depending on the availability of St. Catharines Planner.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:20 p.m.

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