

Minutes

Housing and Grants Committee

Thur. Jan. 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Cardiff Municipal Office, Cardiff

Members Present:

Cam McKenzie (Chair)
Heather Kauffeldt
Kathy Rogers
Mark Bramham
Adam Brady
George Denny

Staff Members Present:

Joanne Vanier

Regrets:

Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasurer
Dave Burton, Mayor

1. Call to order 7:00 pm
2. Disclosure of pecuniary interest
None
3. Agenda adopted
Moved by: Heather Seconded by: Kathy
That the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried.
4. Adoption and signing of minutes
Moved by: Kathy Seconded by: Heather
That the Sep 7th minutes be adopted as presented. Carried.
5. Places for People Update
New tenants have moved into the house in Cardiff as of January 1, 2018. A lot of volunteer work was put into the building in preparation for the tenants. Places for People are looking for a board member (Cam will not be joining the board at this time) and a tenant coach with social work background if possible.
Places for People are waiting on zoning bylaw amendments to allow secondary attached or detached dwellings and small homes.
6. Habitat for Humanity Update
Habitat for Humanity is looking at doing two residences in Curve Lake working with First Nations. This has its unique set of challenges regarding ownership that need to be worked out.
They are also looking at purchasing property in Bobcaygeon to erect a multi-family dwelling. This falls within the City of Kawartha Lakes where there is a program to receive assistance with the down payment.

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7. Grant "Library"

Adam will work on updating and formatting the grant document so that it can be sent out to all committees. Heather gave him additional information on Hydro One's grant and other available grants.

8. Affordable Housing Presentation/Report

The meeting attended by Kathy on Affordable Housing was a round table discussion to gather info and create a 5 year plan.

Cam attended a National Housing Day information session. There are homeowner grants available for renovating and insulating. 65 new units are to be built in Lindsay/Haliburton and 64 more to come with most of the units being in Lindsay. 15 rent supplement units will become available. Presentations will be starting soon in the municipalities.

The City of Kawartha Lakes has a program offering 10% home ownership grants to assist people with down payments. The link on the Highlands East website to financially assisted housing needs to be updated. They have an office in Haliburton at 49 Maple Avenue Unit 8.

9. Other Business –Strategic Plan Goals

The committee goals in the strategic plan have not changed. We need to support the Central Food Hub on education on food preparation, involving school kids in order to reach the parents.

We can continue to develop community garden programs and also support home owners with gardens. Perhaps a mentor program, a seed exchange, and a "club" to assist gardeners.

10. New Business for next meeting

Infrastructure Canada (<http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/cities-villes-eng.html>) is holding a Smart Cities Challenge with \$5 million, \$10 million, and \$50 million prizes. The application deadline is April 24, 2018. Application info is at <https://impact.canada.ca/en/challenges/smart-cities>

11. Next Meeting – Thurs. Feb. 1, 2018

12. Adjournment 8:35 pm