



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Community Advisory Board on Homelessness

**August 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

Via Video/Teleconference

## MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The following Committee members called into the meeting:

Present: Councilor S. Smith, Chair,  
Mayor R. Alty, ex-officio,  
D. Dolynny,  
H. Dumbuya-Sesay, and  
D. McKee.

The following advisory members called into the meeting:

K. Derejko, and  
R. Lau-a.

The following representatives of the Federal Government called in to the meeting:

K. Hansen, and  
R. Gobeil.

The following members of Administration called into the meeting:

G. White,  
H. Ferris, and  
A. Colasuonno.

### **Call to Order & Introductions**

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. It was recognized that we are on Chief Drygeese Territory, home of the Yellowknives Dene.

### **Approval of Agenda**

2. D. Dolynny moved,  
H. Dumbuya-Sesay seconded,

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

3. D. Dolynny declared a conflict of interest with regards to Item No. 6 of the agenda, Reallocation of \$19,000 from 2020-2021 Fiscal Year, due to his employment with Avens.
4. H. Dumbuya-Sesay declared a conflict of interest with regards to Item No. 6 of the agenda, Reallocation of \$19,000 from 2020-2021 Fiscal Year, due to her employment with YWCA.

**Approval of Minutes**

5. *July 23, 2020.*
6. D. Dolynny moved,  
H. Dumbuya-Sesay seconded,

**That the Minutes be approved as presented.**

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**Follow up Items**

7. Presentation regarding Subsequent Wave of the COVID-19 Pandemic – GNWT has been rescheduled to the September 17, 2020 CAB Meeting.
8. Funders Table Meeting has been scheduled for September 11, 2020.

**Discussion on Reallocation of \$19,000 from 2020-2021 Fiscal Year**

9. Administration provided an update on the currently funded projects:
  - Housing First for Youth: \$175,000 (housing);
  - Housing First for Adults: \$306,000 (housing);
  - Housing First for Families: \$309,424 (housing);
  - Housing First Navigator: \$57,390 (support services);
  - Housing First Youth Navigator: \$65,000 (support services);
  - Indigenous Case Management: \$121,667 (support services);
  - Prevention and shelter diversion: \$181,015 (prevention and shelter diversion);
  - Capital Investments: \$0;
  - Coordination of resources and Data Collection: \$72,406; and
  - Administration: \$162,913.
10. Administration provided an update on the current requests for the \$19,000:
  - Yellowknife's Women's Society: \$2,700 for the cost of tools and material to construct a shed at the former Arnica Inn site to store supplies needed to support their many programs including the programs that support homeless individuals in Yellowknife. Yellowknife Women's Society will use their staff to cover the cost of labour;
  - Yellowknife's Women's Society: \$5,000 for fuel to transport clients to medical appointments, deliver food rescue, take clients to access the land and purchase groceries and supplies for the two shelters;
  - YWCA: \$19,000 for a capital vehicle expense of a large van. The YWCA is funding the additional \$20,000 towards the total cost. The YWCA serves families across Yellowknife and N'dilo and is currently using the personal vehicle of one staff for home visits. Clients use cabs for transportation to and from their appointments; and



- Avens: \$19,000 for a new bus. Avens has raised 20% of the total cost of the bus and is about to launch a fund raising campaign “Care on Wheels” to raise the remaining \$90,000 needed. The bus would be used to provide essential services to low income seniors including transportation to and from banking, dental and medical appointments, shopping and social excursions. The majority of the seniors living at Avens do not have family, a driver’s license or vehicle. The current bus is not repairable.

11. Mayor R. Alty moved,  
D. McKee seconded,

**That the \$19,000 remain allocated in the Capital Fund for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and that Administration request written submission from all NGO’s in need of Capital Funding.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Next Meeting**

12. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. via video/teleconference.

**Adjournment**

13. D. Dolynny moved,  
D. McKee seconded,

**That the meeting be adjourned at 9:37 a.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Prepared: August 20, 2020 GW/ac