



## CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

### **SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**

April 3, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.  
City Hall – Lower Boardroom

### **MINUTES**

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#### In attendance:

YK Health & Social Services Authority	Yacub Adam
Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce	Trevor Bayer
Public at Large	Lani Cooke
Public at Large	Jan Fullerton
Public at Large	Julie Green
GNWT – Justice	Shirley Kemeys-Jones, Advisor
City Council	Councillor Bell, Alternate
City Council	Councillor Bussey, Chair
City of Yellowknife	Dennis Marchiori, Director, Public Safety
City of Yellowknife	Linda Dunsmore, Recording Secretary

#### Regrets:

Yellowknives Dene First Nation	Ruth Delorme-Roy
Mayor's Office	Mayor Heyck, ex officio

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#### **Call to Order**

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

#### **Introduction of New Members**

2. Committee welcomed new members Ms. Julie Green, representing Public at Large, and Mr. Trevor Bayer, representing the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce.

#### **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

3. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

4. Mr. Adam moved,  
Ms. Fullerton seconded,

**That the agenda be approved.**

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### **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

5. Ms. Fullerton moved,  
Mr. Adam seconded,

**That the minutes of the meeting held on March 6, 2014 be approved as amended.**

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### **Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting**

6. Committee discussed hiring one person to assist members with their committee work. A sub-committee has been formed to draft a work plan and funding request for a consultant or contractor.

### **Presentation by YWCA**

7. Deferred to a future meeting.

### **Items for Discussion**

8. Reports from sub-committees:
  - a) Advocacy / Leadership – Committee discussed guidelines for the organizations it has invited to present at upcoming meetings.

***Action: Ms. Fullerton will draft a letter setting out the guidelines for presenters, for discussion at the next meeting of the Social Issues Committee.***

***Action: Ms. Bussey and Mr. Marchiori will meet with an advocate for parental visitation rights to determine whether the issue falls within Committee's mandate.***

- b) Citizen Engagement – The next meeting of the Public Safety Liaison Task Force is scheduled for June. Details of this meeting will be circulated to Committee.
  - c) Paths to Wellness – It has been confirmed that the Day Shelter will close at the end of May. A call for tender for a new operator will be sent out.

9. Committee's second goal for 2014

***Action: (All) Members are to email their suggestions for Committee's second Goal for 2014 to Chair Bussey, Director Dennis Marchiori and Recording Secretary Linda Dunsmore by the end of the day on Friday, April 11, 2014. To assist with this task, Ms. Dunsmore will email Committee a copy of its Action Plan.***

10. Update on City of Fairbanks initiatives

The City of Fairbanks considers its greatest success to be its Housing First initiative which is funded by state and local governments, as well as the city's business sector. A portion of the funding for Housing First comes from a Business Improvement District (BID) program. Committee will take a closer look at how Fairbanks handles social issues.



**Other Business:**

11. The Chair remains in contact with Yellowknife Health and Social Services who are in contact with the Canadian Centre for Substance Abuse, and advised members that the Centre is still interested in working with Committee on a project in Yellowknife.

**Next Meeting**

12. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2014.

**Adjournment**

13. Ms. Fullerton moved,  
Ms. Green seconded,

**That the meeting be adjourned at 1:10 p.m.**

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