



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

May 1, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.
City Hall – Upper Boardroom

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, May 1, 2014 in the City Hall Main Boardroom. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chairperson: Councillor L. Bussey,
Y. Adam,
T. Bayer,
R. Delorme-Roy,
L. Cooke,
J. Fullerton,
J. Green,
Mayor M. Heyck, ex officio.

The following members of Administration were also in attendance:

D. Marchiori,
L. Dunsmore.

Absent:

Shirley Kemeys-Jones.

Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

2. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Agenda

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

That the agenda be approved.

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Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

4. Ms. Green moved,
Mr. Bayer seconded,

That the minutes of the meeting held on April 3, 2014 be approved.

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Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

5. Chair Bussey and Mr. Marchiori have been in contact with the advocate for parental visitation rights but have not yet found a mutually agreeable date to meet.

Presentation by Capt. Ruth Gillingham, Salvation Army (12:00 p.m.)

6. Capt. Gillingham described the programs and services offered by the Salvation Army. She emphasized that her organization offers, not only short-term help to people in need, but also long-term help to make positive lifestyle changes leading to independence and full participation in the community.

Presentation by Lyda Fuller, YWCA (12:30 p.m.)

7. Ms. Fuller described the programs and services offered by the YWCA in Yellowknife. She said her clientele, mostly women and their young children, are struggling to deal with issues such as family violence, lack of affordable housing and poor economic opportunities for women.

Reports from sub-committees:

8. Mayor Heyck updated Committee on the GNWT's Anti-Poverty Action Plan and Community Wellness initiative. Details of the Anti-Poverty Strategy can be found on the GNWT's Health & Social Services website at:

<http://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/health-social-services/slides/gnwt-anti-poverty-fund>

It was noted that, as a Committee of City Council, the Social Issues Committee does not qualify for funding under the Community Wellness Plan.

Action: (All) Members are asked to visit the Health & Social Services website, above, to prepare for future discussions about the Anti-Poverty Action Plan.

9. Ms. Green moved,
Mr. Bayer seconded,

That Committee strike a sub-committee to review the GNWT's Anti-Poverty Action Plan and criteria, then create a funding proposal that will be emailed to the rest of Committee for discussion.

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Committee's second goal for 2014

10. Committee's first goal was to reach out to other helping agencies in the community to determine what sort of assistance this Committee could offer. With the presentations at this meeting, Committee has begun to act on its first goal. Following the presentations at this meeting, members discussed whether their second goal should have something to do with housing, and whether Committee had the mandate to affect decisions on housing.
11. Ms. Cook moved,
Ms. Fullerton seconded,

That Committee hear the remaining presentations by community organizations before setting a second goal for 2014.

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Other Business

12. The Homelessness Coalition has been replaced by a Community Advisory Board on Homelessness.
13. Upcoming Homelessness Conference in Vancouver – deferred to a future meeting.

Next Meeting

14. The next meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Thursday, June 5, 2014.

Adjournment

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

That the meeting be adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

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