



Meeting Notes
Ad-Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness
September 25th, 2019
3:30 PM
Council Chambers, Town Hall
105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior

Present:

Danielle Raymond, Chair
Renee Coady, Vice Chair
Lynn Grinstead
Chris Toner
Josie Scott
Lee Dyck
Liz McLaren
Lyn Smith
Tina Chevrier
Keri-Lyn Young

Also Present:

Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk
Oliver Jacob, Client Services Admin. Assist.
Jean Cassidy
Darrel O'Shaughnessy, GASC
Sandra Elliott, GASC
Laurel Reid, GASC

Absent:

Karen Ann McKinna (w/ regrets)
Amy Scholten (w/ regrets)
Jade Nauman (w/ regrets)

1. Call to Order

Danielle Raymond, Chair, called the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness Meeting to order at 3:38 PM and welcomed those present.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. ADHOC-029-19

Moved by: Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by: Tina Chevrier

Be It Resolved That the Agenda for the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness Meeting dated Wednesday, September 25th, 2019 be adopted as amended to correct item numbering.

Resolution CARRIED

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Notes

Resolution No. ADHOC-030-19

Moved by: Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by: Josie Scott

That the Meeting Notes from the Regular Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness dated Wednesday, August 28th, 2019 be adopted.

Resolution CARRIED

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4. Matters Tabled/Deferred/Unfinished Business

None

5. Presentations/Delegations

a) Delegation – GASC Seniors Affordable Housing Sub-Committee

Robin Paquette, Laurel Reid and Darrel O’Shaughnessy from the GASC Seniors Affordable Housing Sub-Committee provided a brief verbal presentation on their committee’s work to date and responded to questions.

b) Presentation – Community Consultations Overview (Oliver Jacob, A/ CSAA)

Oliver Jacob, A/ Client Services Administrative Assistant, provided an overview presentation on the community consultation session proposal and responded to questions.

Resolution No. ADHOC-031-19

Moved by: Lee Dyck

Seconded by: Lynn Grinstead

That the Committee accept the Community Consultations Overview presentation as information and that it be filed accordingly.

Resolution CARRIED

6. New Business

a) Memo No. 2019-09-25-01 (Community Consultations – Topic Selection and Logistics)

Oliver Jacob, A/ Client Services Administrative Assistant, provided an overview of the Memo and responded to questions.

Resolution No. ADHOC-032-19

Moved by: Chris Toner

Seconded by: Josie Scott

That the Committee accept Memo No. 2019-09-25-01 (Community Consultations – Topic Selection and Logistics) as information and that it be filed accordingly; and

Further That the Committee provide direction on the items identified therein.

Resolution CARRIED

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Discussion ensued with key comments including:

- It would be optimal to hold the consultations in late November or early December to prevent interference with the holiday season.
- It is recommended that the sessions be held over two days with two sessions per day (alternating morning/afternoon and evening session).
- There should be some form of electronic option for participants who are reluctant to attend in person. A survey may be an effective tool.
- Advertising for the community consultations should be held through both traditional media (newspaper, radio, posters) and alternative media organizations (i.e. social media).
- It would be optimal to provide some form of incentive to participants (i.e. bagged lunch for children, dinner, child care, etc.)
- The Optimist Club of Arnprior may be a potential funding source as our project impacts the youth of Arnprior and families living in poverty. Local businesses may also be helpful sponsors for these consultations.
- It is important to ensure that participants feel safe to participate fully to the best of their abilities in the discussions. This can be achieved through being careful with word choice and tone as facilitators and by using an introductory statement to reinforce the purpose to serve and understand/advocate for all residents of the Town of Arnprior.
- Sign-ups in advance are recommended although the public sessions are open to the public. Participants should represent the Town of Arnprior; however, a non-resident will not be excluded from discussions should they participate.

b) Round Table Discussion

Lyn Smith mentioned that CPAN's Festival of Trees will be held on November 23rd, 2019 in Petawawa, ON. More information can be found on CPAN's website at https://renfrewcountycpan.ca/event/8th-annual-festival-of-trees-snowflake-gala/?event_date=2019-11-23.

7. Adjournment

Resolution No. ADHOC-033-19

Moved by: Lee Dyck

Seconded by: Danielle Raymond

That the Regular Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness be adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Resolution CARRIED

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