



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

March 3, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

City Hall – Lower Boardroom

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Lower Boardroom. The following members were in attendance:

Chair: Councillor L. Bussey,
L. Cooke,
C. Doolittle,
D. Everett (Advisory),
C. Lafferty, and
C. Wawzonek.

Absent: Mayor Mark Heyck (ex officio), and
Y. Adam.

Guest : Margaret Melhorn, 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. C. Wawzonek moved,
L. Cooke seconded,

That the Agenda be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

5. L. Cooke moved,
L. Bussey seconded,

That the Minutes of the meeting held on February 4, 2016 be approved.

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Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings: February 4, 2016

6. Discussion regarding the Yellowknife Community Foundation – Next Steps

Councillor Bussey provided an update for the benefit of new members regarding the Selfie report card. Councillor Bussey noted that Whitehorse has a “Mind the Gap” report card that provides the general public with a list of issues that need to be resolved, and tracks the community’s success in dealing with them. Councillor Bussey further noted that Social Issues Committee is working on a report card for Yellowknife. Councillor Bussey stated that various Community Foundations produce report cards called “Vital Signs”. Councillor Bussey further stated that the Yellowknife Community Foundation has invited Social Issues Committee to work with them on a Vital Signs Report for Yellowknife.

Ms. Melhorn, 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. Melhorn 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. Melhorn advised that YKCF is a member of the Community Foundations of Canada, who helps make Vital Signs cards for communities. Ms. Melhorn 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. Melhorn 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. Melhorn further stated that Community Foundations across Canada launch local Vital Signs reports in October of each year.

Ms. Melhorn noted that the YKCF Board expressed concerns regarding whether they have the capacity to produce a report by October. Ms. Melhorn further noted that there are other products as follows:

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

Committee noted that Yellowknife Health and Social Services and the Bureau of Statistics have some statistics on Yellowknife. Committee further noted that the purpose of the report card would be to take these statistics and provide a bigger picture to start conversations and identify trends to help our community act on local priorities and opportunities. Committee noted that sub-



committee should be created to help determine the best ways on how to proceed with this project and what resources are needed.

7. L. Cooke moved,
L. Bussey seconded,

That Committee designate a new sub-committee composed of Lani Cooke and Deneen Everett to work with the Yellowknife Community Foundation to investigate the feasibility of this project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action: Administration to provide contact information for Committee Members to Ms. Melhorn.

8. Ms. Melhorn left the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Other Business

9. Councillor Bussey noted that Mr. Mark Bogan would like to meet with the Committee to discuss the “*Divorce Act*”. Councillor Bussey further noted that she met with Mr. Mark Bogan and will notify him by email that the “*Divorce Act*” is not within the Social Issues Committee’s purview.

Next meeting

10. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

Adjournment

11. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.