

**Port Colborne Medical Education, Recruitment and Health Services Committee
Regular Meeting – Monday, January 21, 2019
City Hall, 66 Charlotte St, Port Colborne, Library (3rd Floor)**

MINUTES

Attendees:

Bea Kenny, Chair
Bill Steele, Mayor
Scott Luey, CAO
Connie Butler
Ashley Grigg
Yvon Doucet
Gary Bruno
Tim Hoyle
Donna Kalailieff

Regrets:

Jill Croteau Physician Recruiter
Ron Bodner

Minutes:

Karen Walsh

1. Call to order

Chair Kenny called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Tim Hoyle
Seconded by: Yvon Doucet

That the agenda for the January 21, 2019 meeting of the Port Colborne Medical Education, Recruitment and Health Services Committee be approved.

CARRIED.

3. Approval of November 26, 2018 Minutes

Moved by: Tim Hoyle
Seconded by: Connie Butler

That the November 26, 2018 minutes of the Port Colborne Medical Education, Recruitment and Health Services Committee be approved.

CARRIED.

4. Delegations, Public Comments/Questions/Concerns

None.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nominations of a new chair Bea Kenny and Vice Chair Tim Hoyle

Move by: Connie Buttler

Seconded by: Yvon Doucet

That Bea Kenny will remain as chair and Tim Hoyle will remain as Vice-Chair.

CARRIED

6. Administration

Deborah Rollo is expected back in the next couple of weeks.

Memory Clinic renewed in partnership with the Town of Fort Erie was approved at the last council meeting.

Important to ask and receive the budget request. Most communities receive \$32,000, if we do not offer that amount we are not in the game.

Doctors will be retiring soon, we need to recruit more doctors.

Is Larry Boggio is helping with the recruitment – he is supply the office with new equipment. Jeff Remington is talking with Larry Boggio. The Mayor office will follow up with Larry Boggio.

Is there a way to promote for two or three doctors to set up an office? (People from medical school or wife/husband team.) - something Deb can look into this.

Issue an expression of interest for a doctor to start up. Add to menu options to recruit.

In-camera

Move by: Yvon Doucet

Second by: Connie Butler

Move that we now go in-camara.

Carried

Out of In-camera

7. Health Services Coordinator Report

None

8. Niagara Regional Program Update: Jill Croteau

Jill have had a meeting with Dr. Remington, and conversations with Dr. Maracle and Larry Boggio regarding their new build and we are planning a meeting over the next couple of weeks. The plan for completion is the end of 2019, which has been much later than originally planned. This could be an issue in keep potential physicians engaged in Port Colborne.

Also, Jill just received a report from the MOH that indicated that over 44% of Port Colborne residents are not rostered to a physician in Port Colborne. There are three physicians in St. Catharines leaving their practices in early 2019, which will have a ripple effect on Port Colborne residents who are looking for a doctor. In 2018, 17 left practices (regionally) while only 14 took over/started new ones. There are a larger number of locums in the area who are waiting for the physician services agreement to be ratified between the OMA and the MOHLTC so they know what changes will be made to the different practice models. There could potentially be pay cuts and limits on the FHO model and force the smaller groups to merge to have either five or six members. We don't have an update on this issue.

Comments

Patience go to some doctors but are not rostered. There are also some residents that have a doctor outside of Port Colborne and are very happy with the arrangement.

9. Correspondence

None

10. Other Business

None

12. Next Meeting

Monday, March 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the chair.

13. Adjournment

That the business of the Port Colborne Medical Education, Recruitment and Health Services Committee having been completed, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Moved by: Yvon Doucet
Seconded by: Connie Butler

CARRIED