



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

HOMELESSNESS COMMISSION
Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
Via Video/Teleconference

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. The following Commission members called into the meeting:

Present: Mayor R. Alty, Chair,
Honourable P. Chinna,
Chief Ernest Betsina,
T. Williams (ex-officio).

The following members of Administration called into the meeting:

S. Bassi-Kellett (ex-officio),
G. White, and
B. Poeschek.

Call to Order & Introductions

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

2. Commission approved the Agenda as presented.

Approval of Homelessness Commission Minutes – October 1, 2020

3. Commission approved the Minutes of the meeting held on October 1, 2020 as presented.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Update on City's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness

5. The Chair presented an update on the City of Yellowknife's (the "City") 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness (the "10 Year Plan"), including a high-level overview of 10 Year Plan highlights.

Review Timelines/Activities for the 10 Year Plan

6. The Chair reviewed tasks that have been completed to date under the Leadership, Coordination, Reconciliation and Healing directions and goals identified in the 10 Year Plan.
7. A discussion took place regarding the timeline for establishing an Interagency Council as identified under the Coordination direction and goal in the 10 Year Plan, as well as in the GNWT's Anti-Poverty Action Plan. Commission noted the success of Inuvik's Interagency Committee.



8. Minister P. Chinna noted that the GNWT's Departments of Health & Social Services and Education, Culture & Employment, as well as the NWT Housing Corporation, are having informal collaborative discussions to identify one common area of social programming and avoid duplication on initiatives.

Action Item: Commission will request a presentation from Inuvik's Interagency Committee to the Commission in 2021.

Action Item: Commission will request a presentation from the GNWT's Anti-Poverty Strategy team to the Commission in 2021.

9. A discussion took place regarding Commission's Work Plan for 2021-2022 and linking the 10 Year Plan with the GNWT's Homelessness Strategy. Commission noted that the GNWT's Anti-Poverty Strategy Annual Workshop in January is an opportunity to obtain more information on implementation plans for an Interagency Council.

Action Item: GNWT will liaise with City staff in 2021 to review and discuss the GNWT's Homelessness Strategy, anticipated timelines and linking with the 10 Year Plan, and will report to the Commission at a future meeting to inform the 2021-2022 Work Plan.

Yellowknife Community Housing Plan – Update from GNWT

10. Minister P. Chinna provided an update on the stakeholders involved and consultation required for the Yellowknife Community Housing Plan, noting the other Community Housing Plans currently in development and that an increase in GNWT Community Planning staffing is underway.
11. Commission noted that a Yellowknife City Council ("Council") motion to enter into a Participation Agreement with the GNWT is required before the Yellowknife Community Housing Plan could be finalized and entered into.

Action Item: Mayor Alty will request a presentation from GNWT to Council in 2021 regarding the Community Housing Plan rollout process.

Action Item: T. Williams will write a letter to the Yellowknives Dene First Nation regarding the Community Housing Plan rollout presentation and any contribution opportunities.

Further Business

12. The GNWT provided an update regarding the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Rapid Housing Initiative and two projects that will be applying in Yellowknife.
13. The Chair provided an update regarding Federal Reaching Home funding and the extended deadline.

Next Homelessness Commission Meeting Date

14. The next meeting was deferred until the Action Items have progressed or further work is completed.

Adjournment

15. The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.