



**PORT COLBORNE**

**City of Port Colborne  
Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee**

**Date:** Thursday, April 3, 2025  
**Time:** 1:00 pm  
**Location:** Committee Room 3-City Hall  
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, Ontario, L3K 3C8

**Pages**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adoption of the Agenda**
3. **Disclosures of Interest**
4. **Approval of Minutes** 1
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
  - 5.1 **Healthcare engagement follow-up**

Follow-up from CAO Bryan Boles if applicable, and any overall summary for the committee since provincial conference
  - 5.2 **Niagara Transit follow-up**

Discuss what is needed, what is possible, and what council needs from committee. Frame the public engagement, and for what committee should advocate, based on advice from CAO and council.
6. **New Business**
  - 6.1 **Affordable housing**

\$4.3-million federal funding announcement follow-up and next steps.
7. **Community Updates, Roundtable Discussion**
8. **Action Items**

9. **Next Meeting**

10. **Adjournment**

## City of Port Colborne

### Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, February 6, 2025  
**Time:** 1:00 pm  
**Location:** Committee Room 3-City Hall  
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, Ontario, L3K 3C8

**Members Present:** J. Sinclair, Niagara Region  
L. Kleinsmith, Bridges Community Health Centre  
P. Licskai, Niagrara Regional Police  
J. Cassan, Bridges Community Health Centre  
V. Doidge, Niagara Community Legal Clinic  
A. Harper, Vice Chair - Niagara Region Public Health  
B. Boles, Interim CAO

**Member(s) Absent:** C. Clark-Lafleur, Port Cares  
K. Simons, Anchors Away  
T. McLean, Bridges Community Health Centre  
J. Mataya, Community Living Port Colborne Wainfleet

**Staff Present:** G. Todd, Staff Liaison  
R. Tkachuk, Library Services Manager/Acting Chief Executive Officer  
S. Hanson, Manager of By-law Services  
S. Double, Interim Fire Chief

#### 1. **Call to Order**

Chair L. Kleinsmith called the meeting to order at 1:15pm

#### 2. **Adoption of the Agenda for Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025**

Moved By Jeffrey Sinclair  
Seconded By Adrienne Harper

That the Agenda of the (Date) meeting of the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee, be approved.

Carried

**3. Disclosures of Interest**

None.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Moved By P. Liczkai, Niagara Regional Police  
Seconded By Adrienne Harper

That the minutes of Nov. 7, 2024, meeting of the Social Determinants of Healthy Advisory Committee be approved.

Carried

**4.1 Draft minutes Nov. 7, 2024**

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

**5.1 Lodging bylaw development**

City CAO Bryan Boles delivered background and an update of the draft lodging bylaw, for which he requested final comments from the committee in hopes it will be presented to council at its next regular meeting Feb. 25. Chair Kleinsmith said after many years, the committee was grateful for the considerable input and insight of S. Hanson of bylaw services, the city's legal team, and the CAO's team, for all their work researching and writing draft bylaw. She requested the inclusion of Power of Attorney to accompany "guardian" in Item 11.26, with a definition of each. CAO Boles will defer to legal counsel.

**5.2 Niagara Region Transit**

Niagara Transit public engagement is now underway across the region as it decides its long-term plans for public transit within and between municipalities. Chair L. Kleinsmith noted there are issues of concern now, not addressed by long-term planning. An online survey has been extended to Feb. 21 for users to tell NT what's not working. CAO Boles said the city contributes \$1.4 million annually to NT, yet riders wait 45 minutes for on-demand pick-up in a van, there is no transit pick-up on the east side of the canal, riders do not have smartphone or online-purchase capability, and city hall staff are paying from their own pockets. In addition, NT charges the city \$25,000 for buses to shuttle visitors around Canal Days. He said

council seeks recommendations and suggestions from the committee. Transit is essential to help lift people out of poverty. Chair Kleinsmith agreed, adding public transit is essential for employment, education, health care, childcare. She suggested NT General Manager Carla Stout come to city council to explain how transit works, or how it is supposed to work. It is important for council to here from riders as well. The committee will be asked to strategize for next meeting in April how to achieve an improved level of service and make recommendation to council.

## **6. New Business**

### **6.1 City of PC staff report 2024-225**

CAO Boles updated the committee on the "future of healthcare" public engagement underway. An online survey on the city website is also available on paper at locations around the city; open houses are scheduled for the third week of February. Boles provided an overview from 2010-11 when Niagara Health announced its long-term plans. He hopes to have as much information as possible from citizens, and from advisory committees, including this one, to present to provincial ministers March 30 to April 2 at one of the largest and most important municipal conferences in Ontario. Boles summarized three primary issues: we need a plan for health care delivery, an idea what to do with the building, and how we can best serve doctors. A special meeting of the committee will be held Wednesday, March 19 at 1pm focused solely on the healthcare/hospital issue.

### **6.2 Niagara Poverty Reduction Strategy**

Chair Kleinsmith deferred to a future meeting at which a strategy can be prepared and presented to council. Members of the Poverty Reduction Network are willing to speak to council.

## **7. Community Updates, Roundtable Discussion**

## **8. Action Items**

## **9. Next Meeting Thursday, April 3, 2025**

## **10. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:15pm.

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Chair

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Staff Liaison