



THE CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **Homelessness Commission**

#### **BACKGROUND**

In 2016, the NWT Housing Corporation hosted a two day event entitled *Homelessness in Yellowknife: Community Partnerships Forum*. The aim of the Forum was to outline and commit to collaborative processes to solve community challenges. Specifically, the Forum was an effective method to raise awareness in Yellowknife regarding issues contributing to homelessness. As a result of the Forum, Mayor Mark Heyck from the City of Yellowknife established a working group to review the actions suggested throughout the Forum, and to create a Road Map document which would include recommended actions, prioritizations of those actions, status reports on actions which may already be in process, measurable outcomes, identification of the responsible agencies/parties and resources required to implement the actions. One of the recommendations from the Road Map (*Yellowknife Homelessness Road Map Action Plan 2016*) document was to undertake a 10-year plan to end homelessness in Yellowknife. The *Everyone is Home: Yellowknife's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness* was completed in 2017, and one of the many recommendations noted was the development of Homelessness Commission, geared specifically to end homelessness in Yellowknife.

In 2018, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) began to develop a GNWT Homelessness Strategic Plan. While individual GNWT departments will continue to operate separate programs, under one strategic plan, the aim is to have all homelessness programs and resources working together in an integrated approach.

#### **VISION**

The Homelessness Commission comprised of Indigenous, municipal and territorial leaders will:

- A. Collaborate to end homelessness through strategic partnerships;
- B. Provide high level direction on the strategic implementation of *Everyone is Home: Yellowknife's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness*.

#### **SCOPE**

Through quarterly meetings, the Commission will lead the implementation of the *10 Year Plan to End Homelessness* by approving an annual plan through a supportive and collaborative structure. The Commission will work to lead strategic priorities and opportunities that allow for the continued delivery of programs and the establishment of new initiatives and prevention strategies.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

- Chief – Yellowknives Dene First Nation
- Indigenous Elder
- Mayor – City of Yellowknife
- Councillor – City of Yellowknife
- Minister – NWT Housing Corporation/Minister Responsible for Homelessness
- City Administrator – City of Yellowknife (Ex-Officio)
- President – NWT Housing Corporation (Ex-Officio)
- Administrative Support – City of Yellowknife