



## Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee

**Minutes of meeting Thursday, June 1, 2023**

**Port Colborne City Hall committee room 3**

### **Attendees**

Co-Chair Lori Kleinsmith, Bridges CHC  
Co-Chair Tim Hoyle, Councillor  
Susan Therrien, Director of Library Services  
Christine Clark-Lafleur, Port Cares  
Vicki Doidge, Niagara Community Legal Clinic  
Kaitlynn Kerridge, Niagara Region Public Health  
Judy Cassan, Bridges CHC  
Kim Simons, Anchors Away  
Sherry Hanson, Manager Bylaw Services, City of Port Colborne  
Phil Licskai, Niagara Regional Police  
Scott Luey, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mayor Bill Steele  
Gail Todd

### **Regrets**

Tara McKendrick, Canadian Mental Health Association  
Aidan Johnson, Niagara Community Legal Clinic  
Jeffrey Sinclair, Community Services, Niagara Region  
Taralea McLean, Bridges CHC  
Scott Lawson, Port Colborne Community Safety and Enforcement  
Jay McKnight, Niagara Regional Police

### **Call to order**

Co-Chair Lori Kleinsmith called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.  
Lori confirmed quorum. Voting and non-voting members to be clarified in updated Terms of Reference.

### **Approval of the agenda**

Moved by C. Clark-Lafleur  
Seconded by V. Doidge  
That the agenda for the June 1, 2023 meeting of the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee be approved.  
CARRIED

## **Approval of the April minutes**

Moved by T. Hoyle

Seconded by S. Hanson

That the minutes for the April 6, 2023 meeting of the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED.

## **Business arising**

S. Luey provided update on bylaw for businesses offering supportive living, which is unregulated limbo between nursing homes and retirement homes. Complaints received over the years from residents and relatives of residents. Municipalities want to regulate but are limited to building safety bylaws. Other agencies regulate public health (Region), law enforcement (NRP), and licencing (province). Niagara mayors discussed a bylaw to address, sent to CAOs and legal advisers. Our draft sent to Pelham to be vetted, shared, forwarded to Fort Erie for comment. S. Luey expects bylaw to be presented to council in August.

Draft bylaw includes licencing component, hotline component, and others.

CAO will distribute draft to members of the committee.

S. Hanson recommends letters from all agencies be included in package to support bylaw.

P. Licskai said NRP works with EMS, keeps records of elder abuse, fraud, criminal negligence; bylaw will be extremely helpful.

CAO said objective is voluntary compliance, always best, but fine structure may be doubled at each infraction, depending on contravention.

Terms of Reference presented by Clerk Charlotte Madden, Deputy Clerk Saima Tufail.  
Membership of committee.

Eight (8) voting members including: one community representative with lived experience or a representative from a business or organization which supports individuals with lived experience;

one representative from Port Cares;

one representative from Community Living Port Colborne-Wainfleet;

one representative from Bridges Community Health Centre;

one representative from the Niagara Regional Police Service;

one representative from Public Health, Niagara Region;

one representative from Niagara Community Legal Clinic; and

one representative from Community Services, Niagara Region.

3.2 One non-voting member of Council will be appointed to the PCSDHAC. The Mayor is an ex-officio non-voting member of the PCSDHAC.

3.3 One non-voting member of staff who shall act as a resource person, recording secretary and shall provide administrative support to the PCSDHAC. Additional members of staff may be called on for specific subject matter expertise as a committee resource.

### **New business**

Mayor Steele reported he recently established a working group of a cross-section of Port Colborne population (front line health care workers, business, labour, industry, seniors, etc.) to brainstorm best responses and suggestions for Niagara Health. Hospitals in Port Colborne and Fort Erie to be shuttered by 2028 when new hospital opens in Niagara Falls. Mayor wants to be proactive with working group to address lack of services and lack of primary health care in Port Colborne, Fort Erie and Wainfleet.

C. Clark-LeFleur said there is widespread medical manpower shortage.

S. Therrien offered “ambassador” service at Port Colborne Public Library – “everyone comes to the library for help, and information” – to all agencies to reach residents and-or clients.

Speaker series “Let’s Talk About ...” engages community with topical speakers. Next information session about safety, security, fraud, health and wellness during Seniors Month (June 29) includes reps from Port Cares, Bridges, NRP, Fire department, Bylaw. Mayor will attend.

### **Next meeting**

Thursday, Sept. 7 at 1pm, in committee room 3, city hall, 66 Charlotte St., Port Colborne

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned 3:20pm