



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Community Advisory Board on Homelessness

January 28, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Via Video/Teleconference

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The following Committee members called into the meeting:

Present: Councilor S. Smith, Chair,
Mayor R. Alty, ex-officio,
W. Cook,
H. Dumbuya-Sesay,
D. McKee, and
S. Montreuil.

The following advisory members called into the meeting:

L. Gardiner,
M. Greyeyes,
R. Lau-a,
T. Pope, and
R. Ristoff.

The following representatives of the Federal Government called into the meeting:

R. Gobeil,
K. Hansen, and
R. Kelly.

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. Roundtable introductions were completed.

Approval of Agenda

2. Committee approved the Agenda as amended, to include the Revised CAB Terms of Reference adopted January 25, 2021.



Approval of Minutes

3. S. Montreuil indicated intent to withhold voting on these Items, due to not being present for the meetings, as she was not an appointed Committee member.
4. *January 19, 2021.*
5. R. Alty moved,
D. McKee seconded,

That the Minutes be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. *January 21, 2021.*
7. R. Alty moved,
H. Dumbuya-Sesay seconded,

That the Minutes be approved as amended, to replace Item #13 with “The GNWT provided an update regarding shelter capacities, that if overnight shelters were at capacity, the GNWT would work with them to address this.” and to amend Item #14 to remove “MOTION DEFEATED (D. McKee in favour)”.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

8. H. Dumbuya-Sesay declared a potential conflict of interest if discussions were to resume regarding COVID-19 Wage Top Up Request from NGOs, due to her employment with the YWCA.

D. McKee declared a potential conflict of interest if discussions were to resume regarding COVID-19 Wage Top Up Request from NGOs, due to her employment with the NWT Disabilities Council.

Discussion on 2020/2021 Funding Slippage and Re-allocation

9. Administration provided background on a funding request received from YWCA.
10. H. Dumbuya-Sesay declared a conflict of interest due to her employment with the YWCA and excused herself from the meeting at 9:29 a.m.
11. Committee deliberated the funding request from YWCA.
12. R. Alty moved,
S. Montreuil seconded,

That the unspent \$28,582.58 allocated for staff wages under YWCA’s Housing First for Families program be re-allocated under YWCA’s Prevention & Rapid Rehousing program.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. H. Dumbuya-Sesay returned to the meeting at 9:31 a.m.



Discussion on the Allocation of COVID-19 Emergency Funding

14. Administration provided background on the total Reaching Home COVID-19 Emergency Funding provided to date and remaining to be allocated, as well as a list of funding options for consideration.
15. H. Dumbuya-Sesay brought forward a new request for Committee to consider continuing YWCA family unit leases up to June 30, 2021. Administration confirmed the ineligibility of funding these leases past June 2021 under the parameters of the Reaching Home COVID-19 Emergency Funding.

Committee discussed identifying a finite point for the submission of options to be considered, noting that Committee members submitting additional requests at meetings have an unfair advantage over NGOs/service providers who are not Committee members.

16. R. Alty suggested the following allocations, noting that not all Committee members are eligible to vote on every option, and as such they would each be deliberated and voted on separately:

Expansion of service hours for Somba K'e public washrooms:	\$55,000
Rental arrears:	\$300,000
Street Outreach:	\$348,000
NGO staffing – wage top-up:	\$320,000
Continue YWCA family unit leases:	\$109,200
Temporary Lease Supports:	\$200,000
RFP for other projects:	\$336,708

17. Committee deliberated some, but not all, of the proposed options due to time constraints.
18. R. Alty moved,
D. McKee seconded,

That \$55,000 in Reaching Home COVID-19 Emergency Funding be allocated to Expansion of service hours for Somba K'e public washrooms.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19. R. Alty moved,
D. McKee seconded,

That \$300,000 in Reaching Home COVID-19 Emergency Funding be allocated to Rental arrears.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20. R. Alty moved,
H. Dumbuya-Sesay seconded,

That \$348,000 in Reaching Home COVID-19 Emergency Funding being allocated to Street Outreach be tabled.



Those opposed noted there are perceived conflicts of interest for two Committee members.

MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED
(D. McKee opposed)

Action Item: Administration confirmed they would investigate the perceived conflict of interest and provide an update later in the meeting.

21. G. White left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Action Item: K. Hansen will report back to Committee at the next meeting regarding the funding eligibility of back-dated Street Outreach Program expenses so that Committee can revisit this Item.

22. H. Dumbuya-Sesay declared a conflict of interest with respect to Wage Top Up discussions and excused herself from the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

23. D. McKee withdrew the NWT Disabilities Council's application for the Wage Top Up, and did not declare a conflict of interest as a result. Following further clarity on the guidelines for this Item, D. McKee re-entered the NWT Disabilities Council's application.

24. D. McKee declared a conflict of interest with respect to Wage Top Up discussions and excused herself from the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

25. T. Pope left the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

26. R. Alty moved,
S. Montreuil seconded,

That a top-up of \$2/hour, up to \$320,000, in Reaching Home COVID-19 Emergency Funding be allocated to NGO staffing – wage top-up.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

27. H. Dumbuya-Sesay and D. McKee returned to the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

28. Deliberation on the following items moved by R. Alty was deferred until the next meeting:

Continue YWCA family unit leases:	\$109,200
Temporary Lease Supports:	\$200,000
RFP for other projects:	\$336,708

Discussion on the Allocation of 2021/2022 Reaching Home Funding

29. A discussion on the allocation of 2021/2022 Reaching Home Funding was deferred until the next meeting.

30. G. White returned to the meeting at 10:57 a.m.



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31. Administration confirmed that an appearance of a conflict of interest for the City of Yellowknife as a corporation had been determined, due to R. Alty and S. Smith's affiliation with the organization; meaning that the Motions passed for Expansion of service hours for Somba K'e public washrooms and Street Outreach Program were not valid, and would need to be re-voted on at the next meeting with the duty of Chairing passed to a different Committee member.

Revised CAB Terms of Reference adopted January 25, 2021

32. A discussion on the revised CAB Terms of Reference adopted January 25, 2021 was deferred until the next meeting.

Next CAB Meeting

33. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 29, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. via video/teleconference.

Adjournment

34. The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Prepared: February 4, 2021 GW/bp