



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Community Advisory Board on Homelessness

April 30, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Via Video / Teleconference

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, April 30, 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 members of Administration called into the meeting:

G. White,
H. Ferris, and
B. Poeschek.

Call to Order & Introductions

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 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,
D. McKee seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes

4. *April 16, 2020.*

D. McKee moved,
B. Denning seconded,

That the Minutes be approved as presented.

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Discussion on Reaching Home COVID-19 Funding Increase Options

5. Administration discussed revised requests and options for the additional Reaching Home COVID-19 funding with Committee. This included a review of service providers and their projected costs as well as newly identified priorities. It was noted that the total amount requested exceeds the total funds available.
6. Administration presented additional sheltering alternatives to Committee. It was noted that these options may not be required once new directives and information from the GNWT are released. Further discussion on sheltering alternatives was deferred until the next meeting.
7. Committee received an update on GNWT Income Assistance and tie-in with Canada Emergency Response Benefit payments. Administration noted plans for a Funders Table meeting amongst various GNWT contributors to discuss alignment of funding for homeless-serving programs.
8. Committee received clarification from the Federal Government on the eligibility of wage premiums for hazard pay under the Reaching Home directive. Committee discussed the need to request additional information and cost breakdown from service providers. Further discussion on approval of the additional funding requests was deferred until the next meeting.

Action Item: As requested by Committee, Administration will obtain additional information required from service providers and deliver an updated version of the Funding Requests and Options document at the next meeting.

Update on Reaching Home RFPs

9. Administration provided an update on the successful service providers for the following projects:

Housing First For Adults: Yellowknife Women's Society

Housing First for Youth: SideDoor

Housing First for Families: YWCA NWT

Prevention & Rapid Rehousing: YWCA NWT

Administration noted there is one RFP still under review for the Capital Project.



Next Meeting

10. A Special meeting was called by the Chair for Tuesday, May 5, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. via video / teleconference. Following this, the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 15, 2020.

Adjournment

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

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

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