



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

**SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**  
January 15, 2015 at 12:00 noon  
City Hall – Upper Boardroom

**MINUTES**

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Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 12:00 noon in the City Hall Upper Boardroom. The following members were in attendance:

Chair: Councillor Bussey,  
Y. Adam,  
Councillor Bell,  
L. Cooke,  
J. Fullerton,  
J. Green, and  
Mayor M. Heyck, ex officio.

The following advisory member was in attendance:  
S. Kemeys-Jones.

The following members of Administration were also in attendance:  
D. Hernblad,  
D. Marchiori, and  
L. Dunsmore, recording.

Absent: T. Bayer, and  
R. Delorme-Roy.

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**Call to Order**

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m.

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

2. There were no disclosures of financial interest.

**Approval of Agenda**

3. Councillor Bell moved,  
J. Green seconded,

**That the agenda be approved as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

4. Councillor Bell moved,  
Y. Adam seconded,

**That the minutes of the meeting held on December 4, 2014 be approved.**

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**Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting**

5. There were no issues arising from the minutes of previous meetings.

**Reports from sub-committees:**

6. a) Community Outreach – Citizens on Patrol (COPs) has received funding to put out a call for volunteers, but received poor response.
- b) Yellowknife Crime Stoppers will hold its first meeting at noon on January 29, 2015. At that time, the group will set goals and objectives and begin planning for a Town Hall meeting. The group will meet monthly until spring and quarterly after that.

**Other Business**

7. a) The Chair opened a discussion about whether Committee should dissolve or continue working toward its goals. Following the discussion, the consensus was that members wished to carry on with their work. The Chair suggested they regain their focus by:
- looking at Social Issues Committees in other communities of similar size
  - hearing presentations by any groups that were missed last fall
  - completing the Report Card project
  - reviewing Committee’s Strategic Plan

Other suggestions included:

- re-read the City’s Social Plan;
- advise GNWT by letter of service gaps and overlaps;
- invite City councillors to attend meetings;
- invite community organizations to submit their top five challenges to Council, with suggestions of how Council can help;
- plan an inter-agency forum; and
- ask how the City sees itself working with existing agencies (i.e., as a source of funding, a facilitator, a partner?).

This discussion will continue at the next meeting.

***Action (All): Prior to the February meeting, members will review the City’s Social Plan and Committee’s Strategic Plan. Members will advise the Chair by email what the priorities should be for the Social Issues Committee over the next year or two.***

**Next meeting**

8. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2015, at noon in the upper boardroom at City Hall.

**Adjournment**

9. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.