



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE  
Community Advisory Board on Homelessness

**ADDITIONAL MEETING**

**September 16, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.**

City Hall – Downstairs Boardroom

## **Minutes**

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Minutes of a meeting held on Friday, September 16, 2016 at 8:00 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, and  
L. Fuller.

Regrets: S. Jackson,  
I. Hamlyn, and  
E. Shea.

The following advisory/ alternate members were in attendance:

A. Shafi.

The following representatives of the Federal Government were in attendance via conference phone:

J. Wallis.

The following committee members were in attendance via conference phone:

C. Lafferty.

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance:

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

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### **Call to Order**

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m.

### **Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) Community Plan Annual Update (CPAU) – Priorities and Activity Planning**

2. In order to finalize the work plan for the Community Plan Annual Update, Committee discussed the eligibility of funding three initiatives under its Priority #3: Integrated Services Support. Members identified that all three initiatives fall under *Non-Housing First* dedicated funding. The three initiatives are indicated below:



- 1) 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness;
- 2) Emergency Street Outreach; and
- 3) Continuous 24 Hours Shelter Services.

Committee further discussed the initiatives outline and linkage between the HPS Directives and the proposed initiatives. The result of the discussion is presented below:

1) 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness

- Members considered that this initiative falls under HPS Directive # 5: Coordination of Resources & Leveraging.
- Members agreed on a \$100,000 budget for this initiative. 50% of this budget to be spent in 2016-2017 Fiscal Year and the other 50% to be spent in 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

2) Emergency Street Outreach

- Members suggested that the funding should be used on operating costs such as staffing and supplies. Members further suggested that this initiative may engage with staff to assist with stabilization and improving their living conditions.
- Members agreed on a \$100,000 budget for this initiative to be spent in the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year
- Members considered that this initiative falls under HPS Directive # 10: Basic Needs Services.

3) Continuous 24 Hour Shelter Services

- Members suggested that the funding should be used to increase hours of current shelters to allow for them to remain open 24 hours a day. Members further suggested that this initiative may engage clients accessing the shelter with shelter staff, to assist with stabilization and improving their living conditions and potentially lead to further housing options.
- Members agreed on a \$149,574 budget for this initiative to be spent in the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year.
- Members considered that this initiative falls under HPS Directive # 10: Basic Need Services.

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

**That the \$299,574 new additional HPS funding be allocated toward the following three initiatives:**

**Fiscal Year 2016-2017**

<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>10 Year Plan to End Homelessness</b>
<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>Emergency Street Outreach</b>
<b>\$149,574</b>	<b>Continuous 24 Hour Shelter Service</b>



**Fiscal Year 2017-18**

<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>10 Year Plan to End Homelessness</b>
<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>Emergency Street Outreach</b>
<b>\$149,574</b>	<b>Continuous 24 Hour Shelter Service</b>

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. Lafferty suggested that priority be given to First Nation Organizations to respond to the Call for Proposals. Administration advised that the First Nation Organizations will be advised of the upcoming Request for Proposal (RFP) for the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness and Emergency Street Outreach initiatives.

J. Wallis informed members that the Work Plan should outline the activities in general and that a more detailed outline of the activities should be decided at a later date. J. Wallis expressed her concern about the third initiative proposed by CAB members: Continuous 24 Hour Shelter Service. J. Wallis informed members that Emergency Shelter responsibilities are moving towards provinces and territories and it is no longer a federal responsibility so it may not be an eligible activity. CAB members argued that 24 Hour Shelters are an eligible initiative because it allows people to connect with potential services or housing options that they otherwise may have a hard time connecting to. Some of the housing options mentioned were: transitional housing, Housing First, semi-independent supported living and permanent housing.

Administration noted that one of the three initiatives submitted previously in the Community Plan differ from the initiatives discussed today. Members asked J. Wallis if an amendment to the Community Plan is necessary. The alteration is to change the third initiative in the Community Plan: to remove Homelessness Prevention Services (Directive # 11) and add Continuous 24 Hours Shelter Services (Directive # 10). J. Wallis informed members that she will contact Administration once she finds out the answer to the question.

If an amendment is possible Administration will advise CAB members who will make a motion to amend the Community Plan.

J. Wallis requested that the Work Plan be submitted prior to the response on the Community Plan amendment.

**Next Meeting**

4. Next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, October 13, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the City Hall, Downstairs Boardroom.



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**Adjournment**

5. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Prepared: September 19, 2016 CK/dmh