



Meeting Notes
Ad-Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness
July 31st, 2019
3:30 PM
Council Chambers, Town Hall
105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior

Present:

Danielle Raymond, Chair
Renee Coady, Vice Chair
Chris Toner
Lee Dyck
Lyn Smith
Karen Ann McKinna
Josie Scott

Also Present:

Oliver Jacob, Client Services Admin. Assist.
Tina Chevrier, ontrac Employment Services
Chelsea Gordon, ontrac Employment Services
Theresa Dunn, Canadian Peace Initiative (Arnprior)
Keith Organ

Absent:

Amy Scholten (w/ regrets)
Clark Young (w/ regrets)
Jade Nauman (w/ regrets)
Liz McLaren (w/ regrets)
Lynn Grinstead (w/ regrets)

1. Call to Order

Danielle Raymond, Chair, called the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness Meeting to order at 3:34 PM and welcomed those present. Committee members and Members of the Public introduced themselves for the benefit of new attendees.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. ADHOC-016-19

Moved by: Chris Toner

Seconded by: Renee Coady

Be It Resolved That the Agenda for the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness Meeting dated Wednesday, July 31st, 2019 be adopted.

Resolution CARRIED

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Notes

Resolution No. ADHOC-017-19

Moved by: Renee Coady

Seconded by: Josie Scott

That the Meeting Notes from the Regular Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness dated Wednesday, June 26th, 2019 be adopted.

Resolution AMENDED

Resolution No. ADHOC-018-19

Moved by: Renee Coady

Seconded by: Lyn Smith

That Page 2 of the minutes be amended by adding “(facilitated visioning exercise)” to the section title of Item No. 6 (b) (i) (i) after “Defining Poverty”.

Resolution CARRIED

Resolution No. ADHOC-019-19

Moved by: Renee Coady

Seconded by: Lyn Smith

That the Meeting Notes from the Regular Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness dated Wednesday, June 26th, 2019 be adopted.

Resolution CARRIED as amended

4. Matters Tabled/Deferred/Unfinished Business

None

5. Presentations/Delegations

None

6. New Business

The Committee agreed, by consensus, to a five (5) minute recess to review the information provided for in Item 6 (a) (i) (i) on the Agenda.

a. Round Table Discussion

i. Development of an action plan

i. Committee Goals

Chair Danielle Raymond led the Committee through a discussion on the role of the committee moving forward and how it could set goals in accordance with the governance structure and the realities of planning within a tiered system of municipal governance.

Below is an overview of the key themes identified through the discussion:

- The Committee has collected extensive data and information on the existing services within the Greater Arnprior area; however,

members are unsure if enough research has been done to make recommendations to Council on potential solutions.

- The Committee has been provided with \$5000 in the 2019 Operating Budget to fund a consultant/facilitator to organize and lead community consultations on poverty and homelessness; however, members are unsure if this is necessary or would needlessly extend the duration of the committee's work.
- The Committee has drifted to focus on housing as a primary objective since its creation; however, members are also concerned that poverty, social services, mental health services and other contributors to poverty and homelessness may be overlooked with this sole focus.
- The Committee would like to find ways to address "low-hanging fruit" (simple instances of service delivery enhancement).
- The Committee would like to explore solutions and an action-based approach to tackling the issue of poverty and homelessness in the community.

Resolution No. ADHOC-020-19

Moved by: Renee Coady

Seconded by: Chris Toner

That the Committee request to Council that the allocation of \$5000.00 in the 2019 Operating Budget be utilized for the retention of a consultant to produce a report with a summation of the committees work, an identification of key themes and a list of recommendations for consideration by the Committee;

Further That the Committee request authorization from Council to seek in-kind support from United Way Renfrew County to support this project as needed.

Resolution TABLED

Resolution No. ADHOC-021-19

Moved by: Josie Scott

Seconded by: Karen Ann McKinna

That Resolution No. ADHOC-020-19 be tabled to the next regular meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness for consideration.

Resolution CARRIED

ii. **Facilitator Discussion**

Resolution No. ADHOC-022-19

Moved by: Renee Coady

Seconded by: Lyn Smith

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

Resolution CARRIED

7. **Adjournment**

Resolution No. ADHOC-023-19

Moved by: Danielle Raymond

Seconded by: Lee Dyck

That the Regular Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness be adjourned at 5:09 PM.

Resolution CARRIED

The next meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness will be held on Wednesday, August 28th, 2019 at 3:30 PM in Council Chambers (Town Hall) located at 105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior, ON K7S 0A8.