

City of Port Colborne

Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 7, 2023
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Committee Room 3-City Hall
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, Ontario, L3K 3C8

Members Present: J. McKnight, Niagara Regional Police
K. Kerridge, Niagara Region
K. Simons, Anchors Away
L. Kleinsmith, Bridges Community Health Centre
S. Therrien, Director of Library Services
T. McLean, Bridges Community Health Centre
P. Licskai, Niagara Regional Police
J. Cassan, Bridges Community Health Centre
V. Doidge, Niagara Community Legal Clinic

Member(s) Absent: C. Clark-Lafleur, Port Cares
J. Sinclair, Niagara Region

Staff Present: G. Todd, Staff Liaison
T. Hoyle, Councillor
S. Lawson, Fire Chief

1. Call to Order

L. Kleinsmith called meeting to order at 1:01pm

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved By Vicki Doidge
Seconded By Kim Simons

That the Agenda of the Sept. 7, 2023 meeting of the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee, be approved.

Carried

3. Disclosures of Interest

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 June 1, 2023 - Social Determinants of Healthy Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Moved By Kaitlyn Kerridge

Seconded By Jason McKnight

That the minutes of June 1, 2023 meeting of the Social Determinants of Healthy Advisory Committee, be approved.

Carried

5. Business Arising

5.1 Elect committee vice chair

Election of K. Kerridge as vice chair unanimous

5.2 Review of Terms of Reference: voting and non-voting members

5.3 Status update of Draft Lodging By-Law

Discussion included: Bedbugs, and food, or lack of it, are ongoing issues. How to address these in bylaw? Can lease include mandatory health and safety protections?

L. Kleinsmith advised any additions or omissions be forwarded directly to CAO S. Luey.

Letters of support are welcome, as he is preparing a report for council.

5.4 Update from Mayor on Hospital Services Working Group

Working group continues to gather information to prepare course of action and advice when UCC closes in 2028.

News from Regional government: A new Strategic Transformation Office will include an obtainable housing work plan.

6. New Business

6.1 Set goals/priorities for 2024-25

L. Kleinsmith noted we are an advisory committee to council, and we will continue as such, putting forth recommendations when we deem appropriate. Chair and vice chair to compile some starting points toward goals for year ahead.

7. Community Updates

7.1 Round-table discussion

K. Kerridge noted more education and promotion needed for emergency social service responses, such as 211.

S. Therrien offered library space to any agency wishing to offer information sessions.

G. Todd noted traffic and speeding has become a huge issue, with many calls to mayor's office.

L. Kleinsmith to attend a meeting with Niagara Poverty Reduction Strategy; transportation an ongoing issue. Living in Port Colborne, for example, and making it to work or a doctor's appointment on time in St. Catharines of Niagara Falls is almost impossible. Recommendation: equitable access to transportation services.

Mayor Steele said the NRT OnDemand has grown in popularity.

NRT board soon to be recruiting members knowledgeable about transit.

Discussion about formalizing municipal approaches to homelessness and encampment evictions.

8. Action Items

L. Kleinsmith said the Region preparing to present a poverty reduction strategy in October, will refer municipal roles built into framework. Our group will participate in the consultation process.

9. Next Meeting

9.1 Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023

10. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3pm.

Chair

Staff Liaison