



Meeting Notes
Ad-Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness
June 27th, 2018
3:30 PM
Council Chambers, Town Hall
105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior

Present:

Lee Dyck, Chair
Clark Young, Vice Chair (3:32 PM)
David Reid, Mayor
Danielle Raymond (3:38 PM)
Debbie Hudson
Josie Scott
Liz McLaren
Lyn Smith (3:41 PM)
Renee Coady

Also Present:

Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk
Oliver Jacob, CSSA Summer Student

Paul Moreau, Director of Social Services
Laura LePine, Manager of Ontario Works
Carol Neill, Manager of Renfrew County Housing
Judy Mulvihill, Manager of Childcare and Early Years

Absent:

Dana Smith-Hisko
Jennifer Remus
Nathalie Spratt

1. Call to Order

Lee Dyck, Chair, called the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness Meeting to order at 3:31 PM and welcomed those present. Each Committee Member introduced themselves for the benefit of the delegation.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. ADHOC-007-18

Moved by: Renee Coady

Seconded by: David Reid, Mayor

Be It Resolved That the Agenda for the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness Meeting dated Wednesday, June 27th, 2018 be adopted.

Resolution CARRIED

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Notes

Resolution No. ADHOC-008-18

Moved by: Josie Scott

Seconded by: David Reid, Mayor

Be It Resolved That the Meeting Notes from the Regular Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness dated Wednesday, May 30th, 2018 be adopted as amended.

Resolution CARRIED

David Reid, Mayor, provided an update from the June 25th, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council where the amended terms of reference and committee membership was adopted by Council.

4. Matters Tabled/Deferred/Unfinished Business

None

5. Presentations/Delegations**a. County of Renfrew**

The delegation from the County of Renfrew provided a PowerPoint presentation, attached as Appendix A and forming a part of these meeting notes, and responded to questions. The delegation also provided a handout to Committee Members, attached as Appendix B and forming a part of these meeting notes.

The delegation from the County of Renfrew consisted of Paul Moreau (Director of Social Services), Laura LePine (Manager of Ontario Works), Carol Neill (Manager of Renfrew County Housing), and Judy Mulvihill, (Manager of Childcare and Early Years).

Highlights:

Child Care and Early Years

- The County of Renfrew possess one office building in Arnprior (80 McGonigal Street West) which houses offices for both Ontario Works and the Renfrew County Housing Corporation. Their office hours are Monday to Fridays from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- The Town of Arnprior has seen a decrease in child poverty statistics over the last number of years and it is actually doing very well when it comes to school readiness. Arnprior is actually a unique case in the County of Renfrew where its children are equally prepared for school regardless of socio-economic background.
- The EarlyON Centre (formerly the Early Years Centre), located in the Kenwood Corporate Centre, provides services and information for parents struggling with providing for their children. The major aim of the EarlyON Centre is to connect parents with services available in the community including those offered by the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU).
- The County of Renfrew offers a fee subsidy for licensed child care facilities on a graduated scale based on income and number of children in the

household. Programs focus on families with children at risk of being put into care and parents who are unable to care for their children due to mental health or illness (treatable conditions that are not extreme / do not put children into dangerous situations). It has been shown that students who are registered in licensed child care facilities have a better chance of success at school and a better life.

- The County of Renfrew stressed that many of their programs provide a connection with other programs including Ontario Works (OW), the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and the Renfrew County Housing Corporation (RCHC).
- The County of Renfrew has grown its licensed child care from 800 to 2000 in the last four (4) or so years.
- Danielle Raymond recommended that the County of Renfrew look at extending the hours of operation for licensed child care facilities taking care of special needs children. A 6am to 6pm schedule would be preferable so that parents may work full-time to support their families and not have to worry about picking their children up earlier than other children.

Ontario Works

- The Ontario Works (OW) program was created in 1998 out of the welfare and family benefits that exist in the past. The program provides funding to eligible individuals and households. Of particular note, the County of Renfrew operates several financial and emergency assistance programs including the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP).
- The Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) have jointly created a client services advisory committee that provides feedback on the program's service delivery.
- Danielle Raymond recommended the introductory of a more robust constructive complaint system for clients to utilize at any time. Effective complaint resolution systems only serve to create better services and processes for future clients.
- The Town of Arnprior is on par with other areas of Renfrew County in terms of usage rates of Ontario Works (OW).
- Employment statistics indicate that the average worker earns around \$44,139.00 per annum (2016), which is higher than both Renfrew and Pembroke. The unemployment rate sits at around 6.5%.
- The Learning, Earning And Parenting (LEAP) Program has been transitioned to be voluntary under direction given by the Ontario Minister of Education and the Minister responsible for Early Years and Child Care.

Renfrew County Housing Corporation

- There are 290 units in the Town of Arnprior that are available or subsidized through the Renfrew County Housing Corporation (RCHC); however, there is currently a 243-person waiting list. Eleven (11) of those individuals on the waiting list have self-declared as homeless; however, it is understood that this number is likely much higher.
- The Renfrew County Housing Corporation (RCHC) prioritizes survivors of domestic abuse and allows them to find housing at an expedited rate. There is also a portable housing benefit for survivors of domestic violence where the individual can pick the landlord and property themselves. After a question from a committee member, County staff clarified that there is no special priority for those who are differently abled.
- Some programs are time-limited due to time limits from provincial and/or federal contribution agreements.
- Danielle Raymond recommended more opportunities for feedback for residents where service delivery can be improved through collaboration with existing and past tenants. She shared that the Renfrew County Housing Corporation may be incorporated into the existing Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability support Program (ODSP) Client Services Advisory Committee.
- County staff cautioned that should the Committee wish to pursue the proposed housing project, it must consider the liability and operational needs of the project (staffing, etc.) and the viability of satisfying these needs. It was recommended to contact the Grind Youth Centre in Pembroke, ON, regarding being a delegation to the Committee in the future. Staff are already looking into this opportunity.

6. New Business**a. Memo on Funding Opportunities for Temporary Crisis Accommodations**

Oliver Jacob, Client Services Administrative Assistant Summer Student, provided a brief overview of the memo.

b. Amendment to the Meeting Schedule (August)

Oliver Jacob, Client Services Administrative Assistant Summer Student, shared that there appears to be a conflict with the August meeting date and the United Way fundraising launch event. It is felt that it may be beneficial for Committee Members to attend this event and to learn more about the United Way funding opportunities. The recommendation would be to move the August meeting to Wednesday, August 29th, 2018.

Resolution No. ADHOC-009-18

Moved by: Renee Coady

Seconded by: David Reid, Mayor

That the Meeting Schedule be amended to change the August meeting date to be Wednesday, August 29th, 2018.

Resolution CARRIED

c. Round Table Discussion

i. New Community Resources / Opportunities

Josie Scott mentioned that, similarly to the County of Renfrew, Community Mental Health Services also acts as system navigators for its clients to find stable support in the local community. She shared that boarding houses can be an option to help with housing constraints in the community by working with homeowners (including seniors) to provide innovative alternate housing solutions. Such initiatives would also serve to foster the caring communities that Arnprior would benefit from.

Josie Scott asked if the Ontario Renovates program could be used by homeowners to create a secondary dwelling to help with long-term financial sustainability for seniors.

David Reid, Mayor, said that an ordinary residential zoning designation can allow for secondary units within an existing property without the need for zoning by-law amendments.

Danielle Raymond recommended that a shared document be created to hold statistics and anecdotes that Committee Members come across.

ii. Planning a Public Event

None

iii. Coordination of Resources

None

7. **Adjournment**

Resolution No. ADHOC-010-18

Moved by: David Reid, Mayor

Seconded by: Danielle Raymond

That the Regular Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness be adjourned at 5:26 PM.

Resolution CARRIED

The next meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness will be held on Wednesday, July 11th, 2018 at 3:30 PM in Council Chambers (Town Hall) located at 105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior, ON K7S 0A8.



Arnprior Demographics

June 27, 2018

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Arnprior Demographics

- Largest population group living in Arnprior is between the ages of 50 to 69 years old
- In ten years (2006-2016) the childhood population (0-6) has increased by 210 children, 32%

Percentage of Children Living Below the Poverty Line

Data collected in 2010 and 2015 indicates a decrease in the number of children living below the poverty line;

- 13% for children less than 6 years of age (36.6% to 23.6%)
- 5.1% for children under 18 years of age (28.7% to 23.6%)

Arnprior Childhood Population versus Licensed Child Care Spaces

Licensed spaces per age group as compared to the childhood population;

- 5.4% Infants
- 26% Toddlers
- 90% Preschoolers
- 51.8% Kindergarten
- 16% School-Age

Ontario Works Programs

- Financial and Emergency Assistance
- Referrals and Information provided on other supporting programs; ODSP, LEAP, OESP
- Homeless Prevention Program
- Ontario Works staff are 'system navigators'

Employment and Income

Average Earnings in Arnprior \$44,139

Unemployment Rate in Arnprior – June: June - 6.5%



Ontario Works

In receipt of Ontario Works in May 2018 there were;

- 107 single adults
- 3 couples without children
- 70 sole support parents
- 7 couples with children



There were a total of 125 children supported in families under Ontario Works in May 2018.

Social Housing

291 Social Housing Units in Arnprior

- 260 RCHC owned units
- 29 Rent Supplement units
- 12 Non-Profit units of senior's only housing

243 households waiting for social housing

- 11 self declared as homeless

Households Served by RCHC

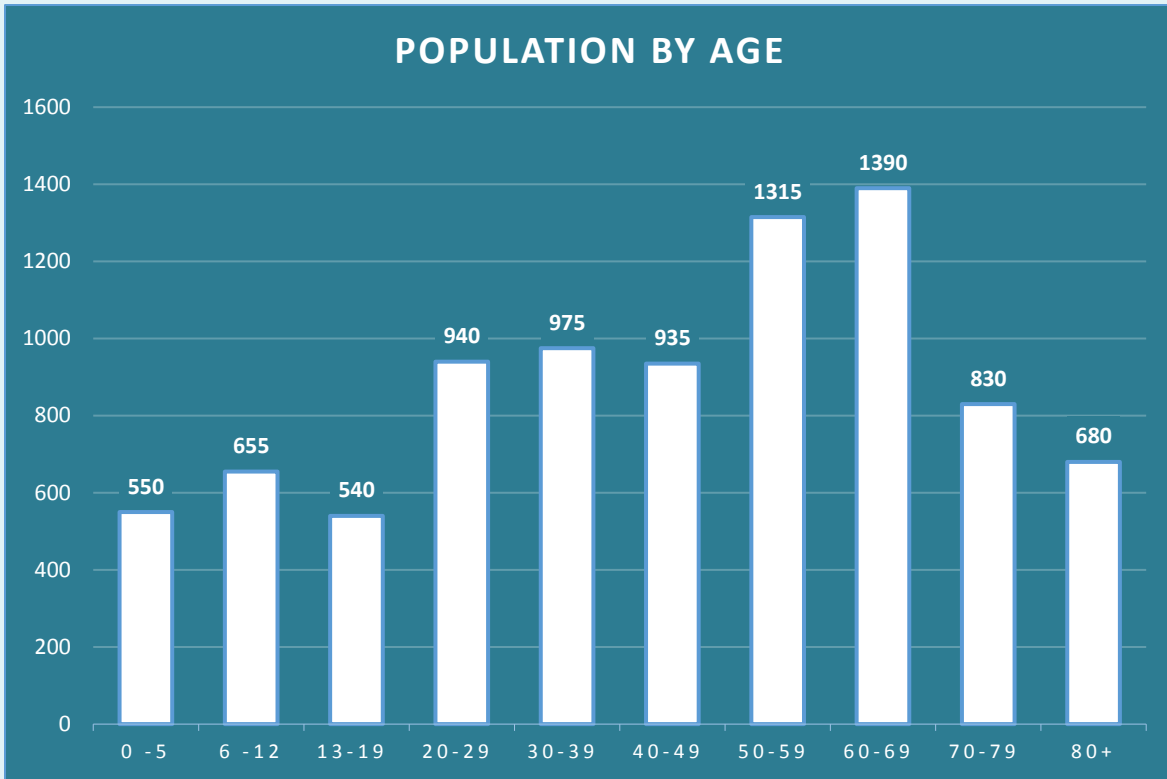
- 55 Seniors
- 80 Adults
- 125 Families



Other Housing Programs

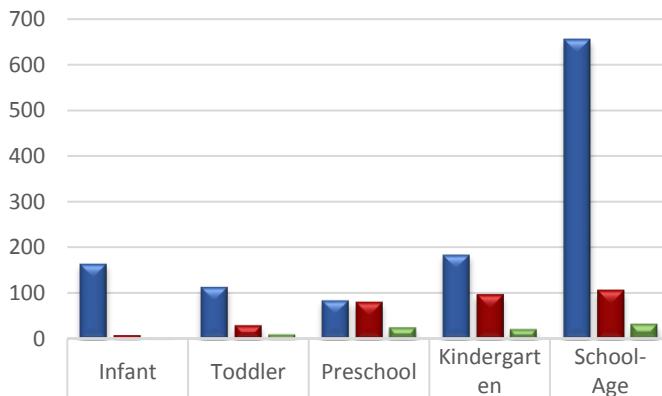
- Community Homelessness Prevention Program
- Rental Housing Program
- Ontario Renovates
- Home Ownership Program
- Rental Housing – 2 affordable housing builds
- Portable Housing Benefit – Special Priority Policy

Arnprior Community Outcomes



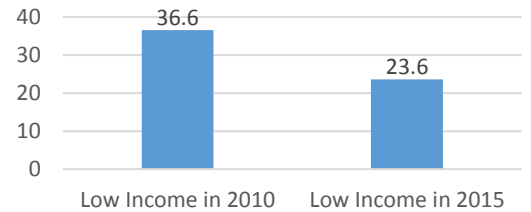
Source: Statistics Canada - 2016

Arnprior Childhood Population vs Licensed Childcare Spaces and Children Receiving Fee Subsidy



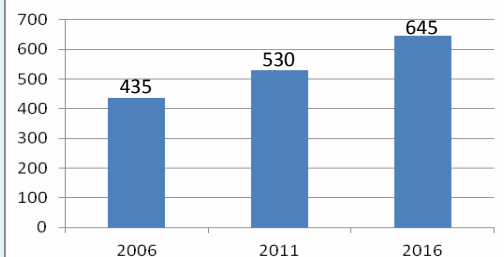
	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	Kindergarten	School-Age
2016 Renfrew County Census Population Data	165	115	85	185	655
Number of Licensed Spaces	9	30	80	96	105
Average Number of Children Receiving Fee Subsidy	1.5	9.6	23.8	20.1	30.9

Percentage of Children Less than 6 years (%) Living Below the Poverty Line



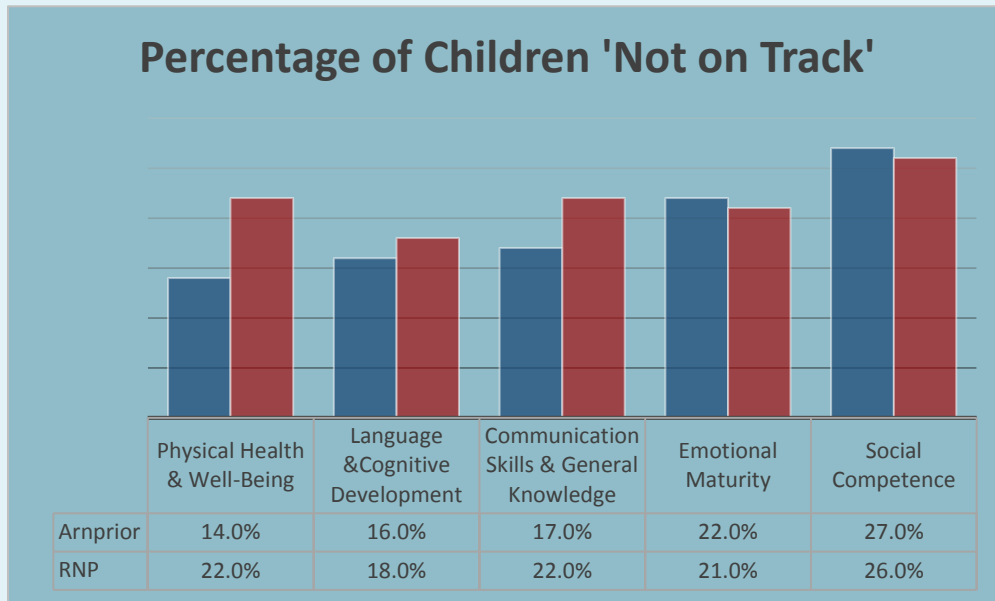
Prevalence of low income based on the Low-income measure, after tax (LIM-AT) 2010 NHS and 2016 Census Data
 Prevalence of low income - The proportion or percentage of units whose income falls below a specified low-income line.

Childhood Population 0-6



WHAT IS THE EDI?

The Early Development Instrument (EDI) is a questionnaire completed by kindergarten teachers measuring children's ability to meet age-appropriate developmental expectations in five key domains.



FAMILY DEMOGRAPHICS and STATISTICS



Employment and Income

Low income based on Low-income cut-offs, after tax (LICO-AT, %)

	0-17 yrs	18-64 yrs	65+
Arnprior	5.3%	5.6%	1.4%
COR	4.5%	5.4%	1.3%

Unemployment Rate

Arnprior 6.8%
COR 7.2%

Average Earnings
Arnprior \$44,139

Average Value of Owned Dwellings
Arnprior \$265,798
COR \$265,964

Rented Dwellings
Arnprior 33.6%
COR 23.3%

Statistics Canada, 2016 Census Data

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- 67 Children 0-6 yrs
- 40 Children 7-12 yrs
- 18 Children 13-17 yrs

May 2018 OW Stats