



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Community Advisory Board on Homelessness
January 14, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.
Upstairs Boardroom

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 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 (via conference),
D. Dolynny,
H. Dumbuya-Sesay, and
D. McKee.

The following advisory members were in attendance:

K.S. Derejko,
H. Fikowski,
R. Lau-a, and
E. Shea.

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

D. Meilleur.

The following members of the Administration staff were in attendance:

S. Bassi-Kellett,
G. White,
H. Ferris, and
B. Poeschek.

Call to Order & Introductions

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. It was recognized that we are on Chief Drygeese Territory, home of the Yellowknives Dene.

Safety Orientation

2. G. White went over a brief safety orientation, indicating where emergency exits and the muster point are located.



Approval of Agenda

3. H. Dumbuya-Sesay moved,
D. Dolynny seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes

5. *October 29, 2019.*

- D. McKee moved,
D. Dolynny seconded,

That the Minutes be approved as amended.

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Business Arising from the Minutes

6. Committee unanimously agreed that a thank you letter to W. Czech with Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness should be drafted and signed by all members.

Action Item: The Chair will have a letter to W. Czech completed.

Point in Time Count (“PIT Count”)

7. Administration provided an update on the 2020 Point in Time Count. Administration suggested that the following organizations be included in the development of the 2020 PIT Count: NWT Housing Corporation; NWT Bureau of Statistics; Native Women’s Association of the NWT; GNWT-Community Justice & Policing; Arctic Indigenous Wellness Foundation; SideDoor; YWCA; NWT Disabilities Council; Yellowknife Women’s Society; Salvation Army; RCMP; and NWT Health & Social Services Authority.

Action Item: Administration will contact these organizations about providing people to sit on the PIT Count Planning Group.

Administration provided clarification on core questions to be included in the PIT Count as dictated by the Federal Government, in addition to questions, from a local standpoint, to be considered by the PIT Count Planning Group.

Action Item: Administration will provide a copy of the PIT Count mandatory Federal questions to the CAB.

Committee debated a potential date for the PIT Count given the Arctic Winter Games; Administration suggested that it be on a Sunday in April.



D. McKee moved,
H. Dumbuya-Sesay seconded,

That the following organizations be invited to participate in the planning and execution of the 2020 PIT Count: NWT Housing Corporation; NWT Bureau of Statistics; Native Women’s Association of the NWT; GNWT-Community Justice & Policing; Arctic Indigenous Wellness Foundation; SideDoor; YWCA; NWT Disabilities Council; Yellowknife Women’s Society; Salvation Army; RCMP; and NWT Health & Social Services Authority.

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Community Plan Update

8. Administration provided an update on the Reaching Home Community Plan (the “Community Plan”), indicating it had been accepted by the Federal Government after back and forth over French language standards. D. Meilleur detailed the procedure for requests received in French and Committee requested more clarity on language requirements; D. Meilleur explained that if service is requested in French a response in French would be necessary, and that the Federal Government would take steps when requested to work with Committee to ensure provision of service in the requested language.

Action Item: Administration will bring the Community Plan forth to City Council on January 27.

Project Update

9. Administration provided an update on the following projects:

Housing First for Adults / Housing First for Families: \$180,000 has already been spent; looking for further unspent funding.

Prevention and Rapid Rehousing: Administration is to receive an update sometime this week. The contract amendment that Committee previously approved will be completed soon, for an additional \$15,848 now that the Community Plan is approved.

PIT Count Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”): The PIT Count MOU has been signed with the City and Committee can move forward with it.

Youth Housing First Navigator Request for Proposals (“RFP”): Is posted on the City website together with the Housing First Navigator and Indigenous Case Management Services; there have been no submissions to date.

Capital Investment Expression of Interest (“EOI”): Waiting for internal review on \$19,006.20; not currently posted on the website but should be by the end of the week.

Next Fiscal Year: Starts on April 1, 2020 and there are still outstanding items in the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness (the “10 Year Plan”), such as strategy and development of affordable housing, and permanent supportive housing.



Action Item: Administration will provide a list of projects and funding for 2019/2020 for CAB to review as well as a list of other projects as highlighted in the 10 Year Plan and Reaching Home Directives.

RFPs: Friday, January 24, 2020 is the closing date; the recent launch of a new bids and tenders system has resulted in some bugs being identified and anyone having issues should contact Administration.

Homeless Individuals & Families Information System ("HIFIS"): YWCA, SideDoor, Day Shelter/Sobering Centre and Street Outreach Program are all using HIFIS; Women's Society is working on it but having issues per report from B. Denning so Administration will work with them. Salvation Army is transitioning from 3.8 to 4.0 and Administration will train them. 2.0 Training has been confirmed for March 24-26, 2020.

Action Item: Administration is following up with all individuals that registered for the August dates and will be re-sharing the opportunity with all NGOS and partner organizations again. Administration will send the training and flyer for public event to CAB.

Next Meeting

10. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the City Hall upstairs boardroom.

Adjournment

11. H. Dumbuya-Sesay moved,
Chair S. Smith seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

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Prepared: January 15, 2020 GW/bp