



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Community Advisory Board on Homelessness

April 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Via Video / Teleconference

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The following Committee members called into the meeting:

Present: Councilor S. Smith, Chair,
Mayor R. Alty, ex-officio,
B. Denning,
D. Dolynny,
H. Dumbuya-Sesay, and
D. McKee.

The following advisory members called into the meeting:

K.S. Derejko,
H. Fikowski,
R. Lau-a, and
J. Saturnino.

The following representatives of the Federal Government called in to the meeting:

K. Hansen, and
D. Meilleur.

The following member from the public called into the meeting:

W. Czech (Canadian Alliance to end Homelessness) 10:16 a.m.

The following members of Administration called into the meeting:

S. Bassi-Kellett,
G. White,
H. Ferris, and
B. Poeschek.

Call to Order & Introductions

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. It was recognized that we are on Chief Drygeese Territory, home of the Yellowknives Dene.



Approval of Agenda

2. H. Dumbuya-Sesay moved,
B. Denning seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as amended, to include a membership update and a request from Déljñę for consideration.

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes

4. *March 30, 2020.*

B. Denning moved,
H. Dumbuya-Sesay seconded,

That the Minutes be approved as presented.

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Membership Update

5. Administration provided an update to Committee on the reappointments of H. Dumbuya-Sesay as representative from an organization serving Youth and D. McKee as representative from an organization serving Persons with Disabilities, whose terms now expire on April 14, 2022, and on the advertisements posted for remaining vacancies.

Action Item: Committee is to contact Administration with suggestions to fill the vacancies for a representative from an Aboriginal Organization and from a Yellowknife Business.

Discussion on Reaching Home Additional Funding Options

6. Administration provided an update regarding requests and options for the additional Reaching Home COVID-19 funding. This included a review of service providers and their identified Personal Protective Equipment (“PPE”) needs and projected costs. It was noted that at the time these requests and options were compiled, the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority informed Administration they would not be able to provide PPE aid to Non-Governmental Organizations (“NGOs”).

J. Saturnino clarified that the GNWT is now looking into PPE aid. Committee also heard that the Federal Government has since allocated money for PPE to the GNWT.

Action Item: Administration will follow up with the contact provided by J. Saturnino regarding PPE aid.

7. Administration presented options for the additional Reaching Home COVID-19 funding which included sheltering alternatives. Committee discussed properties to be explored and related recommendations from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, as well as potentially increasing the funding for the Housing First Program.



Action Item: Administration will update the Funding Requests and Options document to incorporate suggestions received from the service providers present, and provide an updated version to Committee at the next meeting.

8. D. McKee left the meeting at 9:42 a.m.
9. H. Dumbuya-Sesay left the meeting at 9:48.am.
10. D. Dolynny moved,
B. Denning seconded,

That Committee approves funding the following requests, and that the funding approved for NWT Disabilities Council is conditional on GNWT funding not being received:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Monthly Cost (April)</u>	<u>One-Time Cost</u>
SideDoor	\$750	\$14,000
NWT Disabilities Council	\$7,500	
Yellowknife Women's Society	\$500	
YWCA	\$30,300	\$24,000
Salvation Army	\$6,000	
Totals:	\$45,050	\$38,000

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11. Committee discussed the sheltering alternatives in more detail and explored putting forth a proposal to encourage the Federal Government to purchase a building temporarily, as well as other properties that could be utilized. Further discussion on this item was deferred until the next meeting.

Action Item: Committee is to bring suggestions of other sheltering alternatives for Federal Government consideration to the next meeting, and Administration will forward them following discussion.

12. Committee explored temporary shelter / sobering center options, noting the Yellowknife Community Arena would be most conducive to physical distancing.

R. Alty moved,
D. Dolynny seconded,

That Committee direct Administration to send out a letter of interest to NGOs and service providers to secure an operator for a day shelter / sobering center at the Yellowknife Community Arena the week of April 27, 2020 using Reaching Home funding, if no option from the GNWT is provided prior.

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Request from Délı̄ne

13. Administration referenced a consulting firm in Délı̄ne working with the community, noting they have inquired how to access the Reaching Home funding increase that Committee is receiving from the Federal Government. Administration also noted the guidelines for the funding increase allow for utilization outside of municipal boundaries.

Committee discussed the City's limitations as a municipality and Délı̄ne's ability to work with the Federal Government directly on their request under a government-to-government relationship.

Action Item: Administration is to direct the consulting firm in Délı̄ne to reach out to K. Hansen with the Federal Government directly on this issue.

Coordinated Access Discussion with Wally Czech

14. W. Czech with the Canadian Alliance to end Homelessness ("CAEH") joined the meeting at 10:16 a.m. and presented a proposal for assessment of Yellowknife's Coordinated Access System, detailing the technical support, consultations, review and reporting that would take place. Committee asked for clarification regarding costs factors for points of access and the scorecards to be compiled.

W. Czech left the meeting at 10:40 a.m. so Committee could deliberate.

D. Dolynny moved,
B. Denning seconded,

That Committee direct Administration to enter into an agreement with the Canadian Alliance to end Homelessness and W. Czech for the CAEH Training and Technical Assistance Program's Coordinated Access System Assessment, for the timelines noted in the Proposal and up to the estimated cost of \$6,090.

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Next Meeting

15. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. via video / teleconference.

Adjournment

16. Mayor R. Alty moved,
D. Dolynny seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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Prepared: April 20, 2020 GW/bp