



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MINUTES

UNIVERSITY / POST-SECONDARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, September 20, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

City Hall, Council Chamber

Minutes of a meeting held on Friday, September 20, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in Council Chamber at City Hall.

The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: Councilor J. Morse,
Mayor R. Alty,
J. Clermont,
S. Ellis,
R. Erasmus,
S. Erasmus,
K. Fairman (via conference - technical difficulties noted),
L. Giovanetto,
S. Irlbacher-Fox,
J. Pitt,
F. Schmiegelow (via conference - technical difficulties noted),
R. Warburton, and
K. Wrightson.

The following members of Administration were in attendance:

K. Penney,
J. Mutford, and
B. Poeschek.

Call to Order

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

2. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of the Agenda

3. Committee approved the Agenda as presented.

Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting

4. R. Alty moved,
S. Ellis seconded,



That the Minutes of the meeting held on June 28, 2019 be approved as amended, to correct J. Pitt's last name.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NWT Post-Secondary Education Strategic Framework 2019-2029 Discussion

5. The Chair summarized the NWT Post-Secondary Education Strategic Framework document (the "Framework") and opened the floor for Committee to provide their feedback. Committee discussed challenges with post-secondary school completion in the North, funding roadblocks, and commitment obstacles.

Committee explored potentially meeting with newly-elected MLAs as well as the Education, Culture and Employment Department of the Government of the Northwest Territories ("GNWT") in order to gain traction on this initiative. Committee also considered finding ways to attract and raise funding instead of requesting it from the GNWT. The Chair indicated a preference for checking in with the GNWT regarding comments to the Framework as a starting point.

Committee proposed forming a Coalition to brainstorm lobbying strategies and create a proposal for the GNWT; the Chair mentioned the necessity for either a Council representative or the Mayor to be part of this. The Chair also suggested more research be done into Yukon College's successes.

University Lobbying Strategy for 19th Legislative Assembly Discussion

6. A discussion regarding a Lobbying Strategy for the 19th Legislative Assembly was deferred until the following University / Post-Secondary Advisory Committee Meeting.

Status Update

7. A Status Update was deferred until the following University / Post-Secondary Advisory Committee Meeting.

Next Steps

8. Committee discussed meeting as a smaller group/Coalition and developing an agenda for next steps as well as a work plan, in order to better request support and funding from the City of Yellowknife in addition to the GNWT.

Action Item: The Chair will reach out to Committee in the near future to schedule the next meeting to continue discussions.

Adjournment

9. The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

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