Travel Report for the

Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH) 2023: NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS

Conference Report

Nov 7 to 11 2023 (Conference dates Nov 8 to 10)

I attended the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness {CAEH} 2023: National Conference On Ending Homelessness from November 8 to 10, 2023, with travel on November 7 to 12. Note there was an extra day of travel returning to Yellowknife due to flight delays

Day by day highlights are outlined below.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7

Travel from Yellowknife to Halifax

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8

- Attended CAEH 2023 conference starting with opening plenary at 8am. Opened by Chair Don Iveson (former Mayor of Edmonton), Mayor Mike Savage of Halifax, and song and dancing from members of the Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre.
- Attended morning session on about innovative transitional housing and housing first projects
 that are supporting people and especially youth experiencing homelessness in rural and remote
 communities.
 - key takeaways from this session;
 - Mobile and outreach are key to delivery of effective services to vulnerable populations. Meet them where they are not where service providers are.
 - Zoning and bylaws currently barriers to small and temporary housing solutions and city can address these
 - Alternative building practices like 3d printing can create unique opportunities in small communities
- Attended two afternoon sessions. Downtowns and Main Streets: The Role of Business Improvement Districts in Addressing Homelessness and Governance Approaches Towards Ending Homelessness
 - Key takeaways were that only by working with businesses can these problems be addressed
 - Public spaces such as libraries can be used to provide supports for social and homeless issues of clients

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9

- Attended morning plenary with Dr. Marie Helene-Pelletier, speaking about mental health and resilience both for people experiencing homelessness and for people working to support those people.
- Attended morning session on Lessons from Homelessness Responses in Rural Areas and Small and Medium-Sized Cities

- Takeaway is small cities can benefit from the local connections and networks to assist
 in program and housing delivery including landlords, social services and government
- Lunch working session with speaker Jeff Olivet from the US interagency Council on Homelessness
- Attended an afternoon session on From NIMBY to YIMBY (Yes, In My Back Yard!)
 - Takeaway was that communicating often and authentically with neighborhoods when
 a new social housing or services are being placed there is key to both getting built but
 also success of clients using those services after it is a part of that community.
 - Strategy to combat NIMBY'ism is key form start of any project

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10

- Morning Plenary with David Coletta from Abacus research speaking about the national opinion polling data around housing and homelessness.
- Morning Session on Successful Landlord Engagement
 - Takeaways are that the market housing providers can be successfully engaged to provide housing units to both non-[profits and governments
 - Requires agencies engaging market housing providers to understand the needs of the landlords financially and operationally to successfully work together
 - Covered topics such as maser leasing, housing first, leasing incentives and wrap around services

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11

• Return travel from Halifax to Yellowknife. Trip extended to Sunday November 12 due to the flight to Yellowknife on Saturday having to return to Vancouver.

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