



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE
Community Advisory Board on Homelessness
October 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
City Hall – Upstairs Boardroom

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall, Upstairs Boardroom. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Present: Councillor L. Bussey, Chair,
Mayor M. Heyck, ex officio,
C. Lafferty, and
L. Fuller.

Regrets: S. Jackson, and
I. Hamlyn.

The following advisory/ alternate members were in attendance:
E. Canam.

The following advisory/ alternate members were in attendance via conference phone:
E. Shea.

The following guests of the Housing First Project were in attendance:
B. Denning.

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance:
G. White,
D.M. Hernblad, and
C. Kida, Recording.

Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

2. Committee agreed unanimously to amend the agenda to add an overview of the Federal Housing Consultation in Winnipeg attended by L. Fuller.



L. Fuller moved,
Mayor M. Heyck seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as amended.

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Past Minutes

4. a) August 18, 2016

L. Fuller moved,
Mayor M. Heyck seconded,

That the minutes for August 18, 2016 be approved as presented.

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b) September 16, 2016

Mayor M. Heyck moved,
L. Fuller seconded,

That the minutes for September 16, 2016 be approved as presented.

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Housing First (HF) Project –Proponent Update

5. Bree Denning, YK Women's Society & HF Project representative gave an update on the project as follows:

- a) HF Project is moving in 2 clients today, October 13, 2016 and 2 clients tomorrow, October 14, 2016. One more client will be moved in on Saturday, October 15, 2016 and another client will be moved in on October 18, 2016.
- b) The Prioritization Intake & Review Committee uses VAT (assessment tool) scores for the targeted selection of clients.
- c) The HF office will be housed permanently on the 4th floor of the NWT Commerce Place.
- d) There are 4 staff members working in the office; 1 team lead, 2 caseworkers, 1 peer support worker.
- e) Anti-Poverty Funds Application was submitted and the \$50,000 granted will be used toward a full time peer support worker until March 2017.



- f) The furniture & household donations initiative has been successful.
- g) A truck has been donated to the project by YK Motors on a 2 year lease.

Homelessness Partnering Strategy Annual Community Plan Update (CPAU)

- 6. Administration informed CAB members that 3 new Request for Proposals (RFP) are being developed for the proposed new projects presented below:
 - 1. Homeless Street Outreach Services;
 - 2. 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness; and
 - 3. 24 hour Sheltering Services.

Project details and activities are being defined. The RFP timelines are directly related to the projects activities being eligible and approved by the Federal Government. Administration will communicate the Federal Government's final eligibility decision to CAB membership. According to previous CAB meeting Minutes, C. Lafferty requested that the Indigenous Organizations be informed prior to the release of the RFP's. C. Lafferty to provide list of Indigenous Organizations. Administration relayed that local Indigenous organizations will be advised of the opportunity to submit on the call for proposals.

Federal Housing Consultation - Overview

- 7. L. Fuller advised that she attended the Federal Housing Consultation held in Winnipeg. Discussions involved Indigenous communities and housing experts. There were 18 participants and some Government observers attending the event. A few issues were discussed by the participants. The issues are as follows:
 - 1. Private market housing not being responsive to the needs of vulnerable people;
 - 2. The need for the Federal Government to re-invest in social housing;
 - 3. Affordable housing is only 10% less than market housing costs; therefore it's not the key driver to help urban aboriginal housing issues;
 - 4. Participants agreed that housing with rent geared to income & subsidized housing seems to be a better solution for the urban aboriginal housing issues; and
 - 5. The Housing First focus in many communities has not been beneficial to other previous funded projects.

L. Fuller relayed that an organization in British Columbia has a *community voice mail* available for use between clients and providers, and that they host a separate Aboriginal CAB. L. Fuller further relayed that the Northern Strategy Consultation will take place in Whitehorse next week. E. Shea to give CAB an update of the event at the next CAB meeting.

CAB Terms of Reference - Membership

- 8. Administration informed members that currently there are two vacant positions from representatives of Yellowknife Business and Persons with Disabilities. CAB members discussed the possibility of increasing the number of aboriginal and sheltering agencies in the CAB membership composition. CAB members are to send Administration some possible Membership Composition suggestions by November 1, 2016 for further discussion at our next CAB meeting.



National Housing Day – November 22, 2016

9. Administration proposed to show a film which links to homelessness (open to all public) to bring awareness to National Housing Day on November 22, 2016. It was suggested we host the movie during lunch time at the Library meeting room to promote the day. Depending on the length of the movie guest speakers would be invited to open the event.

Next Meeting

10. Next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, November 10, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the City Hall, Downstairs Boardroom.

Adjournment

11. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Prepared: October 14, 2016 DMH/ck