

What We Do

- Provide a voice for social policy
- Create opportunities for people in the community to address social issues
- Serve as a resource for information on social issues and trends
- Promote positive social change, social justice, and caring for all people in the community
- Foster the strengthening of community in Peterborough City and County

To become a member of the PSPC, please contact the office, visit our website or fill out the enclosed form.

Vision

“The vision of the PSPC is to be an organization that facilitates active, broad based citizen participation in shaping healthy communities in Peterborough city and county; acts as a catalyst for positive, sustainable social change; and promotes understanding that social justice is in everyone’s interest.”

Mission

“Through research, community development, and public education, the Peterborough Social Planning Council works to build a strong community.”

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Building Healthy Communities....

“Vibrant communities ensure that basic needs are met. There is no family without a roof over its head. No child goes to school hungry. No person suffers from abuse or violence without having a safe place to go. No family lives as an island – without help and support when needed.”

Caledon Institute of Social Policy

For the past 25 years the Peterborough Social Planning Council has been working to improve the quality of life for all community members in Peterborough City and County.

The Peterborough Social Planning Council began as the Social Planning Committee of the United Way Community Services Organization, the predecessor to the United Way of Peterborough in the late 1960's.

In 1977, PSPC was established as a nonprofit organization, with the assistance of City, County, United Way leaders and several community-minded citizens.

Since then, the PSPC has served the City and County by providing sound, unbiased research on important local issues, including: homelessness, poverty, child development, violence prevention and access to food and shelter.

The PSPC strives to shape healthy communities in Peterborough City and County and acts as a catalyst for positive, sustainable social change. We are an organization that prides itself on facilitating active, broad based citizen participation in order to reach this goal.

It is our belief that to have a truly healthy community we must remove the barriers to full inclusion and involvement in our society.

Our activities include:

- public education
- social research
- social policy analysis
- community development
- partnerships with other organizations and groups of people.

Our work is dependent on the strong partnerships we have developed over the years and on the interest and support of local residents like yourself. We encourage everyone to get involved!

“...sticking together, or social cohesion, is not only nice to have, it is crucial for our very existence as human beings. Without the bonds of society, without a certain degree of social cohesion, we could not even be fully human, let alone successful.”

The Economic Consequences of Social Cohesion, Dick Stanley, Department of Canadian Heritage, Nov. 1997

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