

City of Port Colborne

Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 2, 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 Community Health Centre
Co-Chair Kaitlynn Kerridge, Niagara Region Public Health
Christine Clark-Lafleur, Port Cares
Joanna Mataya, Community Living
Vicki Doidge, Niagara Community Legal Clinic
Ken Simons, Anchors Away
Phil Licskai, Niagara Regional Police
Jeff Sinclair, Niagara Region Community Services

Others (non-voting): Tim Hoyle, Councillor
Susan Therrien, Director of Library Services
Scott Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
Sherry Hanson, Manager Bylaw Services
Judy Cassan, Bridges CHC
Taralea McLean, Bridges CHC
Mayor Bill Steele
Gail Todd, Staff Liaison

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Lori Kleinsmith called the meeting to order at 1 pm; confirmed quorum of voting members

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Edits made to correct errors in order of agenda items, and to modify general agenda items from escribe template to items relevant to SDOHAC. (Remove “disclosures of interest” as committee has no budget or pecuniary interests; change “staff updates” to Business Arising from Minutes (as we have no staff).

Moved By Christine Clark-Lafleur
Seconded By Kaitlyn Kerridge

That the Agenda of the November 2nd meeting of the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee, be approved.

Carried

3. Disclosures of Interest

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

Corrections made to add omitted committee members. Corrections also made to clarify voting and non-voting members, and guests.

Moved By Vicki Doidge
Seconded By P. Licskai, Niagara Regional Police

That the minutes of September 7, 2023 meeting of the Social Determinants of Healthy Advisory Committee, be approved.

Carried

4.1 Minutes Sept. 7, 2023

5. Staff Updates

6. New Business

6.1 Annual work plan

L. Kleinsmith presented draft workplan with five goals. As the committee is fluid, there are no tangible or quantifiable measures of success, as laid out in workplan. Committee to provide feedback and advice to council.

Moved By Kaitlyn Kerridge
Seconded By Jeffrey Sinclair

That the workplan for the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee be adopted.

Carried

6.2 Lodging bylaw

CAO S. Luey reported “we’re so close” after five months of review by peer municipalities and legal overview. There are many grey areas between landlord and tenant in long term care. Niagara Centre MPP private member’s bill to legislate and regulate supportive living residences failed second reading in provincial legislature.

S. Hanson emphasized bylaw officers can only enforce items covered in the bylaw. Concerns raised include enforcing bedbugs or other quality of life issues which impact physical and mental health which are not mandated a responsibility of Region Public Health. Committee asked CAO to contact Medical Officer of Health, and to consult City of Hamilton lodging bylaw.

A bylaw is essential, noted J. Cassan, as an avenue for action after years of front-line workers making complaints with no recourse or solution. Essential we get it right.

7. Community Updates

7.1 Regional transit community advisory committee

Region has requested user-participants serve on advisory committee to contribute ideas to improve public transit

7.2 Regional Poverty Strategy

7.3 Roundtable Sharing

C. Clark-LaFleur reported food insecurity at highest levels ever. One in eight Port Colborne residents relies on Outreach Centre for groceries and meals. Recent Lions Food Drive collected 45 per cent fewer donations.

The affordable housing project is now fully enclosed, with construction of the second floor to start next week. Christine expects to deliver update to council Nov. 14.

K. Kerridge reported low-income passengers on ODSP now get a discount on cost of bus pass.

7.4 Housing and Homelessness Action Plan Consultation

Presentation given by Jeff Sinclair, Homelessness and Action Plan Adviser, Community Services, Niagara Region.

8. Action Items

Follow up on lodging bylaw.

9. Next Meeting

Thursday February 1st, 2024. 1 to 3pm Committee Room 3.

10. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:05 pm.

Chair

Staff Liaison