



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

April 14, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

City Hall, Lower Boardroom

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Lower Boardroom.

The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: Councillor L. Bussey,
Y. Adam,
C. Lafferty, and
C. Wawzonek.

Absent: Mayor Mark Heyck (ex officio),
L. Cooke,
C. Doolittle (Advisory), and
D. Everett (Advisory).

Guest: Margaret Melhorn, Yellowknife Community Foundation

The following members of Administration were also in attendance:

D. Marchiori, and
L. Alexandra.

Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

2. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Agenda

3. Y. Adam moved,
C. Wawzonek seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as amended to include the Housing First Initiative and an update on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness (CAB).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Introductions

4. For the benefit of new members and guests, Committee introductions were made.

Recognition of Departing Committee Members

5. The Chair noted that Committee member L. Cooke's term had ended, and indicated that recognition would be provided to her at an upcoming Council meeting.

Action: *Chair to coordinate with Mayor's Office regarding a letter of appreciation for L. Cooke, in recognition of her service on the Committee.*

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

6. C. Wawzonek moved,
L. Bussey seconded,

That the Minutes of the meeting held on March 3, 2016 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Status of Sub-Committee with the Yellowknife Community Foundation

7. Ms. Melhorn reported that the sub-committee met following the last Committee meeting to discuss "Vital Signs," as well as other report options that could be pursued. The sub-committee determined that the information discussed in their meeting would be taken back to the Yellowknife Community Foundation (YCF) Board for their consideration.

The total cost to produce "Vital Signs" is approximately \$25,000.00, with some contingency (northern costs) associated with it. The YCF is prepared to be the lead on the project, and collaborate with the City and Social Issues Committee to produce the "Vital Signs" document, and is able to contribute up to a third of the cost of the project, to a maximum of \$10,000.00. The remainder of the cost would be covered by other sources, including the potential for Yellowknife City Council to allocate funds for the project.

The sub-committee will continue to collaborate for the remainder of 2016, with tasks including determining other funding sources to help execute "Vital Signs," as well as establishing a Terms of Reference (TOR) for the project. It was noted that the YCF currently has a draft TOR agreement that could be used for this purpose.

In light of L. Cooke's departure from the Committee, It was noted that another person will be necessary to assist D. Everett on the sub-committee.

Action: *M. Melhorn will email Chair the TOR template for review.*

8. Y. Adam moved,
C. Lafferty seconded,

That the City of Yellowknife Social Issues Committee request \$20,000.00 from Yellowknife City Council for the year 2017. The funds will allow the City's Social Issues Committee to work in partnership with the Yellowknife Community Foundation (lead organization) to



develop a Vital Signs document. The Yellowknife Community Foundation can contribute up to one-third of the cost, to a maximum of \$10,000.00. If the Social Issues Committee can obtain funding from other sources, then the full \$20,000.00 will not be utilized.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. M. Melhorn left the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Community Advisory Board on Homelessness and Housing First Initiative Update

10. The Chair shared with the Committee that she would be attending the upcoming Housing Workshop, as coordinated by the Honourable Caroline Cochrane. It was relayed to the Committee that the Request for Proposal from the City, regarding the Housing First initiative, had recently been presented to Council. It was noted that there is the intention to house one person or family by the end of May.

The Chair acknowledged the link between the Social Issues Committee and the CAB, and suggested that a joint Committee meeting is something to consider in the future.

Next meeting

11. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

Adjournment

12. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.