

CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE Community Advisory Board on Homelessness July 14, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. City Hall – Downstairs Boardroom

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall, Downstairs Boardroom. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Present:	Councilor L. Bussey, co-chair, Mayor M. Heyck, ex officio, L. Fuller, I. Hamlyn, S. Jackson, and V. Tompkins.
Regrets:	D. Anderson, C. Lafferty, and G. White.
The following advisory/ alternate members were in attendance: E. Shea, and	

E. Canam.

The following representatives of the Federal Government were in attendance: J. Wallis.

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance: D.M. Hernblad, and S. Jovic, Recording.

Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

2. V. Thompkins moved, S. Jackson seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of the Minutes

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4. Committee noted that the minutes for May 26, 2016 meeting were approved on June 14, 2016. Committee further noted that changes, requested from the NWT Housing Corporation, were proposed to the composition of the Committee. Committee stated that they are waiting to get clarification regarding the GNWT representatives and deferred approval of the additional changes to the minutes for May 26, 2016 to the next meeting.

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- 5. S. Jackson moved,
 - V. Thompkins seconded,

That the minutes for June 16, 2016 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Housing First (HF) Project – Request for Proposal (RFP) Update

6. Administration advised that they are working with the proponent, the Yellowknife Women's Society, to clarify some questions on the proposal. Administration further advised that they are expecting to sign an agreement soon and would like to have the HF staff team hired by August 29. Administration noted that the Housing First training workshop will take place on September 19 and 20, 2016.

Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) Community Plan Annual Update (CPAU)

7. Committee noted that Council adopted for information the Federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy Community Plan in September 2014. Committee further noted that the Community Plan provides a five year plan for the City's role in addressing homelessness. Committee advised that they are required to revisit their five (5) year plan annually to review their priorities and provide an update on any changes of priorities or funding allocation. Committee further advised that the Federal Government has sent out their request for the Community Plan Annual Update (CPAU). Committee discussed the existing three (3) Community Plan priorities, which are:

Priority #1 - Transition to a Housing First approach to address homelessness,

Priority #2 - Providing housing options for youth, and

Priority #3 - Integrated Service Supports.

Committee noted that three (3) priorities should be kept, giving preference to priority #1 and #2. Committee further noted; they have entered into a 5 year agreement with the Side Door for the Youth Housing so Priority #2 must remain. Committee advised that the Housing First, Priority #1 is a commitment Committee made to move our community towards Housing First model. Committee further advised that with this priority, they are about to sign an agreement up to 2019, so it must remain also. Committee stated that Integrated Services Supports, Priority #3 is



intended to supplement services and /or support where needed. The *current* funding allocation for this priority has been reallocated to Priority #1, Housing First, until 2019.

(For Information Only)

- 8. Committee recessed at 9:45 a.m. and reconvened at 9:55 a.m.
- 9. Committee continued its discussion regarding HPS CPAU. Committee noted that the funding allocation for Priority #3 Integrated Service Support, originally established in 2014 was reallocated into Priority #1 Housing First Implementation.
- 10. V. Thompkins moved,
 - E. Canam seconded,

That the original allocations of \$18,000 (2015/16) + \$36,000 (2016/17) + \$36,000 (2017/18) from Priority #3 - Integrated Service Support be reallocated to Priority #1 – Housing First Implementation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee noted that as part of the Government of Canada's support for social infrastructure, the Canadian government announced an additional investment for the Homelessness Partnering Strategy's Designated Communities and Aboriginal Homelessness over the next two years. Committee further noted that the additional investment is intended to provide communities across Canada with the flexibility and support needed to help prevent and reduce homelessness. Committee stated that in Yellowknife, an additional \$117,278 has been allocated to the Homelessness Partnering Strategy's Designated Communities, as well as, an additional \$182,296 has been allocated to the Aboriginal Homelessness, for years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018. Committee further advised that the additional funding will be allocated in the new Community Plan Annual Update process.

Action: J. Wallis to provide information regarding whether CAB will be required to complete another CPAU after additional funding is received.

Committee noted that the deadline to complete CPAU and submit to the Federal Government is August 22, 2016. Committee noted that the Road Map Committee (formed from Ministers Forum) will meet in August and will identify issues, timelines and potential costs and present them to Committee. Committee further noted that once projects are identified they will address the current Annual Community Plan Update and make amendments if necessary.

Next Meeting

11. Next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the City Hall, Downstairs Boardroom.



<u>Adjournment</u>

12. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Prepared: July 26, 2016 SJ/