



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Community Advisory Board on Homelessness

May 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Via Video / Teleconference

MINUTES

Minutes of a Special meeting held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The following Committee members called into the meeting:

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

The following advisory members called into the meeting:

H. Fikowski, and
R. Lau-a.

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

K. Hansen, and
D. Meilleur.

The following members of Administration called into the meeting:

S. Bassi-Kellett,
G. White,
H. Ferris,
B. Poeschek, and
A. Colasuonno.

Call to Order & Introductions

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. It was recognized that we are on Chief Drygeese Territory, home of the Yellowknives Dene.

Approval of Agenda

2. D. McKee moved,
D. Dolynny seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3. B. Denning declared a conflict of interest with regard to Item No. 5 of the agenda, Reaching Home COVID Funding Increase Options, due to her employment with the Yellowknife Women's Society.
4. H. Dumbuya-Sesay declared a conflict of interest with regard to Item No. 5 of the agenda, Reaching Home COVID Funding Increase Options, due to her employment with the YWCA NWT.

Approval of Minutes

5. *April 30, 2020.*

D. McKee moved,
D. Dolynny seconded,

That the Minutes of the meeting held on April 30, 2020 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion on Reaching Home COVID-19 Funding Increase Options

6. Committee discussed revised requests and options for the additional Reaching Home COVID-19 funding. Committee deliberated each request, noting that the total amount available to allocate is \$424,500.
7. Committee discussed the timeline for allocation of the additional COVID-19 funding and the possibility of keeping a reserve for a second wave, determining that sustainability should be considered foremost over temporary solutions. Committee received clarification from the Federal Government that the deadline to expend the COVID-19 funds is March 31, 2021.
8. D. Dolynny moved,
D. McKee seconded,

That Committee approves Side Door's request for funding in the amount of \$28,500 for two months of food expenses for Hope's Haven, increased staffing payroll, and a three-month supply of both emergency food hampers and emergency hygiene products.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. B. Denning declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 9:48 a.m.
10. D. McKee moved,
D. Dolynny seconded,

That Committee approves Yellowknife Women's Society's request for funding in the amount of \$2,500 for five months of food expenses.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. B. Denning returned to the meeting at 9:50 a.m.
12. H. Dumbuya-Sesay declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.



13. S. Smith moved,
D. Dolynny seconded,

That Committee approves YWCA NWT's request for funding in the amount of \$184,800 for eleven months of rent and power costs for six housing units.

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

14. H. Dumbuya-Sesay returned to the meeting at 9:52 a.m.
15. H. Dumbuya-Sesay moved,
D. Dolynny seconded,

That Committee approves Salvation Army's request for funding in the amount of \$12,000 for two months of facility cleaning costs.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. Mayor R. Alty moved,
B. Denning seconded,

That Committee directs Administration to contact Arctic Indigenous Wellness Foundation and request that they consult with the Chief Public Health Officer and bring back a revised proposal showing a longer-term COVID-19 response.

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Next Meeting

17. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. via video / teleconference.

Adjournment

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

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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