

City of Port Colborne

Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 1, 2023
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Committee Room 3-City Hall
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, Ontario, L3K 3C8

Member(s) Present: Co-Chair Lori Kleinsmith, Bridges CHC
Co-Chair Tim Hoyle, Councillor
Susan Therrien, Director of Library Services
Christine Clark-Lafleur, Port Cates
Vicki Doidge, Niagara Community Legal Clinic
Kaitlyn Kerridge, Niagara Region Public Health
Judy Cassan, Bridges CHC
Ken Simons, Anchors Away
Sherry Hanson, Manager Bylaw Services, City of Port Colborne
Phil Licskai, Niagara Regional Police
Scott Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
Mayor Bill Steele
Gail Todd

Regrets: Tara McKendrick, Canadian Mental Health Association
Aidan Johnson, Niagara Community Legal Clinic
Jeffrey Sinclair, Community Services, Niagara Region
Taralea McLean, Bridges CHC
Scott Lawson, Port Colborne Community Safety & Enforcement
Jay McKnight, Niagara Regional Police

1. Call to Order

Chair Lori Kleinsmith called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. Lori confirmed quorum. Voting and non-voting members to be clarified in updated Terms of Reference.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved By Christine Clark Lafleur
Seconded By Vicki Doidge

That the agenda of the June 1 meeting of the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee be approved

Carried

3. Disclosures of Interest

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved By Councillor T. Hoyle

Seconded By Sherry Hanson

That the minutes of April 6 meeting of the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee be approved

Carried

5. Business Arising

5.1 Continuation of lodging bylaw development update by CAO S. Luey

CAO S. Luey provided update on bylaw for businesses offering supportive living, which is in unregulated limbo between nursing homes and retirement homes. Complaints received over the years from residents and relatives of residents. Municipalities want to regulate but are limited to building safety bylaws. Other agencies regulate public health (Region), law enforcement (NRP), and licencing (province). Niagara mayors discussed a bylaw to address, sent to CAOs and legal advisers. Our draft sent to Pelham to be vetted, shared, forwarded to Fort Erie for comment. S. Luey expects bylaw to be presented to council in August.

Draft bylaw includes licencing component, hotline component, and others.

CAO will distribute draft to members of the committee.

S. Hanson recommends letters from all agencies be included in package to support bylaw.

P. Liciskai said NRP works with EMS, keeps records of elder abuse, fraud, criminal negligence; bylaw will be extremely helpful.

CAO said objective is voluntary compliance, always best, but fine structure may be doubled at each infraction, depending on contravention.

5.2 Updated Terms of Reference

Updated Terms of Reference presented by Clerk Charlotte Madden and Deputy Clerk Saima Tufail.

Membership of committee: Eight (8) voting members including: one community representative with lived experience or a representative from a business or organization which supports individuals with lived experience;

one representative from Port Cares;

one representative from Community Living Port Colborne-Wainfleet;

one representative from Bridges Community Health Centre;

one representative from the Niagara Regional Police Service;

one representative from Public Health, Niagara Region;

one representative from Niagara Community Legal Clinic; and

one representative from Community Services, Niagara Region.

One non-voting member of Council will be appointed to the PCSDHAC. The Mayor is an ex-officio non-voting member of the PCSDHAC.

One non-voting member of staff who shall act as a resource person, recording secretary and shall provide administrative support to the PCSDHAC. Additional members of staff may be called on for specific subject matter expertise as a committee resource

5.3 Zero Suicide Tool Kit presentation by Stephanie Hicks

Stephanie unable to attend today.

6. New Business

6.1 Mayor established working group to respond to Hospital UCC closure

Mayor Steele reported he recently established a working group of a cross-section of Port Colborne population (front line health care workers, business, labour, industry, seniors, etc.) to brainstorm best responses and suggestions for Niagara Health, particularly as Urgent Care Centre hours have been reduced from 24 to 12 hours daily. Hospitals in Port Colborne and Fort Erie to be shuttered by 2028 when new hospital opens in Niagara Falls. Mayor wants to be proactive with working group to address lack of

services and lack of primary health care in Port Colborne, Fort Erie and Wainfleet.

C. Clark-Lafleur said there is widespread medical manpower shortage.

6.2 Library offers space for information, advocacy

S. Therrien offered “ambassador” service at Port Colborne Public Library – “everyone comes to the library for help, and information” – to all agencies to reach residents and-or clients.

Speaker series “Let’s Talk About ...” engages community with topical speakers. Next information session about safety, security, fraud, health and wellness during Seniors Month (June 29) includes reps from Port Cares, Bridges, NRP, Fire department, Bylaw. Mayor will attend.

7. Community Updates

7.1 Summary of calls for help with street culture by G. Todd

With meeting near adjournment, G. Todd delivered brief report summarizing calls from residents to mayor's office, fearful of aggressive, messy, volatile "street people" hanging around their downtown businesses and residences.

8. Action Items

None.

9. Next Meeting

9.1 Thursday, Sept. 7 at 1pm, Committee Room 3, City Hall (66 Charlotte St)

10. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:20pm

Chair

Staff Liaison