



# **Poverty Roundtable**

Hastings Prince Edward

## **Proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference of the PRT Affordable Housing Group (PRTAHG) formerly the Housing First Working Group**

**November 2017**

### **Name**

The group shall be known as the PRT Affordable Housing Group (PRTAHG).

### **Definitions**

We define Affordable Housing as:

- a. Shelter that costs less than 30% of gross household income, or
- b. Rent that costs less than the average market rent for local areas as defined by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

We define Housing First as:

- c. moving people who are experiencing chronic and/or episodic homelessness to permanent housing with supports; and
- d. supporting housing retention for those who are precariously housed and/or in danger of losing housing they already have

### **Commitments:**

1. Lobby and advocate for more affordable housing
2. Lobby municipalities for changes to support the development of affordable housing.
3. Support the housing first concept in our community

4. Seek partners in the creation of affordable housing and in support of housing first principles
5. Promote, monitor, critique and support 10 year housing and homelessness plan
6. Identify ongoing strategies to end homelessness

## **Membership**

Reference Poverty Roundtable Terms of Reference for expectations

## **Meeting Structure and Schedule no change**

The PRTAHG will meet monthly. The agenda will be established by the working group.

## **Decision Making Guidelines**

The PRTAHG will use the consensus process as the primary decision making process for all issues or choices presented.

If the use of the consensus process is found to be inappropriate or a decision by consensus is unattainable on a specific issue, conflict or situation, a majority vote decision making process will be used. In such cases, approval of a decision or passed motion requires a 2/3 majority vote of the members present. Members must be present in order to participate in the decision making process.

A vote does not bind any individual organization to the decision or action to be taken.

## **Terms of Reference**

These terms will be reviewed when necessary to adapt to the growing needs of the round table; as the structure evolves, so too will the terms of reference.