



COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD ON HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

MINUTES

February 16, 2023 / 9:30am - 11:00am / Zoom

| VOTING MEMBERS | RESOURCE MEMBERS | ABSENT WITH REGRETS |
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| L. Auger, Board Chair D. Cardinal, Community Member Indigenous Representative G. Savard, ACFA Regionale de Grande Prairie B. Boulanger, Voice for the Voiceless J. Manning, Community Member T. Monro, Domestic Violence M. Scott, Alberta Health Services | W. Hughes, Interim Director, Housing & Homeless Initiatives W. Nekurak, Indigenous Relations Advisor R. Walsh, Program Advisor (Government of Alberta) S. Roberts, Programs Assistant, Housing & Homeless Initiatives (Recorder) M. Anderson, Operation Lead Coordinated Care Campus (Guest) J. Wallis, Senior Program Development (Government of Canada) C. Thiessen, City Councillor | W. Bosch, Downtown Association S. Madden, Grande Spirit Foundation E. Spilchen, Ministerial Association |

CALLED TO ORDER at 9:39 am

Welcome and Introductions

The Board welcomes C. Fowler on behalf of S. Madden, Grand Spirit Foundation.

Land Acknowledgement – S. Roberts

Presentation(s) – C. Manuel, Executive Director of Emergency Services. The City of Grande Prairie – Moved to the last “Municipal Policing Presentation.”

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA / MINUTES

1.a Agenda

Motion to change the agency presentation from the beginning of the meeting after 3.a.

Approved

1.b January’s Meeting Minutes

Amend January’s minutes to remove the agency’s names from the funding allocation table.

Approved as Amended

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.a Review Action Table

- Indigenous Advisor update- Discussed in agenda item 3.c

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.a New Proposed Land Acknowledgment - Warren Nekurak

- Reviewed the proposed new land acknowledgment, and it was emailed to all members. Recommended forming a sub-committee to discuss and finalized the land acknowledgment. **ACTION ITEM:** L. Auger, D. Cardenal, W. Nekurak, and W. Hughes will organize a meeting before the March 16th CABH meeting.

3.b Terms of Reference- All

- There will be a committee to draft the changes to the Terms of Reference, anyone interested can email L. Auger.

3.c Indigenous Relations Advisor – L. Auger

- Would like to have a update on the relationships that are being built and strengthened within the community as well as outside the community. Discussion on the frequency, and requirements.
ACTION: L. Auger, D. Cardinal, and W. Nekurak will meet to discuss this before the next meeting.
- Update- regular indigenous events in the City:
 - Cree Language teaching at Northwest Polytechnic (NWPT) every Wednesday at Lunch
 - Cultural teaching and traditional dance at St. Clements School every Wednesday evening
 - Cree Lessons with Elder Theresa every Friday at the Grande Prairie Friendship Centre during lunch
 - Family Day Pow Wow at the Eastlink Center one at 1:00 pm and then again at 4:00 pm

3.d Community Consultations – Wendy Hughes

- Workshop **Feb 16, 2023**, @ 2:00 pm-3:30 pm Via ZOOM
- Indigenous Workshop **February 17, 2023**, @ 10:00 am – 11:30 am Via Zoom
- **ACTION ITEM:** Sarah is to send out the invite for both sessions to the CABH members.

4. COMMITTEE UPDATES

4.a Recruitment Committee – E. Spilchen / S. Madden

- Volunteers are still needed for the Seniors, Youth, and Immigration sectors. The recruitment team will need more administrative support from the City.

4.b RFP Committee – W. Hughes

- No update at this time

5. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

5.a Ministerial Association: E. Spilchen

- No update

5.b Businesses Sector: W. Bosch

- The public security unit that has been rolled out by the City is doing well. The homeless sector is pretty quiet due to the weather, the Mobile outreach program, and increased security.
- Business sector has a decreasing vacancy rate, Christmas was a successful time, and there is a new Gift card program for the downtown sector to help support shopping locally. The new signage program has been implemented in the downtown

5.c Voices for the Voiceless: Bernard Boulanger

- Organization now has upgraded to have verified accounts for their organization

5.d Domestic Violence: Tammy Monro

- No Update

5.e Francophone Community: Genevieve Savard –

- No update

5.f Immigrants: Vacant

- No Update

5.g Seniors: Vacant

- No Update

5.h Youth: Vacant – Vacant

5.i Coordinated Care Campus: W. Hughes

- Crime Statistics Report published January 31; there has been a 35% reduction in crime since 2018.

ACTION ITEM: Board requested a copy of the report

5.j Family and Seniors Housing: Courtney

- Family housing has high demand and Grande Spirit Foundation (“GSF”) is currently at capacity for the budget. There are currently 606 clients on the GSF waitlist, and the P23 project is still being worked on

5.k Alberta Health Services: M. Scott –

- No Update

5.l Indigenous: L. Auger / D. Cardinal

- March 17/18 Friendship Centre Spirit Seekers Youth conference at the College
- Community Kitchen reported 7,702 meals provided in January: 4,972 meals to the Coordinated Care Campus (CCC); 2,160 to COVID/wire to hire; and 570 meals for Mobile Outreach Team
- Currently looking for funding to renovate the Friendship Centre

5.m City of Grande Prairie: Councillor Chris Thiessen

- Salvation Army will receive \$200,000.00 from the City of Grande Prairie

5.o Information from Government of Alberta: Rod Walsh

- No update

5.p Information from Gov of Canada: Jackie Wallis

- Reaching Home is being transferred to Infrastructure Canada April 1st the positions are being transferred, and Jackie will go with Infrastructure Canada.

6. ROUNDTABLE

- No Updates

7. Next Meeting Date: March 16, 2023, via ZOOM

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:15 am

| 2022 – 2023 FUNDED PROJECTS | |
|---|-----------------|
| PROVINCIAL OSSI FUNDING | |
| 1. Housing Support Fund Annual | \$ 329,814.51 |
| 2. Scattered Site Adaptive Case Management (2022-2026) | \$ 871,927.00 |
| 3. Housing Access Worker (2022-2024) | \$ 23,320.00 |
| 4. Overflow Mat Program (<i>winter only</i>), (Apr/May 2022) | \$ 62,734.00 |
| 5. Winter Emergency Response Program (Oct-Mar 2023) | \$ 137,266.00 |
| 6. Supportive Housing (support team & time TBD) | \$ 392,200.00 |
| 7. Supportive Housing, 2022-2026 | \$ 1,827,448.00 |
| 8. Permanent Supportive Housing Supports - Food Apr-Sept 2022 | \$ 120,000.00 |
| 9. Transitional Housing/Adaptive CM, Apr 2022-Mar 2023 | \$ 217,000.00 |
| REACHING HOME FUNDING | |
| 1. Housing Access Worker (2022-2024) Designated Funding | \$ 56,680.00 |
| 2. Prevention, and Shelter Diversion Designated Funding (2022-2024) | \$ 252,169.00 |
| 3. Prevention, and Shelter Diversion Indigenous Funding (2022-2024) | \$ 173,871.00 |
| REACHING HOME INCREMENTAL FUNDING | |
| Designated | |
| 1. Prevention 2022-2023 | \$ 50,000.00 |
| 2. Overnight Mat Programming 2022-2023 | \$ 120,000.00 |
| 3. Food Supports 2022-2023 | \$ 120,000.00 |
| 4. Day Shelter Programming 2022-2023 | \$ 103,935.00 |
| Non-Designated (Indigenous) | |
| 1. Supportive Housing 2022-2023 | \$ 373,000.00 |