



Meeting Notes
Ad-Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness
November 21st, 2018
3:30 PM
Council Chambers, Town Hall
105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior

Present:

Lee Dyck, Chair
Clark Young, Vice Chair
David Reid, Mayor
Danielle Raymond
Amy Scholten
Josie Scott
Liz McLaren
Lyn Smith

Also Present:

Emily Melanson, Client Services Admin. Assist.

Absent:

Nathalie Spratt (w/ regrets)
Debbie Hudson (w/ regrets)
Dana Smith-Hisko
Jennifer Remus
Renee Coady

1. Call to Order

Lee Dyck, Chair, called the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness Meeting to order at 3:33 PM and welcomed those present.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. ADHOC-025-18

Moved by: David Reid

Seconded by: Danielle Raymond

Be It Resolved That the Agenda for the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness Meeting dated Wednesday, November 21, 2018 be adopted.

Resolution CARRIED

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Notes

Resolution No. ADHOC-026-18

Moved by: David Reid

Seconded by: Lyn Smith

Be It Resolved That the Meeting Notes from the Regular Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness dated Wednesday, October 17, 2018 be adopted with the following changes:

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- Page 2, paragraph 5(a) be amended to include wording “for families in need”
- Page 5, paragraph 6(a)(i) be corrected to read “Ms. Smith spoke about the province shutting down the basic income pilot program”.

Resolution CARRIED

4. Matters Tabled/Deferred/Unfinished Business

None

5. Presentations/Delegations

a. Compilation Report – Summary of meetings (Emily Melanson, CSSA)

Emily Melanson presented a report which included a compilation of information and documentation that had been presented and discussed throughout the existence of this committee.

The report included background information, including, but not limited to, the committee’s mandate, responsibilities, membership, meetings and options for proceeding.

Mrs. Melanson appended the following documentation for the committees’ consideration:

- Terms of Reference
- Existing Resources table
- County of Renfrew’s 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan
- County of Renfrew’s 2016 Report Card on Homelessness
- Realizing Our Potential: Ontario’s Poverty Reduction Strategy (2014-2019)

6. New Business

a. Round Table Discussion

i. Planning next steps

Discussion ensued, with the following items being discussed:

- The committee discussed the following options for proceeding:
 - Draft a letter to council with a request to continue into the next term of council
 - Ask council for consideration to request a facilitator to develop an action plan

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- The committee spoke to researching and compiling a list of grants that are available to guide the committee on what is needed to apply for grant projects.
- Danielle Raymond said she is happy to compile a list of grant availability to help guide committee, including information about who can request grants, data required, etc.
- Amy Scholten noted, that after attending the Canadian Rural and Remote Housing and Homelessness Symposium, a lot of funding is given to a “Housing First” model. The theory behind this is essentially that in order to empower people, you have to house them first. Amy Scholten noted importance of having Housing First presentation.
- Committee is planning to reach out to Housing First to have them as a delegation at a future meeting. Also discussed, Danielle Raymond said she would be prepared to present her grant research as well.
- Lyn Smith noted a Town Hall meeting to ask for public input. David Reid noted that invite could extend to agencies, citizen members, stakeholders, so that everyone has input and then to prioritize with input from the community.

Resolution No. ADHOC-027-18

Moved by: Lyn Smith

Seconded by: Amy Scholten

That the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness recommend to Council that the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness continue into the next term of Council; and

Further that Council consider funding a facilitator to assist with developing an action plan to meet the needs of the Arnprior and surrounding community in regards to poverty and homelessness.

Resolution CARRIED

7. Adjournment

Resolution No. ADHOC-028-18

Moved by: David Reid

Seconded by: Josie Scott

That the Regular Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness be adjourned at 4:12 PM.

Resolution CARRIED