



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE
Community Advisory Board on Homelessness
March 11, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.
City Hall – Main Boardroom

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Hall Main Boardroom. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chairperson: Councillor L. Bussey, co-chair,
D. McKee, co-chair,
Dr. J. Corkal,
L. Elkin,
L. Fuller,
I. Hamlyn,
J. Renaud, and
E. Shea.

The following members of Administration were also in attendance:

D. M. Hernblad,
N. Naidoo,
A. Neumann, recording, and
G. White.

The following were also in attendance:

D. MacMillan, Service Canada (via conference call),
K. Rapley, Service Canada (via conference call).

Regrets: D. Anderson,
Mayor M. Heyck,
N. Nadeau, and
V. Tompkins.

Absent: M. Saturnino.

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.



2. **Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Fuller moved,
Ms. Hamlyn seconded,

That the agenda be approved as presented.

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3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest at the onset of the meeting.

4. **Approval of January & February Minutes of Meeting**

Mr. Renaud moved,
Ms. Fuller seconded,

That the minutes of January 14, 2015 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Elkin moved,
Dr. Corkal seconded,

That the minutes of February 11, 2015 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **New Business**

Dr. Corkal gave the update on the meeting with Australian researcher, whose specialization is housing, and noted the importance for the committee to address research parameters and measures in the housing piece.

ACTION: Councillor Bussey to send the researcher's contact information to L. Fuller.

6. **Priority #1: Housing First**

E. Shea arrived at the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

a) **SPDAT Training in Yellowknife**

D. M. Hernblad noted there were still many available spots for both training days, and encouraged everyone to send their staff and spread the word. The merits of the training were reviewed.

b) **Yellowknife Point in Time (PiT) Count**

- The PiT Count date has been changed, and will now take place May 13, 2015.



- Discussion surrounding methodology of the PiT Count occurred (magnet event count versus street count). D.M. Hernblad noted that the methodology of both counts use the same survey and methods; the only difference is how the connection with the community is made. It was noted that families, youth, and hidden homeless would not be captured in a street count, and less volunteers would be required for a magnet event. Concerns were raised that the count done in Yellowknife will not be cohesive with other counts in other Canadian cities and that the data collected would not be measurable with other cities. It was noted that the Conservatory on Homelessness endorses magnet events and it is a valid method with which to do the count. Much discussion on the merits and demerits of all count methods occurred. D. MacMillan stated there are no firm details yet on the method to be used for the 2016 national count.
- Administration noted that the Conservatory will be compiling the data from the PiT Count and produce a report, and that Community Services staff will assist in the logistics of the count on May 13.
- D.M. Hernblad noted that Stephen Gaetz and associates will be here in May and would like to address the CAB.

ACTION: Administration to arrange a meeting for interested CAB members to meet with Stephen Gaetz (Conservatory on Homelessness) and Melanie Redman (Eva's Initiatives) in May (date to be determined) following the PiT Count.

7. Ms. Fuller moved,
Mr. Renaud seconded,

That the PiT Count will be carried out using the magnet event method for the May 2015 count.

**MOTION CARRIED
(E. Shea opposed)**

- c) Housing First Stakeholders Committee (Housing First Pilot Project)
- Committee discussed the need to ensure that the Housing First Pilot Project maintain the fidelity of the Housing First principles to achieve success. The discussion indicated that not all the required decision makers are included on the project team, and further that the current approach that is being followed may not be meeting the parameters of Housing First.
 - It was noted that the pre-planning group requires key decision-makers from: Yellowknife Health and Social Services Authority; Yellowknife Housing Corp.; Education, Culture & Employment; City of Yellowknife Administration; and Co-chair from the Community Advisory Board to make up the backbone of the Pilot group. Following an initial meeting of the group listed above, the existing Pilot Project Committee will be advised/consulted on moving forward with the Pilot Project.
 - Discussion occurred on stakeholders, resources, and the reluctance/inability for giving resources by decision-makers.



Dr. Corkal left the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

8. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2015 at 12:00 noon.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Prepared: March 19, 2015

DMH/an