

Minutes

Meeting with Collingwood's Affordable Housing Task Force

Nov. 5, 2009

@10:00am at Collingwood Town Hall

Attendees: Glenn Stewart, John McGee, Peter Tollefsen.

Dawn Myers, Chair. Keith Hull, Coordinator, Municipal Housing Task Force

Collingwood Affordable Housing Task Force, still reports to the CAO, but has a budget. Received a Trillium grant (plus Town kicked in \$10,000.) Hired a staff person, Keith Hull, for a 2 year contract. Goal is to take a regional approach, jointly to try and provide affordable housing.

Pre answered our questions, see attached. Do we need a Housing Authority? Not necessarily, could be a Town, or Non-Profit, or a developer. They do have a Non-Profit that operates (only 1 project!) the Georgian Gables at 250 Erie St. They have also been struggling for a long time for affordable housing. Town parkland in east end (neighbors objected to rezoning) Next the old Tremont Hotel, NIMBY opposition. Now a developer project at 145 High Street (see attached). Incentives for private developer/partner: Town payed DC's + pays for any damage repair to any of the affordable units (au). Developer gets the au's back after 20 years + county/municipal taxes will be based on single family dwellings.

Other funding: CMHC ? FCM? Options for Homes? Key is finding the land and finding the builder. Some real nice Non-Profit housing projects in Kitchener-Waterloo. Have a joint project on the Towns' boundary? Town of Blue Mountains lands (old school board property in Craighleith) adjacent to BMR land (the home farm) on County Rd 19.

Recurring problem for them NIMBYs'. All their projects go to the OMB. Need more meaningful public engagement. Perhaps a joint project could be develop a program on communications. Upcoming Housing conference they are attending has sessions on NIMBYism.

They are going to send us some links to websites which should be of interest. Thanked each other for meeting . They like to help us with anything. We had all hinted at the notion of perhaps sharing the cost of Keith Hull's contract going forward by TOBM applying for a Trillium grant to extend his contract.



MINUTES - AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE: Dec. 3, 2009
LOCATION: Committee Room, Town Offices 26 Bridge St
PREPARED BY: Peter Tollefsen, Dir Special Projects

Present: Chair Glenn Stewart, Councilor Bob Gamble, Elaine Beard, Carolyn Letourneau, Peter Tollefsen, Rita Mary Cote, Rob Potter, Bill Chapman, Gord Skultety, Teresa Pearson .

Regrets: Ellen Anderson, Councilor John McGee, Colin Travis.

1. Call to Order

Chair Glenn Stewart called the meeting to Order at 4:30 p.m. Peter mentioned a call from Colin Travis giving his regrets as to unable to attend the meeting and expressing concern of future meeting attendance due to current demands of the job. The Committee decided to not accept Colin's resignation with the message to try and attend if he can and the Committee will understand his other commitments.

2. Review and Adoption of Minutes of Oct. 22, 2009

That the Oct. 22, 2009, **Minutes** be adopted.

Moved by: Elaine Beard. Seconded by: Rob Potter. Carried

3. Business Arising

3.1 residential above proposed Medical building Glenn talked about the meeting with Paul Graham and Lynn Johnston, Wayne McFarlane, North East Grey Health Group, Nov. 22. Basically no to 2nd floor residential as business plan and fundraising based on medical only. Post meeting just with Paul. Commitment to try and get the committee funding for an affordable housing project.

3.2 Joint meeting with Collingwood's Affordable Housing Committee was held Nov 5. Learned about the joint project between Collingwood, developer, County of Simcoe (Fed + Prov. Dollars) 145 High Street. They have a full time staff person, through a Trillium Grant, Keith Hull, Coordinator. Offer was made to us welcome to use the services of their coordinator .

3.3 Meeting with Rod Wyatt, Director of Housing, County of Grey: was held Nov.12. Old system County gets allocation for funding from the Prov. Now rolled into stimulus funding, Prov. approves \$. Future will be the next wave of funding but not known what system.

4. Housing Forum in Owen Sound Nov 27, 2009.

Feedback from those in attendance. The presentation from the Mayor of Woodstock on NIMBYism excellent. Underscores the importance of communication and education to the public on housing for everyone in the community. Distributed (from, Cindy Welsh) the list of Mayor Michael Harding's ten steps to success.

5. Program on need. Communications NIMBY

It was decided that ;

“That the Committee prepare a community engagement program.”

Moved by: Gord Skultety. Seconded by: Rob Potter Carried.

6. Housing Needs Study

Workshop held Dec 3, 2009.

7. Specific project

Homework for the next meeting: Three subcommittees set up: *Step I*

1. To investigate a Land Trust Bill C, Teresa P, Rita Mary, Gord S. Bill C to check out Burlington, Vermont.
2. Look into a piece of land, Elaine B, Carolyn L. Glenn S.. Glenn to talk to Shawn Brady, Brady Homes. Check out Bayview Park site. Peter check out Marsh St. and Hillside Cres.
3. Prepare a Communications plan Gord S, Rob P, Glenn S. Marketing ideas. Communication plan to start a community dialogue, to combat NIMBYism.

Step II – Meet with Paul Graham again.

8. Next Meeting – Thursday Feb. 4, 2010 @ 4:30pm.

9. Adjournment

Moved by: Gord Skultety Seconded by: Bill Chapman Carried



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2. House for Sale:

The house for sale behind the BVO has a for sale sign on it. Dec 15 email from Rita Mary proposal ; find a piece of land owned by the Town, the Town buys the house only, BVO buys the land for additional parking.

Be careful of mould in the building. Some logistics of moving the house \$\$\$. BVO needs the property, renovations required on the existing building. Habitate could dismantle the house and use the parts to rebuild on another site. Rob, Affordable housing should explore a joint venture; a housing project and future BVO in one building. Glenn spoke to a builder who had a place for the medical clinic and a bank 2, 3 lots beside Tim Horton's. (Peter to find ownership). John M what about a joint venture (mixed use project) ; housing, medical, BVO offices all in one building.

Glenn: In summary – The Affordable Housing Committee has no money to commit to BVO for this land purchase. The money we may get may have to be carefully spent (ie; do not want to put all the money to move one house for 1 affordable housing unit.) . But if there is anything else we can do to facilitate BVO's expansion plans please let us know.

3. Adjournment

Moved by: Gord Skultety

Seconded by: John McGee .

Carried.