



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Community Advisory Board on Homelessness
January 22, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Present: Councillor S. Smith, chair,
Mayor R. Alty, ex officio,
W. Haley,
B. Denning,
D. Dolynny,
I. Notley, and
R. Tambour-Zoe.

The following committee members were in attendance via conference phone:
D. McKee.

The following advisory members were in attendance:
R. Lau-a, NWT Housing Corporation, and
E. Shea.

The following representatives of the Federal Government were in attendance:
R. Kelly.

The following members of the City of Yellowknife staff were in attendance:
S. Bassi-Kellet, and
M. Mercredi.

The following members of the Administration staff were in attendance:
G. White,
H. Ferris, and
C. Kida.



Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

2. Mayor R. Alty moved,
R. Tambour-Zoe seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Past Minutes

4. a) June 28, 2018
I. Notley moved,
R. Tambour-Zoe seconded,

That the Minutes for June 28, 2018 be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED
(D. McKee opposed)**

- b) July 27, 2018
I. Notley moved,
W. Haley seconded,

That the Minutes for July 27, 2018 be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED
(D. McKee opposed)**

- c) August 23, 2018
B. Denning moved,
I. Notley seconded,

That the Minutes for August 23, 2018 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Membership

5. Administration advised that the Seniors representative, Morgan Gebauer resigned since the last meeting. City Clerk carried out a recruiting process and Daryl Dolynny, Avens CEO, was appointed as the new Seniors representative. Administration further noted that terms of office for representatives from an organization serving Persons with Disabilities, Youth and Yellowknife Business, are expiring on February 27, 2019 and the Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) Funding is expiring on March 31, 2019. Up until now it is unclear if the HPS funding will be renewed with the City. In response to a question from Administration, the three expiring membership representatives agreed on extending their term for another month Administration noted that the decision will be taken to Council for a motion.

Action: Administration to send updated Membership list to members.

Reaching Home Funding Update

6. Administration noted that H. Ferris attended the Reaching Home Funding Forum last week in Ottawa where the new funding was discussed as well as parameters around Reaching Home. The Territorial Stream is still being worked on. At this point the funding agreement hasn't been settled. More information is expected in the next few weeks.

Action: Administration to provide information in regards to the funding.

Upcoming CAB Training

7. Administration noted that there are three upcoming training sessions if organizations are interested in sending staff. The training sessions are as follows:
 - a. *De-Escalating Potentially Violent Situations*
 - Monday, February 25, 2019 and Tuesday, February 26, 2019
 - Library Meeting Room
 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a one hour lunch break
 - b. *Creating Safe, Inclusive & Affirming Environments for LGBTQ2S Youth*
 - Tuesday, March 5, 2019
 - City Hall Council Chambers
 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a one hour lunch break
 - c. *Indigenous Homelessness Training – Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness*
 - Monday, March 11, 2019 and Tuesday, March 12, 2019
 - UNW Training Room
 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a one hour lunch break



PiT Count Report

8. Administration noted that according to the Federal Government funding criteria to perform a PiT Count in Yellowknife, the final report would have to be filed by September 2018. Due to lack of quorum, the PiT Count Report was not adopted by CAB members before being adopted by Council last year.

D. McKee moved,
B. Denning seconded,

That the PiT Count Report be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Round Table

9. R. Lau-a informed members about the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Co-investment Fund. There is \$60M available in the Northwest Territories with the Federal Government able to contribute up to 75% of the cost. R. Lau-a further relayed that capital dollars are available under this fund for programs with an ongoing sustainability plan such as Permanent Supportive Housing. There is funding available for seed applications and organizations should contact him for more information if interested in applying.

D. Dolynny noted that there is going to be two large scale projects happening in Avens. The first one is the kitchen and laundry expansion and the second one is a complete revitalization of the housing continuum in terms of affordable housing.

I. Notley noted that Hope's Haven have currently ten units in five different buildings that accommodate 21 participants including five families and 13 single youths. I. Notley further noted that having units in five different buildings is resource and financially limiting, therefore Hope's Haven have been in negotiation with Northview to assume a building with twelve units as of April 1, 2019. I. Notley further noted that as of March 31, 2019 Hope's Haven was not able to secure financial support to carry on with the program.

W. Haley noted that she participated in the On Land Funding application review last week, since she is responsible for donations and sponsorship at Diavik. It was further noted that some of the applications targeted some of the homeless programs in Yellowknife.

The Chair, S. Smith noted the importance of attendance of members. S. Smith further noted the stand in role and the consequences of being absent for two consecutive meetings.

B. Denning noted that the Housing First program is currently housing seventeen individuals with an additional three moving in shortly and two people that are considered



to be “un-house able” and two other participants that were considered to be ‘un-active” and that two women attended the healing camp in Fort Smith last week.

R. Tambour-Zoe noted that the Native Women’s Centre has started a Poverty Program to help those who are still in need and that their organization is having regular meetings to discuss their issues.

E. Shea noted that the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation (NWT HC) hired Northway’s Consulting to review the Government Northwest Territories (GNWT) Homelessness Resources throughout the territory. E. Shea further noted that an advisory committee will be put together to consult. E. Shea further noted that the NWT HC is working on thirty-three community plans throughout the territory. They are expecting to work with six communities in the first year. E. Shea further noted that there are three Supportive Housing Projects being built in the NWT in Fort Simpson, Aklavik and Behchoko. NWT HC is also looking at expanding rapid rehousing into Inuvik.

Next Meeting

10. The next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the City Hall upstairs boardroom.

Adjournment

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

Prepared: January 24, 2019 GW/ck