

CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Community Advisory Board on Homelessness February 11, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. City Hall – Main Boardroom

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Hall Main Boardroom. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chairperson: Councilor L. Bussey, co-chair,

D. McKee, co-chair,

Dr. J. Corkal, L. Elkin,

L. Fuller, I. Hamlyn, J. Renaud,

E. Shea, and V. Tompkins.

The following members of Administration were also in attendance:

D. M. Hernblad,

N. Naidoo,

A. Neumann, recording, and

G. White.

The following were also in attendance:

D. MacMillan, Service Canada

Regrets: N. Nadeau.

Absent: M. Saturnino.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:09 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Tompkins moved, Mr. Renaud seconded,



3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary** Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. **Priority #1: Housing First**

- a) Service Prioritization Decision Assessment Tool (SPDAT) Training in Yellowknife
 - SPDAT training is scheduled for March 12 & 13, 2015 (1 day session; the same information
 is covered each day). Train the Trainer training is held 3 months following the SPDAT
 training session.

ACTION: Administration is developing a 'save the date' invitation and will book the Council Chambers at City Hall for the training session.

- b) Housing First Stakeholders Committee Housing First Pilot Project
 - The Stakeholders meeting was discussed as well as the pilot group which came out of the meeting.

ACTION: Administration noted that a representative from YHSSA (Yellowknife Health and Social Services) needs to be on the Housing First Pilot group.

- c) YK PiT (Point in Time) Count
- Committee discussed that the 'magnet event' method was chosen as the best method to use (versus the previously discussed full coverage & known locations method). The magnet event will be held at various locations (options were named) concurrently with shelter and agencies between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on a weekday.

ACTION: A work plan is being developed by the PiT Count subcommittee for the magnet event method being used. Erin Shea, Jeff Renaud, and Side Door volunteered for the count.

• Committee discussed importance of advertising to entire community, business owners, homeless, and volunteers. D.M. Hernblad noted that a poster is in development.

5. Priority #2: Youth Housing

- a) Contribution Agreement
 - Councilor Bussey congratulated Side Door for the signing of the contribution agreement.

6. Priority #3: Integrated Service Supports

a) Contribution Agreement

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• Councilor Bussey congratulated D. McKee on the signing of the contribution agreement for the day shelter.

7. HPS Funding 2014-2015 Year

I. Hamlin declared conflict and left the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Committee was informed there is approximately \$32,550 currently unallocated which must be spent by March 31, 2015. Discussion on disbursement of funds occurred with various possibilities debated.

8. Dr. Corkal moved,

L. Fuller seconded,

That the unallocated balance of expenditures for fiscal year 2014-2015 be added to the existing contribution agreement with SideDoor Youth Ministries, to be used as additional funding for the capital purchase of youth housing.

MOTION CARRIED

(J. Renaud opposed, E. Shea abstained)

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25 at 12:00 noon.

ACTION: Dr. Corkal to send Councilor Bussey information on an Australian researcher with an interest in housing who will be in Yellowknife and may speak on his specialization at the next meeting.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

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