



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE  
Community Advisory Board on Homelessness  
**August 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.**  
City Hall – Upstairs Boardroom

## MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall, Upstairs Boardroom. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Present: Councillor L. Bussey, co-chair,  
Mayor M. Heyck, ex officio,  
S. Jackson,  
I. Hamlyn, and  
L. Fuller.

The following advisory/ alternate members were in attendance:

E. Canam, and  
E. Shea.

The following representatives of the Federal Government were in attendance:

J. Wallis.

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance:

D. Hurley,  
D.M. Hernblad, and  
C. Kida, Recording Secretary.

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### Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

### Approval of Agenda

2. S. Jackson moved,  
L. Fuller seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

3. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**Past Minutes – Change request after approval: May 26, 2016**

4. L. Fuller moved,  
S. Jackson second,

**That the minutes for May 26, 2016 be approved as amended to add the following note: Committee noted, in clarification of the May 26, 2016 CAB minutes, that the NWT HC (Erin Shae) will be the official GNWT representative on the CAB and that the GNWT has requested that the CAB advise Ms. Shae, in advance, of other departments they would like to invite to a meeting(s). Committee further noted, in clarification of the May 26, 2016 minutes, that the GNWT will be requesting that Dr. J. Corkal be removed from the CAB as a voting member.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Approval of Past Minutes – July 14, 2016**

5. Mayor M. Heyck moved,  
L. Fuller seconded,

**That the minutes for July 14, 2016 be approved as amended to replace E. Canam for S. Jackson as a seconder on the motion on item 10.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Bussey informed CAB members that V. Thompkins, representative from a Yellowknife Business, sent an e-mail resigning from the CAB Committee.

**Housing First Project (HFP) –Update**

6. Administration advised that the contribution agreement has been signed and the Housing First Project has started advertising for staff positions. Administration further advised that Bree Denning, Executive Director of Yellowknife Women’s Society, will be invited to periodic CAB meetings to give updates on the HFP. Administration informed that on August 30, in the afternoon, there will be a (faux) signing, celebrating the HF agreement at City Hall with the Mayor, CAB Chair, Proponent and the Government of Canada. A news release will be issued once the details have been finalized.

Members raised questions about clinical services; Administration informed them that there are no in-house clinical services directly offered in HF at the moment. Clinical services must be brokered to existing services. There will be home visits with case workers working with clients on



a regular basis in their homes and in the community. The HF project requires staff to refer clients to the GNWT Mental Health Clinical Services, should tenants require or request such services.

### **Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) Community Plan Annual Update (CPAU)**

7. Committee noted that the deadline to complete CPAU and submit it to the Federal Government is August 22, 2016. Extensive discussion was held regarding the funding priorities for 2016 – 2017. Administration presented a sample Framework Plan developed by St. John's, NL, called *Homeless - Serving System Coordination Framework* and proposed to use some of the new Social Infrastructure Funding (SIF) to develop a similar plan for Yellowknife. Committee further noted that this proposal falls under Directive #5: Coordination of Resources and Leveraging in the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Directives 2014 – 2019.

Committee continued its discussion regarding HPS CPAU. Committee agreed to allocate 100% of the Social Infrastructure funding on its existing Priority #3: Integrated Services Support. Committee further agreed that the funding be used on three initiatives:

1. Homeless Street Outreach Services;
2. Homelessness System Coordination Framework Plan; and
3. Prevention Services for those at *imminent risk* of homelessness.

8. Mayor M. Heyck moved,  
I. Hamlyn seconded,

**That \$299,574 new additional HPS funding be allocated under Priority #3: the Integrated Services Support.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Minister's Forum ROAD MAP Group - Update**

9. Mayor M. Heyck informed that the Road Map Group has been working towards compiling a list of recommendations identifying the more immediate needs to address homelessness and mental health and addictions on the streets of Yellowknife. The group identified that integration and coordination of services are the central piece of what the group should be putting their resources toward. Some examples of programs and projects that have been effective in other cities around the country were discussed during the meeting. The SOS Program in Thunder Bay is the main program suggested by the group to be implemented in Yellowknife. The program is run by shelter agencies and funded by the City of Thunder Bay. The program has access to a detox centre and the community is supportive of the program.

In discussion, members felt that a program similar to the SOS Program could potentially fall under some of the Homelessness Partnering Strategies Directives. They suggested the following:

- Directive #1: Chronically and Episodically Homeless Populations;
- Directive #4: Treatment Services and Case Management; and
- Directive #5: Coordination of Resources and Leveraging.



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**Next Meeting**

10. Next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, September 15, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the City Hall, Downstairs Boardroom.

**Adjournment**

11. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Prepared: August 18, 2016 CK/dmh