



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
February 2, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.
City Hall – Lower Boardroom

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Lower Boardroom. The following members were in attendance:

Chairman: Mayor Heyck,
D. Everett, and
A. Lizotte.

Absent: L. Bussey, and
C. Wawzonek.

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance:
S. Jovic.

Item Description

Call to Order

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

2. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Agenda

3. D. Everett moved,
A. Lizotte seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

4. A. Lizotte moved,
D. Everett seconded,

That the Minutes of the meeting held on November 24, 2016 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Future of the Social Issues Committee

5. Committee noted that Council decided not to provide \$20,000 towards a Yellowknife Community Foundation Vital Signs Report. Committee further noted that the undertaking of Vital Signs would have been the focus of the Social Issues Committee. Committee stated that the Social Issues Committee was established by City Council in 2009 to assist the City, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada in an advisory capacity regarding social issues within the City of Yellowknife's municipal boundaries. Committee advised that the Social Issues Committee and Community Advisory Board on Homelessness have overlapping interests. Committee further advised that in recent years there have been challenges with attracting persons to volunteer for this Committee and achieving quorum for the meetings. Members of the Social Issues Committee have reviewed and discussed the current status of the Committee and are of the opinion that the duties and objectives of the Committee have been fulfilled.

Committee noted that the Homelessness Road Map Working Group was established after a workshop held on April 26 and 27, 2016 to discuss Homelessness on the territorial level. Committee further noted that there has been a considerable amount of discussion regarding the need for all front-line agencies to coordinate their activities and collaborate where possible. Committee stated that an Inter-Agency Committee would allow these agencies to meet on a regular basis with a degree of structure and support, to share information, discuss common challenges and opportunities, and identify areas where inter-agency collaboration is possible. Committee further stated that such an Inter-Agency Committee would not only address homelessness, but ultimately the spectrum of social issues. Committee advised that one of the main challenges identified in establishing and maintaining an Inter-Agency Committee is the lack of capacity on the part of non-governmental organizations to manage the logistics of scheduling meetings, providing meeting space, and taking and distributing meeting minutes. Committee further advised that the City of Yellowknife will provide support to an Inter-Agency Committee.

Mayor Heyck thanked members of the Social Issues Committee for their service.

Action: Administration to bring forward a memorandum to Council to dissolve the Social Issues Committee.

Adjournment

6. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Prepared: February 3, 2017; SJ/