



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

June 9, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.
City Hall – Lower Boardroom

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Lower Boardroom. The following members were in attendance:

Chair: Councillor L. Bussey,
Y. Adam
D. Everett,
A. Lizotte, and
C. Wawzonek.

Absent: Mayor Mark Heyck (ex officio),
C. Doolittle,
J. Fullerton, and
C. Lafferty.

Guests : Bronwyn Watters, President, Yellowknife Community Foundation
Rosella Stoesz Executive Director, Yellowknife Community Foundation

The following members of Administration were also in attendance:
D. Marchiori, and
S. Jovic.

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.

Round Table

3. Introductions were made for the benefit of new members.

Approval of Agenda

4. J. Adam moved,
D. Everett seconded,

That the Agenda be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

5. C. Wawzonek moved,
J. Adam seconded,

That the Minutes of the meeting held on April 14, 2016 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings:

6. Appreciation for Lani Cooke
Committee noted that they will invite Ms. Cooke to the Social Issues Committee in September to thank her for her work on the Social Issues Committee.
7. Motion to Council regarding Vital Signs document
Ms. Stoesz, a Yellowknife Community Foundation Board Member, noted that the Yellowknife Community Foundation (YKCF) provides interested individuals and organizations with a means of supporting projects in our community for the enduring future. Ms. Stoesz further noted that their vision/goal is for people to work together to make a difference and that their mission is to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Yellowknife and the surrounding area by: identifying and addressing current and anticipated community needs; and raising, managing, and distributing investment income from donated funds to meet those needs. Ms. Stoesz advised that YKCF is a member of the Community Foundations of Canada, who helps make Vital Signs cards for communities. Ms. Stoesz further advised that “Vital Signs” is a national program led by Community Foundations and coordinated by the Community Foundations of Canada that leverages local knowledge to measure the vitality of our communities and supports action towards improving our collective quality of life. Ms. Stoesz stated that more than 65 communities in Canada and around the world are using Vital Signs to mobilize the power of community knowledge for greater local impact. Ms. Stoesz further stated that Community Foundations across Canada launch local Vital Signs reports in October of each year.

Ms. Stoesz further noted that there are other products as follows:

- Vital Conversation
- Vital Brief (focus on 2 – 3 issues)
- Vital Focus (focus on 1 issue)

Councillor Bussey noted that at their meeting on May 24, 2016 Council authorized the inclusion of a budget of \$20,000 for consideration in 2017 for the Social Issues Committee towards the development of a Vital Signs document in collaboration with the Yellowknife Community Foundation.

8. Committee member to join Vital Signs sub-committee
Committee agreed to assemble a working group to help determine the best ways on how to proceed with this project and what resources are needed. Committee noted that the working group should be comprised of three (3) members of the Yellowknife Community Foundation and three (3) members of the Social Issues Committee. Committee further noted that Ms. Lizotte, Ms. Wawzonek



and Councilor Bussey will represent the Committee and that Ms. Melhorne and Ms. Stoesz will represent the YKCF on the working group. Committee stated that the YKCF will determine third representative. Committee further stated that regular meetings of the Committee are held on the first Thursday of every month and that the working group can meet the third Thursday of every month. Committee advised that the working group will work on a variety of tasks and will report to the committee. Committee further advised that the working group should create a Terms of Reference. Ms. Stoesz undertook to provide a template. Committee agreed that the next meeting of the working group will be held on June 23, 2016 at 12:00 noon. Ms. Stoesz will provide the proposed calendar for upcoming meetings and tasks for the agenda.

Mr. Adam stated that as of August he will no longer represent the Wellness Council and as such he will not be a part of the Social Issues Committee.

Action: The working group, comprised of Ms. Lizotte, Ms. Wawzonek and Councilor Bussey and Ms. Melhorne and Ms. Stoesz, will meet every third Thursday of the month to create an Action Plan for the Vital Signs Project.

9. Ms. Watters and Ms. Stoesz left the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

Update from Chair on Housing Workshop

10. Councilor Bussey noted one Request for Proposal was received for the Housing First Project. Councilor Bussey further noted that the Request for Proposal will be reviewed by the City's Community Services Department. Councillor Bussey stated that she attended Minister of Homelessness Workshop on May 17, 2016. Councillor Bussey further stated that the main outcome from the workshop was the creation of two working groups. Councillor Bussey advised that the first one is led by the GNWT which is intended to review policies and barriers to accessing household, income assistance and so on. It's represented by the GNWT and sheltering agencies. Councillor Bussey further advised the idea behind this group is that the Non-Profit Organization (NGO) Sector would provide a considerable amount of information to the GNWT about the day to day issues that they see in some of the GNWT policies, and to work towards a solution. Councillor Bussey noted that the second group called the Road Map Group is represented by all sectors that were represented in the workshop and that Mayor Heyck and she are in that group. Councillor Bussey further noted that their goal is to identify issues, timelines, potential costs and who is responsible, in the list of ideas presented to them during the workshop. Councillor Bussey advised that a draft workshop report contains 65 recommendations. Councillor Bussey further advised that they will commit to five (5) recommendations. Councillor Bussey advised that they have a commitment for the \$150K from Northwest Territories Housing Corporation (NWT HC) for the Housing First (HF) Project for the next three (3) years.

Other Business

11. None.

Next meeting

12. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, July 7, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

Adjournment

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