



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Community Advisory Board on Homelessness

**February 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

Via Video/Teleconference

## MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The following Committee members called into the meeting:

Present: Councillor S. Smith, Chair,  
Mayor R. Alty, ex-officio,  
W. Cook,  
H. Dumbuya-Sesay,  
D. McKee, and  
S. Montreuil.

The following advisory members called into the meeting:

L. Gardiner,  
R. Lau-a, and  
R. Ristoff.

The following representatives of the Federal Government called into the meeting:

K. Hansen, and  
R. Kelly.

The following members of Administration called into the meeting:

G. White,  
H. Ferris,  
N. Crowley, and  
B. Poeschek.

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. It was recognized that we are on Chief Drygeese Territory, home of the Yellowknives Dene.

### **Approval of Agenda**

2. Committee approved the Agenda as amended, to amend Item #5 to read Adoption of the Coordinated Access Plan.

### **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

3. H. Dumbuya-Sesay declared a conflict of interest with respect to Item #4, Discussion on 2020/2021 Funding Slippage and Re-allocation, due to her employment with the YWCA.



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**Discussion on 2020/2021 Funding Slippage and Re-allocation**

4. Administration provided background on a funding request received from YWCA.
5. H. Dumbuya-Sesay declared a conflict of interest due to her employment with the YWCA and excused herself from the meeting at 9:09 a.m.
6. Committee deliberated the funding request from YWCA.
7. D. McKee moved,  
R. Alty seconded,

**That the unspent \$9,029.66 allocated for the Housing First Navigator (\$5,435.33) and Housing First Youth Navigator (\$3,594.33) projects under YWCA's Housing First for Families program be re-allocated under YWCA's Prevention & Rapid Rehousing program.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8. H. Dumbuya-Sesay returned to the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

**Adoption of the Coordinated Access Plan**

9. Administration clarified the process required for Committee to recommend that Council adopt the Coordinated Access Plan, and provided background on the establishment of the Coordinated Access System on a go-forward basis.
10. Committee deliberated the Coordinated Access Plan Review Report.
11. R. Alty left the meeting at 9:43 a.m.
12. R. Lau-a left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.
13. S. Montreuil left the meeting at 9:46 a.m.
14. D. McKee moved,  
H. Dumbuya-Sesay seconded,

**That Committee recommends that Council adopt the Yellowknife Coordinated Access Review Report as prepared by the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Training and Technical Assistance Program.**

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15. Committee discussed next steps for implementation of the Coordinated Access System, including the required community training, a Governance Committee, and ensuring coordination with the GNWT, NGOs and other service partners in order to avoid overlap.
16. S. Smith indicated intent to withhold voting on the next Item, due to a perceived conflict of interest.



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17. H. Dumbuya-Sesay moved,  
W. Cook seconded,

**That Committee recommends that Council allocate 6% of the Reaching Home – Canada’s Strategy to End Homelessness funding yearly, for Coordination of Resources and Data Collection, as identified in the Reaching Home Community Plan 2019-2024.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Next CAB Meeting**

18. Administration provided an update on the timeline for coordination of the information required for the next meeting.
19. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. via video/teleconference.

**Adjournment**

20. D. McKee moved,  
H. Dumbuya-Sesay seconded,

**That the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 a.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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