



Meeting Notes
Ad-Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness
September 4th, 2020
12:00 PM
Council Chambers, Town Hall (Video Conferencing)
105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior

Present:

Josie Scott, Chair
Guy Lamarche, Vice Chair
Lyn Smith
Karen Ann McKinna
Amy Scholten
Keri-Lyn Young
Liz McLaren
Chris Toner

Also Present:

Oliver Jacob, Client Services Admin. Assist.

Absent:

Lee Dyck (w/ regrets)
Lynn Grinstead (w/ regrets)
Tina Chevrier (w/ regrets)
Jade Nauman (w/ regrets)

1. Call to Order

Josie Scott, Chair, called the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness Meeting to order at 12:01 PM and welcomed those present.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. ADHOC-016-20

Moved by: Chris Toner

Seconded by: Karen Ann McKinna

Be It Resolved That the Agenda for the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness Meeting dated Friday, September 4th, 2020 be adopted.

Resolution CARRIED

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Notes

Resolution No. ADHOC-017-20

Moved by: Amy Scholten

Seconded by: Guy Lamarche

Be It Resolved That the meeting notes for the May 29th, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness be adopted.

Resolution CARRIED as amended

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4. Matters Tabled/Deferred/Unfinished Business

None

5. Presentations/Delegations

None

6. New Business

a. Memo No. 2020-09-04-01 (Final Report – Draft)

Resolution No. ADHOC-018-20

Moved by: Keri-Lyn Young

Seconded by: Amy Scholten

That the Committee accept the Memo No. 2020-09-04-01 (Final Report – Draft) as information and that it be filed accordingly; and

Further That Committee Members provide feedback on the draft report as presented.

Resolution CARRIED

Committee members reviewed the Draft Report to Council recommendation-by-recommendation to identify questions and/or concerns. Discussion ensued with suggested amendments being made following the meeting by the Client Services Administrative Assistant. It was also agreed that the Ad Hoc Committee would review the remaining Recommendations sections in advance of the next meeting.

b. Round Table Discussion

Lyn Smith shared that she has worked on Campaign 2020, a national ad hoc committee on poverty and homelessness with a focus on ensuring inclusivity and equity in Canada's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Their work has also focused on the CERB and its impacts on provincial program recipients. Their submission to a parliamentary committee can be viewed here. Furthermore, she shared that there has been advocacy related to the CERB and working with the federal government to limit the application of fines/penalties to ineligible recipients.

Karen Ann McKinna noted that the NeighbourLink Fountain is currently accepting donations, offering emergency assistance and providing their services by appointment on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Additionally, the thrift shop has re-opened on Saturdays between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. All services are operating in conjunction with applicable public health guidance; however, the Fountain is currently experiencing a volunteer shortage.

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Amy Scholten shared that the Canadian Rural and Remote Housing Conference will be moving online for 2020.

Josie Scott thanked Guy Lamarche for the work that he does through his Facebook page by providing a first-person perspective on the realities of homelessness in the Greater Arnprior community.

7. **Adjournment**

Resolution No. ADHOC-019-20

Moved by: Guy Lamarche

Seconded by: Chris Toner

That the Regular Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness be adjourned at 2:17 PM.

Resolution CARRIED