



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE
Community Advisory Board on Homelessness
May 26th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
City Hall – Downstairs Boardroom

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, May 26th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall, Downstairs Boardroom. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Present: Councillor L. Bussey, co-chair,
Mayor M. Heyck, ex officio,
S. Jackson,
L. Fuller, and
C. Lafferty.

Regrets: E. Canam,
V. Tompkins, and
I. Hamlyn.

The following advisory/ alternate members were in attendance:

R. Lau-a.

The following representatives of the Federal Government were in attendance:

J. Wallis.

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance:

D.M. Hernblad,
G. White, and
C. Kida, Recording.

Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

2. Mayor M. Heyck moved,
L. Fuller seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Chair's CAB Update/ Meetings/ Information and Letter from GNWT

4. L. Bussey informed the Community Advisory Board (CAB) on Homelessness members that communication remains a challenge amongst members. It was also suggested that the chosen proponent for the RFP be invited to the CAB meetings. Changes in the Terms of Reference with regards to the composition of the CAB and its mandate should be reviewed after the outcome of the Housing First Project Request for Proposal (RFP).

L. Bussey informed the CAB members that she was hand delivered a letter from the GNWT. In the letter it stated that Erin Shea, Homelessness Coordinator with Northwest Territories Housing Corporation (NWT HC), will be the sole person representing the Government of Northwest Territories (GNWT) at the CAB meetings. Her mandate is to report to the Social Envelope Deputies. The GNWT believes that this is a more direct, consistent streamlined process which will allow for consistent communication. CAB members are still welcome to invite specific representatives from different GNWT departments. R. Lau-a advised that the CAB should expect a request from the GNWT asking that Dr. J. Corkal to be removed from the CAB.

Housing First Project – RFP Update

5. G. White reported that the RFP was released early May. It was amended to have its closing date on June 6th at 3:00 p.m. to accommodate the delay in the Housing First mandatory information meeting. The mandatory session took place on May 17th. The Internal RFP Evaluation Committee is expecting to select one proponent among the applicants. Housing First training will take place on July 14th and 15th and the VAT training will take place on July 18th, 19th and 20th.

R. Lau-a informed CAB members that the \$150K from Northwest Territories Housing Corporation (NWT HC) is still available for the Housing First (HF) Project and is to be used on housing related expenditures only.

Outcome from Minister's Homelessness Workshop

6. Mayor M. Heyck reported that the main outcome from the workshop was the creation of two working groups. The first one is led by the GNWT which is intended to review policies and barriers to accessing household, income assistance and so on. It's represented by the GNWT and sheltering agencies. The idea behind this group is that the Non-Profit Organization (NGO) Sector would provide a considerable amount of information to the GNWT about the day to day issues that they see in some of the GNWT policies, and to work towards a solution. The second group called the Road Map Group is represented by all sectors that were represented in the workshop. Their goal is to identify issues, timelines, potential costs and who is responsible, in the list of ideas presented to them during the workshop. The workshop may reconvene to continue to address the outstanding work. The draft Terms of Reference were developed and shared with the



GNWT Social Envelope Committee. The GNWT is currently discussing who will represent the various departments and agencies in the Road Map working group. Upon discussion they are expecting to have 2 representatives from the shelters, 2 from the City, 1 from Social Envelope, Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN), Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Stanton Hospital and a person with lived experience. The goal is to have an intense meeting schedule, meeting weekly for 4 to 5 weeks to get through the list and then come back to the larger group for approval.

R. Lau-a reported that a draft workshop report was delivered to Mayor M. Heyck containing the 65 recommendations from the list compiled from numerous interviews conducted prior to the meeting. Attached to the draft are two resources documents: the problems documents and the potential actions documents. The Homelessness Minister sent out a subsequent letter to participants asking for any feedback or solutions that may not have come up during the workshop. The feedback due date is May 27th. Shortly after that the Social Envelope Committee will circulate the report they believe is important input for the working group.

C. Lafferty suggested that the Dene Nation should be involved in the working group as well as a member of CAB. The other members agreed with her suggestion.

Next Meeting

7. The date for the next meeting will be decided at a later date according to the member's summer holidays.

Adjournment

8. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Prepared: May 26th, 2016 DMH/ck