



Meeting Notes  
Ad-Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness  
June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
3:30 PM  
Council Chambers, Town Hall  
105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior

**Present:**

Lee Dyck, Chair  
Clark Young, Vice Chair  
Lynn Grinstead  
Chris Toner  
Danielle Raymond  
Liz McLaren  
Lyn Smith  
Amy Scholten  
Renee Coady  
Karen Ann McKinna

**Also Present:**

Oliver Jacob, Client Services Admin. Assist.

**Absent:**

Jade Nauman (w/ regrets)  
Josie Scott (w/ regrets)

**1. Call to Order**

Lee Dyck, Chair, called the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness Meeting to order at 3:32 PM and welcomed those present.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Resolution No. ADHOC-011-19

Moved by: Renee Coady

Seconded by: Lyn Smith

**Be It Resolved That** the Agenda for the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness Meeting dated Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be adopted.

Resolution CARRIED

**3. Approval of Previous Meeting Notes**

Resolution No. ADHOC-012-19

Moved by: Karen Ann McKinna

Seconded by: Liz McLaren

**That** the Meeting Notes from the Regular Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness dated Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be adopted.

Resolution CARRIED

**4. Matters Tabled/Deferred/Unfinished Business**

None

**5. Presentations/Delegations**

None

**6. New Business****a. Memo - Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair**

As the Committee is meeting in a new term of Council, it must discuss the appointment of a Chair and Vice Chair as well as the adoption of committee goals for the new term. The Committee considered the nominations received before the meeting as presented in the A/Client Services Administrative Assistant's Memo to the Committee, attached as Appendix A and forming a part of these minutes.

Resolution No. ADHOC-013-19

Moved by: Karen Ann McKinna

Seconded by: Lyn Smith

**That** Danielle Raymond be appointed as Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness;

**Further That** Renee Coady be appointed as Vice Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness;

**Further That** these appointments be effective at the next Regular Meeting of the Committee and continue for the remainder of the current term of the Committee, coinciding with the term of Council ending on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Resolution CARRIED

**b. Round Table Discussion****i. Development of an action plan****i. Defining Poverty (facilitated visioning exercise)**

Committee Member Danielle Raymond led the Committee through visioning exercises to develop a common definition of poverty in the local context and to set goals for the current term of the Committee. Committee feedback and discussion records, attached as Appendix B and forming a part of these minutes, will form the basis for future committee work.

ii. **Facilitator Discussion**

Resolution No. ADHOC-014-19

Moved by: Renee Coady

Seconded by: Danielle Raymond

**That** the Committee table item 6(b)(ii) to its next regular meeting

Resolution CARRIED

7. **Adjournment**

Resolution No. ADHOC-015-19

Moved by: Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by: Chris Toner

**That** the Regular Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness be adjourned at 5:22 PM.

Resolution CARRIED

The next meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness will be held on Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 3:30 PM in Council Chambers (Town Hall) located at 105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior, ON K7S 0A8.



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# Memo

**To:** Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness  
**From:** Oliver Jacob, A/ Client Services Administrative Assistant  
**Date:** June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
**Subject:** **Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair**

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At its May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness directed its members to send nominations for Chair and Vice Chair to Oliver Jacob, A/ Client Services Administrative Assistant, in advance of the next Regular Meeting of the Committee. Committee members could self-nominate and/or nominate another member of the committee. If a member nominated another member, it was confirmed that the nominee agreed to accept the nomination and stand for election to the respective position before they were included in this Memo. There were three (3) nominations that were made but declined by the nominee.

As of 2:30 PM on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the following nominations had been submitted and confirmed by the Clerk's Office.

**Candidate(s) for Chair:**

- Danielle Raymond

**Candidate(s) for Vice Chair:**

No nominations were submitted and accepted.

Further nominations may be entertained by the Committee during discussion on Item 6 (a) on the agenda.

Sincerely,  
Oliver Jacob  
A/ Client Services Administrative Assistant

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## Appendix B: Defining Poverty Discussion Notes

Below is a summary of reflections resulting from the group activity and round table discussion at our last committee meeting.

When asked the following two questions (*Why was this committee created? & When this committee was created, what was the ultimate goal?*), the committee was encouraged to revisit what originally inspired them to gather as a group. The questions were intentionally similar to focus the discussion on goal setting and, therefore, there was a great deal of overlap in the answers.

I've provided a summary of the committee's answers below:

- To help people become more self-sufficient with accessible resources and services.
- To implement a strategy to support people who are homeless and living in poverty.
- To identify a strategy to move forward in addressing poverty in our community.
- To work together with various groups to address issues of homelessness and poverty in the Greater Arnprior area.
- To assist in improving overall community wellness.
- To build partnerships with community groups.
- To improve service coordination and collaboration of community groups.
- To address child poverty in Arnprior and overall issues with homelessness.
- To inform Council and provide up-to-date information on community resources and work toward coordinating community resources effectively.
- To come together to develop a strategy as there is no clear strategy to address poverty and homelessness in Arnprior or the county.
- To help reduce poverty in Arnprior and surrounding regions.
- To work together to help alleviate poverty in our community comprehensively.
- To raise awareness about poverty and homelessness and to eradicate poverty and homelessness by moving forward with a strategy to support people.
- To raise awareness and to assist those in need.
- To understand the key issues and causes of child poverty and homelessness.
- To gather information on poverty and homelessness and to do community consultations.
- The committee was formed because it was thought that child poverty was at its highest in this municipality although those statistics have improved (\*albeit marginally so). The goal was to reduce or eliminate homelessness and poverty and make others aware of the issues and improve the lives of Arnprior citizens.

In the *Survive and Thrive* activity, the group was given a fictional yet realistic case study of a local resident and her children. The scenario described them as being at risk of homelessness and in crisis. Some of the information provided was detailed, whereas some valuable information was intentionally left out or presented vaguely. The committee was asked to brainstorm services and resources within the community in order to support the family with: (a) their immediate and most pressing needs while in crisis (surviving) and (b) the provision of ongoing support, once their situation stabilized, with a focus on physical and social well-being (thriving).

## Appendix B: Defining Poverty Discussion Notes

The committee listed over twenty organizations (see below) and discussed the importance of connecting those living in poverty with faith based organizations, recreational and volunteer opportunities as well as access to ongoing education. The group also discussed the challenges of navigating community services and in particular managing multiple appointments with multiple agencies - all of which have different administrative requirements (i.e. intake and ongoing paperwork). For example, in this particular scenario, it is estimated that the individual would need to access twenty organizations, with approximately 5-8 case workers and anywhere from 2-7 pages of documentation per service accessed.

### **Local Community Resources:** *Survive and Thrive*

- [Bernadette McCann House](#) or Ottawa women shelter system as it may be closer for residents further east of Pembroke
- [Ontario Works Renfrew County](#)
- [Renfrew County Housing Corporation](#)
- [Renfrew County Legal Clinic](#)
- [Arnprior Food Bank](#)
- [Child Poverty Action Network CPAN](#)
- [360 Project \(CPAN\)](#)
- [Tools for School \(CPAN\)](#)
- [The Champlain Community Care Access Centre](#)
- [Renfrew County Child Care and Early Years Division](#)
- [Renfrew County Phoenix Centre](#)
- [Arnprior Regional Hospital and Family Health Team](#)
- [Renfrew County Victim Services](#)
- [Mental Health Services of Renfrew County](#)
- [Renfrew County Addiction Treatment System](#)
- [Mothersafe and Pathways Alcohol and Drug Treatment Services](#)
- [Assistance for Children with Disabilities](#)
- [Renfrew County Family and Children's Services](#)
- [ONTRAC Employment Services](#)
- [JumpStart](#) Funding for Children and Youth Re: Physical Activities
- [NeighbourLink Fountain](#)
- [Renfrew County & District School Board](#)
- [Teachers Against Poverty](#) (TAP)
- [The Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario](#) (CHEO)
- Service Clubs and Faith-Based Organizations

Unfortunately, we ran short on time to complete the activity; however, the committee decided to conclude with a round table in which members shared inspiring thoughts regarding the future direction of the committee.

Some key points emerged and were echoed by multiple members. These points are as follows:

- There needs to be better coordination and allocation of services and resources in our community.

Appendix B:  
Defining Poverty Discussion Notes

- There is a collective desire to move forward from planning to action.
- The acquisition of funding is required to move the work of the committee forward.

Simply put, the committee is eager to identify goals and objectives and translate these goals into action that aims to address the identified needs of the community. The committee agreed to begin the process of identifying goals and objectives before the next meeting via email correspondence.