



MINUTES

Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters

Thursday, November 7, 2019

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, Niagara Regional Police
Jeffrey Sinclair, Niagara Region
Susan Therrien, Director of Library Services
Sherry Hanson, Manager of By-law Services
Judy Cassan, Bridges CHC
Tara-Lea McLean, Bridges CHC
Ryan Pearson, Niagara Community Legal Clinic

Regrets:

Bill Steele, Mayor
Scott Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
Peter Senese, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Scott Lawson, Deputy Fire Chief
Christine Clark-Lafleur, Port Cares
Casey Forgeron, Public Member
Tara McKendrick – CMHA

Minutes:

Nancy Giles, EA to Mayor and CAO

Co-Chair Lori Kleinsmith called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Introductions around the table.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Sherry Hanson
Seconded by Ryan Pearson

Add Living Wage
Add Lodging By-law update

That the agenda for the November 7, 2019 meeting of the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters as amended be approved.
CARRIED.

2. Approval of the September 5, 2019 minutes

Moved by Jeffrey Sinclair

Seconded by Jay McKnight

That the minutes for the September 5, 2019 meeting of the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

3. Business Arising

Living Wage recommendation - it was referred to the CAO for the 2020 budget; Angie – 2020 budget upon us, may need to be on the back burner due to staffing issues.

Lodging by-law - area CAO's met September 6 to review the by-law; Jeffrey will get us an update from Adrienne. This is been a long process – needed to pass legal and suggested they run it by some operators to make sure it was not too onerous. Sherry – some times when you put a generic by-law it can be very onerous on the smaller municipalities.

Let's Talk Series – this series came about as a result of sitting at this table; Housing and Homeless; Human Trafficking; Youth Suicide – had teachers from various boards; next is Supporting Loved ones with Mental Health Issues and Addictions – with Bridges. Trying to get other libraries on board. Outcomes – staff from other libraries attending events; more staff awareness in the city. Port Colborne addressing issues. Vulnerable senior citizens; board chair is interested in police visibility and safety; poverty and diversity. Plan to do quarterly but if more are needed, they will. Angie passed around a badge for TeensWork. Tara Lea attended but would have benefited from hearing more from people who have experienced human trafficking. Will try to get police involved in individual series, rather than a separate talk focusing on the police.

Upcoming in February – Niagara Poverty Reduction Network – want to present to several libraries in the Region - Tenant Rights – Niagara Community Legal Clinic could participate – Ryan stated they could talk about leases, rent evictions, anything you want. Sherry we get complaints about the condition of their unit – we have a process they have to follow. Lori is going to suggest to Ashley that Sherry and Ryan be invited.

Jeffrey mentioned that they have done their series in other larger communities and the interest in Port Colborne is by far greater.

Community Safety and Well-being Plan – Members were provided copies of the presentation given by the Region on October 23, 2019 which was attended by Councillor Angie Desmarais and Nancy Giles. The Summary Feedback sheet produced from the meeting was also shared. The Niagara Region is preparing this – there will be one plan. They will be seeking input from the community. We were mentioned several times in the meeting with respect to this committee and the Situation Table. We will share any incoming information. Jeffrey said the housing and homelessness committee will be a part of this as well.

Letter to Regional Chair Bradley and response - A copy of the letter sent to Regional Chair Bradley about the Community Safety and Well-being Plan and his response were shared.

Jeffrey asked what do you want. Lori would like them to come and talk with us. We will arrange an invite.

4. New Business

A New Direction : A Framework for Homelessness Prevention – Nancy advised that Mayor Steele attended this meeting on October 4, 2019.

Prevention committee at the Region has talked extensively about this. Iain De Jong will be coming to Niagara Falls on December 19th if anyone wants to attend.

5. Community Updates

Jeffrey - Update to 10 year action plan on Housing and Homelessness – went to council and was approved. They will be doing a road show to the municipalities defined for the local municipalities. What should the presentation look like for Port Colborne. In 2020 presentations will be made. We will send out a link and bring ideas forward at the February meeting. Affordable housing plan – Angie will ask at the next meeting.

Lori - National Living Wage Week – no municipalities have signed on yet. Today we recognized and celebrated the 28 employers across Niagara who have joined. 3 more to come. This is up from 7 last year. They employ more than 1000 full-time, part-time and contract employees. Lack of regional public transit pushes up the living wage in Niagara. New living wage rate is \$18.12, up from \$17.99.

6. Action Items

Community Safety and Well-Being Plan – invite to next meeting – Nancy/Lori
Update on Affordable Housing Plan - Angie

7. Next Meeting

Thursday, February 6, 2020 1 p.m.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.