



Long Term and Transitional Housing Task Force

Minutes of Meeting via Zoom

April 26, 2021 @10:30 am

Present on Line: Diane Arsenijevic; Barry Fellingner; David James; Jim Patterson; Linda Long; Danielle Neilson; Trish Corneil

Regrets: Linda Funk, Ruleen Lilley, Taraesa Tellier

Minutes recorded by Diane Arsenijevic.

1. Welcome
2. Introductions – no new members
3. Approval of Minutes of March 22nd meeting. Moved by Jim, Seconded by Trish.
4. Strategies for affordable housing in Elgin County – Nothing new to report.
5. Update from Danielle Neilson – Danielle reported that she spoke with Tim Welch from Tim Welch Consulting. He has expressed interest in working with our Team. Tim emailed Danielle a 2019 report that he completed with a focus on Central Elgin. Danielle has offered to share the report with this team.

Danielle has a meeting today with Nancy Pasato regarding the Elgin County official plan. Danielle let her know about our task team and will connect her with Barry or David. David asked if there is a timeline for input to the official plan.

Discussion took place about the \$20,000 earmarked to update the 2018 needs assessment. The team would like the updated needs assessment to have an emphasis on rural Elgin County. Danielle will suggest to Nancy that a letter be sent to lower tier municipalities to notify them of the upcoming needs assessment.

David has requested a meeting be set up with Tim to discuss the needs assessment TOR, budget and timelines. David, Barry and Danielle to attend.

6. Official Plan updates:
 - a. For Elgin County- underway
 - b. For West Elgin – just about to start
 - c. For Dutton Dunwich – Recently completed.

There may be a need for other lower tier municipalities to revise their official plans, depending on what comes out of the Elgin County OP.

7. Contacts at Habitat for Humanity and Indwell.

- a. Indwell – Barry emailed Graham Cubitt, Director of Projects and Development. Graham responded that he would be happy to attend one of our upcoming meetings. He would like to understand what the challenges look like in West Elgin and Dutton/Dunwich prior to preparing his presentation. Barry suggested that Sara and Stephanie could possibly provide this information. David also requested that we ask Sara for an update of where we are with the clients that we are assisting in respect to housing.

The need to offer community awareness was highlighted. Diane shared that Sara has prepared a poster offering systems navigation services to individuals who are or know someone who is currently or at risk of experiencing homelessness. The poster will be disseminated in the 3 communities. SSRF funds can be used to advertise the poster in the Chronicle.

- 8. More brain storming around “Transitional Housing” – This item will be kept on the agenda.
- 9. Funding. Should we start applying? – deferred
- 10. Next Steps: Populate the work plan. - deferred
- 11. Any other business. (Volunteer secretary?)
- 12. Next Meeting – Scheduled for May 25th from 10:00 – 11-30. Jim Patterson has offered to record.