Hunt Club-Riverside Park – Steering Table Meeting

Location: virtual

Thursday, November 24, 2022 Time: 1:30-3PM

Chair: James Tanguay (South-East Ottawa CHC) Minutes: Mohamed Aden (South-East Ottawa CHC)

Present: Mohamed Aden, Amal Mashaye & James Tanguay(South-East Ottawa CHC); Julia Picard(OCH); Kristy Hardiman & Elizabeth (Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre); George Brown(Riverside Park Resident); Claudie Berube-Lavoie (Integrated Neighbourhood Services Team, City of Ottawa); Marcus Cibischino & Brad Burleau (Ottawa Police Service); Paul Dillman (Riverside United Church); Audrey Belanger-Baur (Hunt Club Community Association)

#	Agenda Item	Discussions	Action points	
1	Welcome & Introduction	Both former and new Steering Table members have reiterated the importance of the Steering Table in order to re-engage the community. Frequency of meeting was also discussed	 Strengthening the collaboration of the Steering Table. SEOCHC to chair the meeting until decided other wise. Agreed that Committee will meet bi-monthly, excluding summer months. 	
2	Approval of the Agenda	Approved		
3	Review of the Terms of Reference	Members agree the ToR is still relevant		
4	Review of June 2019 HCRPSC evaluation	The 2019 evaluation noted three priority areas that the committee was the focused on prior to the pandemic – Food Security, Seniors Initiatives, and a Business Breakfast. It was discussed whether holding Business Breakfast is		
		still a priority given the current Covid-19 and respiratory virus context, and it was agreed that this was not realistic at this time.		
5	Emerging Issues	Most of the discussions were spent on this item. It was agreed that food security and services for seniors are two areas that need an urgent attention.	James will reach out to have somebody from the SEOCHC Seniors Team about attending an upcoming	

Although many community agencies provide services to seniors, there is still more to be done/gaps to be addressed.

Some ideas were brainstormed in relation to support for seniors, and it was noted that there continues to be accessibility challenges for residents who do not live near recreation centres or other services. There may be opportunities to better communicate around what is available already in the community.

There was discussion of some of the existing food security initiatives, including Community Gardens in Riverside Park. There is a potential that more plots will be available going forward.

South-East Ottawa CHC has provided a lot of food support during the pandemic, including food deliveries to support high-needs, Covid-positive community members during isolation. They are phasing out some of their Covid-related food initiatives but have reopened the emergency food cupboard in their Hunt Club office.

Some local faith groups have been exploring a "Community Fridge" but are looking for a designated space and reviewing feasibility.

There was discussion of a potential monthly community meal that could rotate through faith groups.

Steering Committee meeting, in order to highlight existing resources.

6	Partner Reports	SEOCHC will start its regular Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) in the new year. This is a program where low income families receive support to complete their taxes, and SEOCHC is recruiting former and new volunteers. Steering Committee members offered various ideas around in-kind assistance—space, volunteer recruitment or outreach/advertisement. Riverside Park is hoping to get 24 additional Gardening plots in the summer, with support from Just Foods.	•	James will provide communication materials regarding CVITP program to Steering Table, including volunteer recruitment materials.
7	Next Meeting	January 26, 2023, 1:30-3 PM		