



Meeting Notes
Ad-Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness
October 30th, 2020
12:00 PM
Council Chambers, Town Hall (Video Conferencing)
105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior

Present:

Josie Scott, Chair
Guy Lamarche, Vice Chair (arrived at 12:19 PM)
Lyn Smith
Karen Ann McKinna
Amy Scholten
Keri-Lyn Young
Liz McLaren
Chris Toner
Jade Nauman
Tina Chevrier

Also Present:

Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk
Oliver Jacob, A/ Client Services
Admin. Assist.

Absent:

Lee Dyck (w/ regrets)
Lynn Grinstead (w/ regrets)

1. Call to Order

Josie Scott, Chair, called the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness Meeting to order at 12:04 PM and welcomed those present.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. ADHOC-024-20

Moved by: Karen Ann McKinna

Seconded by: Tina Chevrier

Be It Resolved That the Agenda for the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness Meeting dated Friday, October 30th, 2020 be adopted.

Resolution CARRIED

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Notes

Resolution No. ADHOC-025-20

Moved by: Keri-Lyn Young

Seconded by: Tina Chevrier

Be It Resolved That the meeting notes for the September 25th, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness be adopted as amended.

Resolution CARRIED as amended

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

None

5. **Presentations/Delegations**

None

6. **New Business**

a. **Memo No. 2020-10-30-01 (Finalized Report to Council)**

Oliver Jacob, A/ Client Services Administrative Assistant, provided a brief overview of the Memo and responded to questions. Two minor typographical and word choice comments were made in relation to the Renfrew County Legal Clinic and United Way East Ontario sections which are understood to be addressed in the committee-adopted version.

Resolution No. ADHOC-026-20

Moved by: Lyn Smith

Seconded by: Karen Ann McKinna

That the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness adopt the Final Report entitled “The Path Forward on Poverty and Homelessness in the Greater Arnprior Area”;

Further That the Committee recommends the final report to Council for their consideration with a positive recommendation.

Resolution CARRIED unanimously

Oliver Jacob, A/ Client Services Administrative Assistant, shared that he had not received comments from the Arnprior Public Library and that it would be prudent to adopt the Final Report with the proviso that requested changes to the Arnprior Public Library information page may be made without coming back to the Ad Hoc Committee for review.

Resolution No. ADHOC-027-20

Moved by: Lyn Smith

Seconded by: Tina Chevrier

That the Ad Hoc Committee authorize the A/ Client Services Administrative Assistant to make such changes as are requested for the Arnprior Public Library information page (Page 67 of the agenda package).

Resolution CARRIED

b. Round Table Discussion

Various committee members expressed their appreciation for the contributions that the committee and its support staff have made over the last two and a half years and collectively outlined their excitement for the final presentation of the Report to Council.

Josie Scott reiterated that the work of the Ad Hoc Committee has been exemplary and the breadth of the final report is a reflection of the expertise, passion and hard work of committee members over the committee's term.

Oliver Jacob, A/ Client Services Administrative Assistant, shared that pending further discussions with the Town Clerk and CAO to select a final meeting date, the Finalized Report to Council will proceed for Council consideration in November 2020. The Committee Chair and A/ Client Services Administrative Assistant will present the report with a PowerPoint presentation and answer any questions that Council may have. In addition, all Council meetings are currently being conducted virtually and other committee members are encouraged to watch the livestream online. Pending Council adoption, it is anticipated that the formation of the Community Council on Poverty and Homelessness will commence in early December and all Ad Hoc Committee members will be invited to join the Community Council at its inception. He also reiterated his appreciation for the dedication and commitment of committee members to this project and shared his optimism for the future as the community turns to implementation.

Amy Scholten asked if there have been any updates stemming from the County's 5-year refresh of their Housing and Homelessness Plan.

Oliver Jacob, A/ Client Services Administrative Assistant, noted that he had not received any information relating to the status of this project and that he would reach out to the County of Renfrew on behalf of Ad Hoc Committee members.

Jade Nauman shared that United Way East Ontario is exploring options to bring affordable low-cost housing to the Town of Arnprior with a social enterprise model in partnership with Algonquin College and other community stakeholders. More information will be provided in future to the Community Council as this project moves forward.

Lyn Smith asked if there would be a place for the Ad Hoc Committee's work to feed into the Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Planning work being undertaken across the region in accordance with provincial legislation.

Oliver Jacob, A/ Client Services Administrative, shared that as a member of the Renfrew Detachment's CSWB Planning Advisory Committee (in another capacity), he is aware that the group is currently in the data collection phase of the project and will be proceeding to community consultations in Winter / Spring 2021. More information will be provided by email as to the types of data that may prove useful and the Ad Hoc Committee's Final Report will be provided to the CSWB Planning Advisory Committee through the Town of Arnprior's representative (CAO Robin Paquette).

Lyn Smith shared that she believes that the Ad Hoc Committee should send a letter to Town Council to express the committee's gratitude for the leadership and ongoing support that the Town of Arnprior has provided to the Ad Hoc Committee over the last two and a half years.

Following further discussion among committee members, the following motion was made:

Resolution No. ADHOC-028-20

Moved by: Lyn Smith

Seconded by: Tina Chevrier

That the Ad Hoc Committee authorize the Committee Chair to prepare and send a letter to the Council of the Town of Arnprior to thank them for their ongoing support.

Resolution CARRIED

Karen Ann McKinna shared that the NeighbourLink Fountain is currently operating in accordance with public health guidelines. Some in-person services have been limited; however, persons in need are encouraged to contact the NeighbourLink Fountain by telephone and a member of their team will reach out to identify needs and work with the individual to match them with appropriate supports (where possible). Additionally, the NeighbourLink Fountain will be sponsoring families in need during the Christmas holiday season and collecting toys in the coming weeks. Finally, the Thrift Shop is open on Saturdays between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

Lyn Smith shared that the Child Poverty Action Network (CPAN) has started its annual Operation Snowsuit and they are seeking approval from local fire departments to be drop-off points for snowsuit donations. Several local fire departments have already committed to support the project, including McNab/Braeside, Pembroke, Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, and Greater Madawaska). CPAN is also looking for volunteer drivers with trucks to transport bags of donations to community partners in accordance with public health guidance.

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Lyn Smith also noted that the Phoenix Centre for Children and Families and other community partners has launched new programs to provide devices and cheaper internet packages to individuals experiencing mental health challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic in partnership with Rogers Communications.

Liz McLaren shared that the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) has temporarily relocated into the Pembroke Mall (1100 Pembroke Street East) while they await the completion of renovations at their new permanent location (141 Lake Street). The notice is attached as Appendix A and forms a part of these meeting notes. She also shared her immense gratitude to all of the Health Unit employees and community support services who have been working hard to address community needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Finally, the RCDHU is currently finalizing an infection prevention and control fact sheet for donations which will be made available on the RCDHU website once it is finalized.

Jade Nauman shared that the Facing Forward mask initiative to provide masks to vulnerable populations in need has been successful with the tremendous support of the RCDHU.

Lyn Smith noted that the RCDHU had been very helpful in reviewing infection prevention and control plans with CPAN and providing advice to limit the spread of COVID-19 within their networks.

Guy Lamarche noted that he is appreciative of the work that the committee has done and that he looks forward to putting the recommendations into action. In addition, he shared that he is currently building a tiny home for himself out of discarded waste and recycled items. To follow his progress and to see lived experience, visit Guy's Facebook page "Arnprior On the Streets".

Committee members shared their appreciation for the enthusiasm and courage that Guy showed in sharing his lived experiences with the committee since he joined. The resiliency, inspiration and determination that he has exhibited in his personal life may be a useful community success story to highlight in the future.

Chris Toner reiterated his appreciation for the committee's hard work and his excitement for the upcoming presentation to Council where his Council colleagues will be able to digest and discuss the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations.

7. **Adjournment**

Resolution No. ADHOC-029-20

Moved by: Amy Scholten

Seconded by: Lyn Smith

That the Regular Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness be adjourned at 1:03 PM.

Resolution CARRIED

NOTICE OF RELOCATION

Renfrew County and District Health Unit's Pembroke Office

October 27, 2020

Dear residents of Renfrew County and District,

Please be advised that Renfrew County and District Health Unit's (RCDHU) Pembroke office will be relocating to a temporary location at the Pembroke Mall, 1100 Pembroke Street East.

RCDHU staff are looking forward to working with the residents of Renfrew County and District at this temporary location. Details are included below.

Effective Monday, October 26, 2020: All in-person client services, such as water testing and routine immunizations, can be accessed at the temporary location:

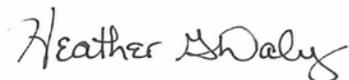
**Pembroke Mall
1100 Pembroke Street East,
Pembroke, ON K8A 6Y7**

Hours of operation: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Future address: 141 Lake Street, Pembroke, ON K8A 6Y7
Telephone: (613) 732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097
Fax: (613) 735-3067

In the coming months, RCDHU will confirm the grand opening of a new permanent office location in Pembroke. Please watch for upcoming announcements on [RCDHU's website](#), [social media](#), and local media sources.

Sincerely,



Heather G Daly CPA, CMA
CEO (A) / Director, Corporate Services

