



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Community Advisory Board on Homelessness

**December 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

Via Video/Teleconference

## MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The following Committee members called into the meeting:

Present: Councilor S. Smith, Chair,  
H. Dumbuya-Sesay, and  
D. McKee.

The following advisory members called into the meeting:

M. Greyeyes,  
R. Lau-a,  
T. Pope, and  
R. Ristoff.

The following representatives of the Federal Government called into the meeting:

R. Gobeil, and  
K. Hansen.

The following members of Administration called into the meeting:

H. Ferris, and  
A. Colasuonno.

### **Call to Order & Introductions**

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. It was recognized that we are on Chief Drygeese Territory, home of the Yellowknives Dene.

### **Approval of Agenda**

2. Committee approved the Agenda as amended, to include the Discussion of COVID-19 Wage Top Up.

### **Approval of Minutes**

3. Approval of the Minutes for November 26, 2020 was deferred until the next meeting.

### **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

4. D. McKee declared a conflict of interest with regards to the added Agenda Item No. 7, Discussion of COVID-19 Wage Top Up, due to her employment with the NWT Disabilities Council.



5. H. Dumbuya-Sesay declared a conflict of interest with regards to the added Agenda Item No. 7, Discussion of COVID-19 Wage Top Up, due to her employment with the YWCA.

**Update on Allocation of Additional Reaching Home COVID-19 (2020) Funding**

6. Administration indicated that there will be a Special meeting of Council at noon on December 7, 2020 where Council will consider a motion to table the CAB's recommendation for the allocation of funding for rental/utility arrears and temporary shelter beds. Council will give further consideration directing the CAB to develop a recommendation to assist people experiencing homelessness through the provision of permanent supportive housing; directing the Mayor write to the appropriate Federal Ministers to request an extension to the funding deadline; and that the Federal Government review their residential assets in Yellowknife to determine the feasibility of providing units for permanent supportive housing.

***Action item: The Chair will write a letter to the Mayor and Council to address why the CAB recommendations are not being considered and clarify the role of the CAB within the intent of the Reaching Home Program.***

7. D. McKee noted her concerns about Council's decision to not follow through with CAB's recommendation as it pertains to the two motions to allocate funds to rental arrears and temporary shelter beds.

***Action item: Administration will invite the Chief Public Health Officer, Kami Kandola, to a CAB meeting to provide her expertise and strengthen CAB's recommendation to Council.***

**Discussion of Re-allocation or New Project for Unspent 2020-2021 Funds - \$50,000**

8. Administration provided an update regarding the YWCA's inability to spend \$50,000 of their Indigenous Case Management Funding, noting that the funds have been returned to the City.

***Action item: Administration will reach out to the SideDoor (Hope's Haven) and the Yellowknife Women's Society to see if they anticipate slipping any funding or if there is a need for additional funding. If neither organization have projects that could utilize the funding, then CAB will discuss putting out an RFP or EOI for a new project.***

**Discussion of COVID-19 Wage Top Up**

9. A discussion on COVID-19 Wage Top Up was deferred until the next meeting.

**Next CAB Meeting**

10. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. via video/teleconference.

**Adjournment**

11. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Prepared: December 3, 2020 GW/ac