



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MINUTES

UNIVERSITY / POST-SECONDARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

City Hall, Council Chamber

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: Councillor J. Morse,
Mayor M. Heyck,
Y. Adam,
T. Andrews,
S. Ellis,
R. Epp,
L. Giovanetto,
C. Lafferty,
G. Marion, (via teleconference)
J. Pitt.

The following non-voting advisory members were in attendance:

Andy Bevan,
T. St. Denis.

The following guests from the consulting agency StrategyCorp were in attendance via teleconference:

A. Badruddin, and
C. Slobodin.

The following members of Administration were in attendance:

S. Bassi-Kellett,
D. M. Gillard,
J. Mutford,
K. Penney, and
C. Dubuc.

Call to Order

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Introductions

2. Roundtable introductions were made for the benefits of the members and a quick background on why the Committee was created from the Chair.



Approval of the Agenda

3. S. Elis moved,
T. Andrews seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Committee's Roles and Responsibilities

5. Committee heard a presentation from the City of Yellowknife's City Clerk D. M. Gillard in regards to the role and the respective responsibilities of the Chair and Committee members, as well as the rules and regulations of the Committee.

Committee Terms of Reference

6. The Chair further explained the role and scope of the Committee.

Project Overview

7. **a. Oversight of Development of a University / Post-Secondary Institution Feasibility and Benefits Study**

City Administrator S. Bassi-Kellett provided the Committee with an overview of the Terms of Reference that was given to the consultants for the Feasibility study:

- I. Explore the benefits and feasibility of a University presence in Yellowknife;
- II. Advancing Council's interests in their objective to see Yellowknife become a knowledge center, and
- III. Respond to the Aurora College Foundational Review.

b. Timeline for Completion of Project

Committee was advised that the consultants should be delivering them an interim background report by August 24, 2018. The aim would be for the final report to be ready to be presented for information to the GNWT in time for the last session of the Legislative Assembly, which will occur from October 17 to November 7, 2018.

Discussion

8. The Chair opened the floor to questions or comments from Committee members. Committee member Y. Adam had a few questions in regards to the progression and the span of the Feasibility Study and Committee member C. Lafferty requested clarification in regards to her role in the Committee.

Action item: Administration to email the Terms of Reference for the Feasibility Study to Committee and confirm if Dene Nation had been approached to serve on the Committee.

Next Scheduled Meeting



9. The Chair suggested having the next meeting in the evening instead of lunch hour as it would allow for a more extensive discussion.

Action item: Administration to poll Committee members by email to schedule the next meeting and to gather ideas to consider as discussion topics for the next meeting.

Introduction from Consultants

10. The consultants from StrategyCorp presented their short term objective.

Update from GNWT

11. Committee Member A. Bevan provided an update to the Committee on the GNWT's position and plan of approach in regards to the *Aurora College Foundational Review Report* and his exact role as an observer on the Committee. He also provided a little more information on the term "Polytechnic" University that is used in the Foundational Review.

Adjournment

12. The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Prepared: August 23, 2018 KP/cd