



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Community Advisory Board on Homelessness

January 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Via Video/Teleconference

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The following Committee members called into the meeting:

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

The following advisory members called into the meeting:

M. Greyeyes,
R. Lau-a, and
T. Pope.

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:

J. Elliot,
H. Ferris, and
B. Poeschek.

Call to Order & Introductions

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:08 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 presented.

Approval of Minutes

3. *December 10, 2020.*
4. R. Alty moved,
D. McKee seconded,



That the Minutes be approved as amended, to add to Item No. 10 (Discussion of COVID-19 Wage Top Up Request from NGOs) that the NWT Disabilities Council reserves the right to re-apply if this discussion is revisited with different guidelines.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

5. D. McKee declared a potential conflict of interest if discussions were to resume regarding COVID-19 Wage Top Up Request from NGOs, due to her employment with the NWT Disabilities Council.

H. Dumbuya-Sesay declared a potential conflict of interest if discussions were to resume regarding COVID-19 Wage Top Up Request from NGOs, due to her employment with the YWCA.

Update on Presentation on Conflict of Interest

6. R. Alty provided an update on the Conflict of Interest presentation and noted that this matter was deferred until the Committee appointments effective January 25, 2021 take place, so that the new CAB members can also receive the presentation.

Update on Governance Discussion

7. Administration made a presentation on the Governance Structure for CAB, and general procedures for all City Council ("Council") Ad Hoc Committees.

Administration provided an update on a meeting held December 16, 2020 between the City of Yellowknife and representatives of Service Canada, regarding compliance with the Reaching Home program ("Reaching Home") and unallocated funds under the COVID-19 Funding Agreement, as well as CAB governance and Council Procedures.

8. Administration provided a membership update and confirmed the expected date for adoption of the amended ToR.

Discussion on Allocation of COVID-19 Emergency Funding

9. Administration reviewed and provided an update on the COVID Additional Funding Options document.

10. A discussion took place regarding allocating COVID-19 Emergency Funding ("COVID Funding") for temporary rental unit supports. It was noted that potentially allocating COVID Funding through June of 2021 and then allocating Reaching Home funding for the balance of the lease pre-payments was an option for further consideration.

Action Item: K. Hansen will provide clarification and/or an update, at or prior to the next CAB meeting, regarding the parameters for funding temporary rental unit supports past June of 2021.

Action Item: Administration will include updated figures in the recommendation to be put forward to Council for operational dollars for sustainability (staffing supports) and a graduation-style system following the end of temporary rental unit supports.

11. A discussion took place regarding wage subsidies and the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy as an alternative to the COVID-19 Wage Top Up Request from NGOs.

Action Item: M. Greyeyes will send further information to D. McKee regarding GNWT Education, Culture and Employment funding for wage subsidies.



12. A discussion took place regarding CAB recommendations recently tabled by Council, including the need to consider longer-term solutions and all other possible options before bringing forward further recommendations to Council.
13. The GNWT provided an update regarding shelter capacities, that if overnight shelters were at capacity, the GNWT would work with them to address this.
14. D. McKee moved,

That COVID-19 Wage Top Up Request from NGOs should be withdrawn if those applying are not already in a deficit and/or are already utilizing other funding sources.

As there was no seconder, the motion was lost.

15. K. Hansen left the meeting at 10:22 a.m.
16. A discussion took place regarding previously ineligible expenses under Reaching Home and recent changes in eligibility.

Action Item: R. Kelly will provide clarification and/or an update at the next CAB meeting regarding eligible expenses under Reaching Home.

Discussion on Allocation of 2021/2022 Reaching Home Funding

17. Administration reviewed the CAB Funded Projects with Comments Yellowknife Homelessness Funded Projects 2020-2021 Summary document, and provided updates on the currently funded projects and funding recommendations for consideration.

Action Item: R. Kelly will provide clarification and/or an update at the next CAB meeting, regarding linear funding requirements for people with disabilities and/or mobility issues.

18. A discussion took place regarding the lack of graduates and possible gaps in services following transition out of the Housing First for Individuals program.

Next CAB Meeting

19. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. via video/teleconference. A tentative overflow meeting has been scheduled for Friday, January 29, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. via video/teleconference.

Action Item: Administration will organize an Orientation session for the new CAB members being appointed effective January 25, 2021, to take place prior to the next CAB meeting.

Adjournment

20. R. Alty moved,
D. McKee seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

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