



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Community Advisory Board on Homelessness

March 19, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

Upstairs Boardroom

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Hall Upstairs Boardroom. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Present: Councillor S. Smith, Chair,
Mayor R. Alty, ex officio,
W. Haley,
D. Dolynny, and
I. Notley.

The following representatives of the Federal Government were in attendance via conference phone:

D. Meilleur.

The following representatives of the YWCA were in attendance via conference phone:

L. Fuller.

The following members of the Administration staff were in attendance:

H. Ferris,
M. Mercredi, and
C. Kida.

Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

2. Committee agreed to amend the agenda to include Hopes Haven in item 5 – Program Quarterly Reports.



3. D. Dolynny moved,
W. Haley seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as amended.

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes

5. *a. January 22, 2019*

6. I. Notley moved,
D. Dolynny seconded,

That the Minutes for January 22, 2019 be approved as presented.

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7. *b. February 28, 2019*

8. D. Dolynny asked to amend *item 11 – Discussion for Renewal of Current CAB Projects for 2019/2020* motion from opposed to abstain.

9. I. Notley moved,
D. Dolynny second,

That the Minutes for February 28, 2019 be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Program Quarterly Reports

10. *a. Housing First – Yellowknife Women’s Society*

B. Denning, Housing First representative, was unable to attend the meeting. The Housing First quarterly report was emailed to members for review. No comments or questions were made in regards to the report.

11. *b. Prevention / Rapid Reshousing – Hopes Haven*

- I. Notley, Hopes Haven Executive Director, noted that the program has 22 participants:
 - 10 residents ages ranging from 17 to 25 years old,
 - 2 youths under the age of 19 years old that are in the House View program, and



- 12 youths that are in the transition program.
12. Mayor R. Alty arrived at 12:10 p.m.
13. *c. Prevention / Rapid Reshousing – Side Door*
- I. Notley, Side Door Executive Director, noted that the program has currently 31 participants:
- 15 single individuals,
 - 5 couples, and
 - 6 babies.

I. Notley observed that the amount of \$166,668.00 allocated funding for 2019/2020 was based on 8 months of the program instead of 9 months. I. Notley suggested that the correct amount based on 9 months should be \$187,500.00. I. Notley noted that to run the program this year it is estimated to cost \$260,000.00 for 12 months including a new resource.

d. Housing First for Families - YWCA

L. Fuller, Executive Director of the YWCA, noted that the Housing First for Families program started in the 2017/2018 fiscal year with 15 families (21 adults and 34 children). By the end of that fiscal year:

- 6 families moved into permanent housing, and
- 2 families left the program to return to their community.

The program carried over 7 families into the 2018/2019 fiscal year. In that fiscal year 15 new families were added to the program. Out of the 22 families in 2018/2019 fiscal year:

- 5 families moved into permanent housing, and
- 1 young woman with a child moved in with her parents.

The program is carrying over 16 families into the 2019/2020 fiscal year. L. Fuller is estimating at least 10 new families this year, possibly more since the RockHill fire. L. Fuller is expecting that 10 families out of the 16 move into permanent homes before the end of March.

L. Fuller noted that Housing First (HF) staff work with families on their personal goals. Staff do home visits, phone calls and text messages with participants and participants are also welcome to visit the HF temporary office. L. Fuller further noted that their main concern is that some families will never be able to move into permanent housing due to arrears and that their main challenge is maintaining staffing without the rent from RockHill.

Members suggested finance literacy programs for participants. A discussion took place in regards to locations, groups and institutions offering this kind of program.



Round Table

14. Administration noted that the Indigenous Housing Training was completed last week on March 11 and 12, 2019 with a total of 21 participants. Administration further noted that Kim Barthel is confirmed for two days training on:
- August 22, 2019 – Trauma Informed Practice to Practical Applications, and
 - August 23, 2019 – Interagency Community of Practice Training.

Administration further noted that if Committee would like to add another training day the cost would be \$4,000.00. Some members felt that an evening session for the public to discuss the Day Shelter would be beneficial to the community.

I. Notley noted that after discussing with other agencies it was felt that the funding has not being adequately resourced and that the Housing First priorities do not reflect day to day reality. L. Fuller added that according to the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness a round table would be formed for agencies to discuss their road blocks and possible solutions. L. Fuller further inquired about the decision makers table (Homelessness Commission) which Mayor R. Alty noted there will be an upcoming meeting. Mayor R. Alty added that the City is in contact with the GNWT to call a meeting for Interagency and Council.

Discussion about Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT) and Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (SPDAT) took place. It was noted that only two VAT trainers are available for training in Yellowknife at this point in time.

M. Mercredi suggested that Committee bring back the Indigenous Homelessness Training since it had a holistic and cultural base.

Next Meeting

15. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall upstairs boardroom. Some of the items suggested for the next meetings are:
- a. Review of CAB roles,
 - b. 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness Update,
 - c. Training Opportunities,
 - d. New Directives,
 - e. Bi-weekly monthly meetings discussion.

Adjournment

16. The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Prepared: March 20, 2019 GW/ck