



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Community Advisory Board on Homelessness

September 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Via Video/Teleconference

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The following Committee members called into the meeting:

Present: Councilor S. Smith, Chair,
Mayor R. Alty, ex-officio,
D. Dolynny,
H. Dumbuya-Sesay, and
D. McKee.

The following advisory members called into the meeting:

A. Enge, and
R. Lau-a.

The following representatives of the Federal Government called in to the meeting:

K. Hansen, and
R. Gobeil.

The following members of Administration called into the meeting:

G. White,
H. Ferris, and
A. Colasuonno.

Call to Order & Introductions

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. It was recognized that we are on Chief Drygeese Territory, home of the Yellowknives Dene.

Approval of Agenda

2. D. McKee moved,
D. Dolynny seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as amended, to remove Item No. 6, Request from YWCA for contract date extension for Housing First Navigator(s) and Indigenous Case Management and replaced with Additional Day Shelter.

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3. D. Dolynny declared a conflict of interest with regards to Item No. 7 of the Agenda, Reallocation of \$19,000 from 2020-2021 Fiscal Year, due to his employment with Avens.
4. H. Dumbuya-Sesay declared a conflict of interest with regards to Item No. 7 of the Agenda, Reallocation of \$19,000 from 2020-2021 Fiscal Year, due to her employment with YWCA.

Approval of Minutes

5. *August 20, 2020.*
6. D. Dolynny moved,
H. Dumbuya-Sesay seconded,

That the Minutes be approved as presented.

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Presentation: Subsequent Wave of the COVID-19 Pandemic – GNWT

7. R. Lau-a noted that GNWT is aware that CAB is expecting a presentation regarding the Subsequent Wave of COVID-19 Pandemic but the presentation was unavailable at this time.

Funders Table Meeting Update

8. Administration noted that a Funders Table Meeting was held on September 14, 2020.

Additional Temporary Day Shelter

9. Committee proposed that a letter of support or call to action be written with recommendations to the GNWT regarding the urgent need for an additional temporary day shelter.
10. Mayor R. Alty provided background on the City's engagements with GNWT in regards to a temporary day shelter, including an update on the City's work to support the GNWT's efforts.
11. R. Lau-a noted that GNWT continues to work on infrastructure solutions for a temporary day shelter. R. Lau-a also noted that the GNWT is aware of the lack of night shelter space, but there is no update available at this time.
12. D. McKee moved,
S. Smith seconded,

That Committee direct the Chair to write a letter to the Mayor of Yellowknife, the Minister of Health and Social Services and the Minister Responsible for Homelessness stating CAB's support for a second temporary day shelter and ensuring sufficient evening shelter with low barriers that are able to serve the population that are unable to access other shelters due to COVID related capacity issues.

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Special CAB Meeting - Community Engagement Meeting Date

13. The Chair noted that a Special CAB Meeting will be held on October 15, 2020. The purpose of the meeting is to ensure that all NGOs and Indigenous Organizations are given an opportunity to voice their opinion and thoughts in regards to gaps in services with regards to Homelessness. Administration noted that historically, CAB has supported the same projects annually. The Special Meeting will also give CAB the opportunity to choose possible alternative projects that fall within the 10-year Plan to End Homelessness and within the Reaching Home Program.

Next Meeting

14. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. via video/teleconference.
15. H. Dumbuya-Sesay declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.
16. D. Dolynny declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Reallocation of \$19,000 from 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

17. Administration noted that four applications were received for the reallocation of \$19,000 from 2020-2021 Capital Funding. Administration also noted that a directive was sent to all applicants stating that applications must be related to individuals experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness.
18. D. McKee moved,
R. Alty seconded,

That the Committee award the \$19,000 to Arctic Indigenous Wellness Foundation.

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Adjournment

19. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Prepared: September 17, 2020 GW/ac