



Minutes

Planning Committee Meeting

June 6, 2013

Present: Su Musclow, Barb Lillico, Steve Kylie, Dawn Berry-Merriam, Joanne Bazak-Brokking, Jim Russell, Brenda Dales, Margaret Wright, and Christie Nash (Coordinator).	
Regrets: Sarah Tate, Karen Wilson, Rosana Pellizzari, Mike Gannon, and John Martyn	
Guests:	Time: 11:45 am- 1:15pm
Minutes taken by: Christie Nash	Location: Peterborough County-City Health Unit

Information Flow

- **Communications Committee:**
 - Summer Newsletter is out and the hard copy will be distributed next week.

- **Housing Supply Committee:**

At the next meeting, the Housing Supply Committee will be:

 - Looking at the survey hosted by the City about general attitudes and perceptions around housing in Peterborough.
 - Discussing the Housing and Homelessness Report and how the committee might respond to it
 - Discussing the report on issues affecting seniors prepared by the Peterborough Social Planning Council
 - The Committee is also continuing work on Housing is Fundamental

- **Peterborough Planning Table for Children and Youth:**
 - Have decided on action to address the issue of having to pay for parents to pay for overnight stays at the hospital in the neo-natal ward of the hospital. They will draft a letter in support of Dr. Pellizzari and Jennifer Wilson's letter to the PRHC requesting a meeting to discuss this issue.
 - The Best Start program has produced a document based on research of risk factors impacting children and families in Peterborough. It is hoped that Emmy, research analyst from the PFRC, will present the document and its findings at the October 2013 Planning Committee meeting.

- **Income Security Committee:**
 - See notes below

- **Neighbours in Action:**
 - 4th annual Neighbours in Action Community BBQ will be held on June 19, 2013 at Sherbrooke Street Park (just east of Monaghan) between 5-7pm. Everyone is welcome! Any agency who is interested in hosting a table at the event is welcome to contact Christie.
 - 2nd annual Neighbourhood BBQ at George Street United Church was a HUGE success with over 300 people attending and many community organizations volunteering at the event.

- George Street United Church has hired the new program director for the Hub and will begin officially on June 14, 2013.

➤ **Community Food Network:**

- A letter has been written to Prime Minister in support of the Special Rapporteur recommendations on food security in Canada. See letter below.
- The Nourish Project is launching *A Taste of Nourish* at St Andrew's United Church in Peterborough (441 Rubidge St). Four new raised beds have been built and a new garden site is being prepared for gardeners with disabilities. They are going to be offering Gardening, Cooking Out of the Box, Canning, Preserving workshops, as well as Cooking classes and advocacy training.
- Food and Farming Initiative is going well. It has been included in the Sustainable Peterborough plan. Results of the survey were released in May 2013. Looking at land use issues, food policy, and food literacy. Christie will send this report out with the minutes.

➤ **Employment & Training Committee:**

- No report

➤ **Basic Needs Committee:**

- A Tag Day for DTAF sponsored by Labour Council and United Way is planned for June 14th, 2013.
- DTAF has received donations since the launch of the campaign in April, 2013.
- The committee will be asking the municipality to endorse a resolution for the province to modify legislation for dental care for adults, which could help save up to \$600,000 in Discretionary Benefits.

Collaborative Action

Discussion on Terms of Reference:

This conversation was deferred until the next Planning Committee meeting.

Update on 1545 Monaghan Road:

Due diligence has been completed by all of the working groups, which are made up of dozens of volunteers and agencies. The Mount property will be purchased on July 30th by the Mount Community Centre, a new non-profit organization. Moving forward, six new work groups have been created to carry out the next phase of the project.

Kudos to all of the people who have made this dream a reality, in particular, Steve Kylie, John Martyn, and Bill Pyle for all of their hard work and commitment to this project.

Clarification on April 4th, 2013 meeting Food for Kids:

There is no need for PPRN to strike a committee to deal with the issue of funding for Food for Kids as the Food for Kids Steering Committee is already addressing this issue.

Clarification of role of PPRN vs. Agency:

Questions have been raised around lack of understanding of the role of PPRN as a network of networks rather than an acting agency. PPRN needs to think of ways that we can better communicate our role of supporting the on-going poverty reduction initiatives of agencies,

i.e the Living Wage document, as well as advocating for the rights of people who are living on low-incomes.

Trillium Grant Update:

Members of the Steering and Planning committees had a very successful meeting with representatives from the Trillium Foundation on May 9, 2013. We are hoping to know the status of our grant application sometime in July, 2013.

Community Information Session on Discretionary Benefits and Housing Stability Fund:

PPRN will be co-hosting a meeting with the City of Peterborough on June 25, 2013 from 10am-12pm at the Peterborough Public Library. It needs to be made clear that PPRN is vehemently opposed to the cuts to Discretionary Benefits and the elimination of the Community Start-Up and Maintenance Benefit. However, we believe that it is important that there is clarity about what benefits are currently available and where people can access them. PPRN's role in this meeting is to share our present and future advocacy action plans at both the municipal and provincial levels.

Suggestion for next meeting:

The agenda should be adjusted so that the important issue of Network governance be discussed at the beginning of the meeting

Next Meeting: Thursday July 4, 2013 11:45am-1:15pm, PCCHU Board Room.



*"Too many people live in poverty in Peterborough
and it's time for that to change!"*

Committee Name: Income Security Work Group

Chair(s): Joanne Bazak-Brokking

Date: June 6th, 2013

Updates and key issues:

Re-establish purpose:

- Livable wages and incomes (OSDP, OW) for life's necessities, for health and dignity
- Since Provincial Budget 2012 this purpose has included advocacy for adequate funding for discretionary (necessary) and housing (formerly CSUMB) benefits

Discretionary Benefits and Housing Benefits project

'Made in Peterborough Solution'

- impact of cuts is being felt in the community even with the 1.5 million transitional funding from province
- in process of working with partners to find ways to measure social and economic impact as part of the advocacy efforts
- developing a local and provincial approach to advocate for increased funding for services and benefits that have been cut or reduced for budget 2014 ; building on approaches from our ["Finding the Solutions" report \(2013\)](#) plus individualized plans with partners for specific benefits: housing, transportation subsidy, children's social/rec subsidy

Social Assistance Review

- met with Jeff Leal on May 21st to present the [ISWG response](#) to the SAR ["Brighter Prospects"](#) report for his information and to discuss how some recommendations will increase hardship and poverty for people with disabilities (http://www.pprn.ca/news/sar_report_may92013.pdf) ; presented Jeff Leal with the ODSP Action Coalition's letter
- discussed ideas for continuing a process of education and advocacy for a reformed system that meets our six key requirements (refer to ISWG report)
- contributing to the Social Services information day on June 26th

RDSP

- revitalizing a subcommittee to move the project forward

Information for website:

To be finalized after planning meeting