



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Community Advisory Board on Homelessness

July 16, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

Upstairs Boardroom

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in the Upstairs Boardroom. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Present: Councillor S. Smith, Chair,
Mayor R. Alty, Ex-officio,
B. Denning,
D. Dolynny,
H. Dumbuya-Sesay, and
G. Leonardis.

The following representative of the Federal Government was in attendance via conference phone:

D. Meilleur.

The following advisory member was in attendance:

R. Lau-a.

The following members of the Administration staff were in attendance:

H. Ferris,
M. Mercredi, and
B. Poeschek.

Call to Order & Introductions

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. It was recognized that we are on Chief Drygeese Territory, home of the Yellowknives Dene.

Approval of Agenda

2. Committee agreed unanimously to amend the Agenda to add a new item to the agenda, to read:
 7. Reconciliation: Starting the Conversation



3. B. Denning moved,
H. Dumbuya-Sesay 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) *June 12, 2019*

6. R. Alty moved,
D. Dolynny seconded,

That the Minutes be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. b) *June 26, 2019*

8. B. Denning moved,
R. Alty seconded,

That the Minutes be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reaching Home Community Plan

9. Committee discussed the *Reaching Home Community Plan* and whether to make changes and updates to the section for Coordinated Access. Committee suggested describing the implementation steps in further detail and Administration drafted the suggested changes directly into the document. Committee inquired regarding reporting to the Federal Government on Community-Wide Outcomes and suggested that next year when an update is made, an informal “recap” should be shared with the Federal Government.

Committee discussed whether to make changes and updates to the section for Community-Wide Outcomes. Committee suggested revamping the wording of the outcomes for removing and reducing data sharing barriers; identifying research and data gaps; and removing this section entirely and including it next year.

R. Lau-a noted that he will assemble and distribute a Services & Housing Directory list through the GNWT’s inventory of Programs and Services. R. Lau-a further noted the need to have expanded discussion on implementing procedures for emergency shelters’ reporting in order to avoid overlap with the reporting.



Committee noted that reducing the administrative burden on agencies is important, and stated that system efficiency is an important outcome. In response to questions from Committee, Administration advised that the experience of other jurisdictions with respect to data quality has been positive. Committee queried if there is a template for reporting.

Action Item: D. Meilleur to look into a template for reporting.

Committee further discussed the section for Official Languages. Administration suggested that notes be made to differentiate between the official Federal languages, and the Territorial official languages.

Administration then provided a run-through of the final page, listing each Sector represented and by which CAB Member(s). A brief discussion was held by Committee wherein it was determined that B. Denning should be removed from the “serving women/families fleeing violence” Sector, in favor of being listed for the “serving individuals experiencing, or at risk of experiencing homelessness” Sector.

10. D. Dolynny moved,
B. Denning seconded,

That the Reaching Home Community Plan be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Development of a Detailed Services & Housing Directory

11. A discussion took place regarding R. Lau-a’s development of the Directory. Committee made recommendations on how to reach out and suggested utilizing Natasha Brotherston, the Director of Policy, Legislation and Communications at GNWT to facilitate. Committee agreed that no motion was necessary.

Reconciliation: Starting the Conversation

12. M. Mercredi, Indigenous Relations Advisor, handed out booklets and discussed plans for the upcoming “City Coffee Breaks”. M. Mercredi noted that residents will be invited to share their ideas, thoughts and feedback to be considered in the development of the City’s Reconciliation Action Plan. She encouraged Committee to spread the word about the Coffee Breaks.

Next Meeting

13. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall upstairs boardroom.

Further Items

14. Chair S. Smith asked if there was anything further to discuss before moving to adjourn. Committee mentioned the RFP; Administration indicated nothing has gone out yet and asked D. Meilleur if Committee can proceed with RFPs on previously-discussed items, now



that the Community Plan is complete. D. Meilleur indicated the finalized version would need to be sent to him for a cursory review, and then the RFP process can commence.

Adjournment

15. The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

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