



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

**SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**

October 6, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

City Hall – Lower Boardroom

**MINUTES**

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Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Lower Boardroom.  
The following members were in attendance:

Chairman: Councillor L. Bussey,  
Mayor Mark Heyck,  
C. Doolittle,  
D. Everett, and  
C. Lafferty.

Absent: J. Fullerton,  
A. Lizotte, and  
C. Wawzonek.

Guests : J. Adam,  
L. Cooke,  
Margaret Melhorn, Yellowknife Community Foundation, and  
Rosella Stoesz Executive Director, Yellowknife Community Foundation.

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance:

D. Marchiori, and  
S. Jovic.

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**Item Description**

**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. Mayor Heyck moved,
4. D. Everett seconded,

**That the Agenda be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

5. Ms. Everett moved,  
Ms. Lafferty seconded,

**That the Minutes of the meeting held on July 7, 2016 be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. **Appreciation of Service**

Committee made a presentation to Ms. Cooke and Mr. Adam in appreciation of their service on the Social Issues Committee.

7. **Action Plan for Vital Signs Project**

Ms. Melhorn noted that the Vital Signs Working Group met three times over the summer in June, July and August. Ms. Melhorn further noted that they have been working on a collaboration agreement between the Yellowknife Community Foundation (YCF) and the City of Yellowknife. Ms. Melhorn stated that they have developed a draft budget. Ms. Melhorn further stated that they will participate in a conference call on October 18, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Visitors Centre with the Executive Director, from Grand Prairie Community Foundation. Ms. Melhorn advised that the Grand Prairie Community Foundation developed the Vital Signs Report in 2015. Ms. Melhorn further advised that they would like to discuss how their report was used, was it effective, whether expectations are met etc.

**Homelessness Road Map Working Group**

8. Mayor Heyck provided an update on the Homelessness Road Map Working Group. Mayor Heyck noted that Minister Caroline Cochrane, the Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation and Minister Responsible for Addressing Homelessness, held a 2 day workshop on April 26 and 27 to discuss Homelessness on the Territorial Level. Mayor Heyck further noted that Road Map working group was formed after the workshop. Mayor Heyck stated that there were nine (9) members on working group. Mayor Heyck advised that there are three (3) general priorities:

- Improved Coordination and Collaboration,
- New or Enhanced Services to Address Homelessness, and
- Long Term Planning and Strategic Framework Development.

Mayor Heyck further advised that the following 11 recommendations are identified:

- Establishment of an Inter-Agency Committee,
- Explore the Hub Model of community safety and crime prevention,



- Facilitate the donation of goods and services to front-line agencies,
- Review the Terms of Reference of the Community Board on Homelessness and expand the membership to include more representation from sheltering agencies and Indigenous groups,
- Continued Support for Housing First Model,
- Invest in Emergency Shelters to expand and maximize capacity,
- Creation of a Street Outreach Services (S.O.S.) program,
- Extension of overnight shelter hours; close the gap in shelter hours,
- Establish a Central Intake location for those with housing needs and/or mental health and addictions issues,
- Harm Reduction Pilot Project: Managed Alcohol Program, and
- Development of a 10 Year Plan to address Homelessness in Yellowknife.

Mayor Heyck noted that they assigned priority levels to each of the priorities, based on the Decision Matrix that had previously been established. Mayor Heyck further noted that a draft report will be ready in the near future. Mayor Heyck stated that they will circulate a copy of the Report to the working group and broader homelessness forum. Mayor Heyck further stated that the idea is to start work on some of these initiatives.

#### **Next meeting**

9. Committee noted that the next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, November 24, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

#### **Adjournment**

10. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Prepared: October 12, 2016; SJ/