



## CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Community Advisory Board on Homelessness

**January 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

Via Video/Teleconference

### **MINUTES**

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Minutes of a meeting held on Friday, January 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The following Committee members called into the meeting:

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

The following advisory members called into the meeting:

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

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

R. Gobeil,  
K. Hansen, and  
R. Kelly.

The following members of Administration called into the meeting:

G. White,  
H. Ferris, and  
B. Poeschek.

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 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 presented.

#### **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

3. R. Alty declared a conflict of interest with respect to the Motions passed at the January 28, 2021 CAB meeting, for Expansion of service hours for Somba K'e public washrooms and Street Outreach, due to her affiliation with the City of Yellowknife.



4. S. Smith declared a conflict of interest with respect to the Motions passed at the January 28, 2021 CAB meeting, for Expansion of service hours for Somba K'e public washrooms and Street Outreach, due to her affiliation with the City of Yellowknife.
5. H. Dumbuya-Sesay declared a potential conflict of interest if discussions were to resume regarding COVID-19 Wage Top-Up Request from NGOs, due to her employment with the YWCA. H.Dumbuya-Sesay also declared a conflict of interest for the Motion to Continue YWCA family unit leases.

**Continued Discussion on the Allocation of COVID-19 Emergency Funding**

6. Administration clarified with respect to the Motions passed at the January 28, 2021 CAB meeting, for Expansion of service hours for Somba K'e public washrooms and Street Outreach, that R. Alty and S. Smith themselves do not personally have direct conflicts of interest; rather, it is that the appearance of a conflict of interest as representatives for the City of Yellowknife corporation could be inferred, and this perceived bias should be avoided. Due to this, the Motions passed at the January 28, 2021 CAB meeting for Expansion of service hours for Somba K'e public washrooms and for Street Outreach were deemed not valid and were re-voted on, with the duties of Chairing passed.

7. Committee redeliberated each of the following suggested allocations:

Expansion of service hours for Somba K'e public washrooms:	\$ 55,000
Rental arrears:	\$300,000
Street Outreach:	\$348,000
NGO staffing – wage top-up:	\$320,000
Continue YWCA family unit leases:	\$109,200
Temporary Lease Supports:	\$200,000
RFP for other projects:	\$336,708

8. R. Alty and S. Smith declared conflicts of interest and excused themselves from the meeting at 9:13 a.m.
9. The Chair was passed to D. McKee.
10. H. Dumbuya-Sesay moved,  
W. Cook seconded,

**That \$55,000 in Reaching Home COVID-19 Emergency Funding be allocated to Expansion of service hours for Somba K'e public washrooms.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

11. K. Hansen provided background on and confirmed the eligibility of Street Outreach Program costs.
12. H. Dumbuya-Sesay moved,  
S. Montreuil seconded,

That \$348,000 in Reaching Home COVID-19 Emergency Funding be allocated to Street Outreach.



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Following further discussion, the Motion was withdrawn.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

13. R. Alty and S. Smith returned to the meeting at 9:18 a.m.
14. The Chair was passed to S. Smith.
15. H. Dumbuya-Sesay declared a conflict of interest and excused herself from the meeting at 9:25 a.m.
16. R. Alty moved,  
D. McKee seconded,

**That \$109,200 in Reaching Home COVID-19 Emergency Funding be allocated to Continue YWCA family unit leases.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

17. H. Dumbuya-Sesay returned to the meeting at 9:26 a.m.
18. Administration provided further background on the Temporary Lease Supports as requested by Committee.
19. R. Alty moved,

That \$200,000 in Reaching Home COVID-19 Emergency Funding be allocated to Temporary Lease Supports.

As there was no seconder, the Motion was lost.

20. R. Alty moved,  
S. Montreuil seconded,

**That \$884,708 in Reaching Home Funding being allocated to an RFP for other projects be tabled.**

**MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

21. H. Dumbuya-Sesay left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**Continued Discussion on the Allocation of 2021/2022 Reaching Home Funding**

22. Administration provided background on the total Reaching Home Funding provided to date, noting the need to allocate funds and have contracts in place by April 1, 2021. Committee discussed that life and employment skills requirements should be included in any new projects for consideration.



***Action Item: Administration will reach out to NGOs with an informal call-out for project submissions regarding the Motion allocating \$884,708 to an RFP for other projects – noting it is to be an informal and expedited gathering of requests, not a formal RFP or EOI.***

***Action Item: Administration will compile the information received in response to the call-out and present this to Committee at a future CAB meeting.***

23. R. Lau-a left the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

24. H. Dumbuya-Sesay returned to the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

25. W. Cook provided an update on the specific traditional counselling support needs of Indigenous Peoples who are experiencing homelessness, as identified through discussions with clients of the Arctic Indigenous Wellness Foundation's ("AIWF") breakfast program.

***Action Item: W. Cook will hold discussions with his contacts regarding the traditional counselling support needs for clients of AIWF, to help inform further resources to be allocated for the Indigenous population who may also be experiencing homelessness, and will update Committee at a future CAB meeting in this regard.***

26. Further discussion on the allocation of 2021/2022 Reaching Home funding was deferred until a future CAB meeting.

**Revised CAB Terms of Reference adopted January 25, 2021**

27. A discussion on the revised CAB Terms of Reference adopted January 25, 2021 was deferred until a future CAB meeting.

**Next CAB Meeting**

28. The next meetings are scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2021 and Tuesday, February 9, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. via video/teleconference.

**Adjournment**

29. R. Alty moved,  
D. McKee seconded,

**That the meeting be adjourned at 10:53 a.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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