



## CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

**SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**  
October 1, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.  
City Hall – Lower Boardroom

### MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Lower Boardroom. The following members were in attendance:

Chair: Councillor L. Bussey,  
Y. Adam,  
J. Fullerton,  
J. Green, and  
C. Lafferty.

Absent: Mayor M. Heyck, ex officio.  
L. Cooke, and  
R. Delorme-Roy.

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

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

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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 pecuniary interest.

#### **Welcoming of New Committee Member**

3. Committee Chair, L. Bussey, welcomed C. Lafferty to the Committee; Committee members introduced themselves.

#### **Status of Committee**

4. The question was posed whether the Committee exists outside of the Council apparatus; it was relayed that because the municipality does not have a mandate for social issues, that any decision made by the Committee does have to go back to Council for approval. It was also reiterated that the Committee is an ongoing committee, and will continue to operate until decided by Council otherwise.



**Addition of Agenda Item**

5. The item of Committee Member Resignation was added to the Other Business Section of the Agenda.

**Approval of Agenda**

6. Y. Adam moved,  
J. Fullerton seconded,

**That the Agenda be approved as amended.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting**

7. Concern regarding the brevity of meeting Minutes was addressed; it was noted that the format of Minutes is standardized for City Committees and they aim to highlight action items. A Committee member questioned whether the full discussion of the last meeting was captured in the Minutes; it was reiterated that the Coroner would be invited to attend a future meeting to provide information to the Committee regarding how the Coroner's Office determines when an inquest is appropriate.

***Action: Committee Chair L. Bussey will invite the Coroner to attend a future meeting.***

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

8. J. Fullerton moved,  
L. Bussey seconded,

**That the Minutes of the meeting held on September 3, 2015 be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Yellowknife Selfie**

9. The Committee reiterated that the purpose of the Yellowknife Selfie is to provide residents with a snapshot of the social services and supports that are available in the community. The Committee continued to review the document and determined appropriate revisions to be made.

***Action: (All) Members were asked to email their feedback for the literacy section of the document to the Chair by Wednesday, October 7.***

***Action: J. Green, in collaboration with S. Kemeys-Jones and D. Marchiori would work together to write a preamble for each section of the document.***

***Action: It was determined that because the Committee cannot commit to allocating financial resources, that they would request at the October 20, 2015 MSC Meeting for Council to approve the cost of distributing the document.***

10. J. Green moved,  
J. Fullerton seconded,

***That the Social Issues Committee recommends that Council allow for the development of the Yellowknife Selfie, and that City Council authorizes the distribution of the document.***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**Attendance at Next Meeting**

11. As both J. Green and J. Fullerton will be running as MLA candidates in the territorial election, it was determined that both Committee members would be absent from the November meeting so as to avoid any perception of conflict.

**Retirement of Committee Member**

12. Advisory Committee Member S. Kemeys-Jones will be retiring, and will work with her department to find a replacement for her on the Committee.

**Youth Employment Program**

13. It was noted that the SideDoor is starting a Youth Employment Program, which the Committee could potentially take advantage of for future Committee initiatives, including for research purposes.

**Next meeting**

14. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

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