



COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD ON HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

MINUTES

May 18, 2023 /9:30 am-11:00 am
 South Conference Room at City Hall

VOTING MEMBERS	RESOURCE MEMBERS
L. Auger, Board Chair G. Savard, ACFA Regionale de Grande Prairie B. Boulanger, Voice for the Voiceless E. Spilchen, Ministerial Assoc. S. Hrehoruk, Grande Spirit Foundation	W. Hughes, Interim Director, Housing & Homeless Initiatives W. Nekurak, Indigenous Relations Advisor S. Roberts, Programs Assistant (Meeting Coordinator, Recorder) J. Wallis, Engagement & Program Officer (Government of Canada) C. Thiessen City of Grande Prairie Councillor A. Saunders, Housing Support Coordinator GUEST: W. Stachura, Manager-Indigenous Engagement – Infrastructure Canada
WITH REGRETS	WITH REGRETS
D. Cardinal, Indigenous Representative J. Manning, Community Member T. Monro, Domestic Violence W. Bosch, Downtown Association S. Madden, Grande Spirit Foundation M. Scott, Alberta Health Services	P. McPhee, Program Advisor (Government of Alberta) GUEST: K. Lambert, Executive Director - Wapiti Community Support Association

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 9:37 am

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** **E. Spilchen**
 We acknowledge the homeland of the many diverse First Nations, Métis, and Inuit People whose ancestors have walked this land since time immemorial. We are grateful to work, live and learn on the traditional territory of Treaty 8.

3. **PRESENTATION**
 - 3.1 Wapiti Community Support Association-(**K. Lambert**) **Tabled**

4. **AGENDA & MINUTE REVIEW** **Tabled**

5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - 5.1 Review Action Table as presented.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 6.1 Monthly Work Plan Review **All**
 - Review the April and May section of the Annual Work Plan as presented. Noted to move the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association (“CHRA”) conference update from May 2023 to June 2023, and reschedule Wapiti Community Supports Assocation to February 2024 as they we unable to attend. this meeting
 - 6.2 Land Acknowledgment Update **L.Auger**
 - New land acknowledgment approved by all Indigenous members.
 - 6.3 Update on Canadian Housing and Renewal Association (“CHRA”) Conference **L.Auger/W.Hughes**

- This item will be tabled until the June meeting due to the municipality’s response efforts to the region’s state of emergency

6.4 Reaching Home-Indigenous Engagement in Grande Prairie **J.Wallis/W.Stachura**

- Infrastructure Canada will initiate community consultations in Grande Prairie for the Indigenous funding stream. In 2018 the Grande Prairie CABH requested an extension of the Community Entity (“CE”) as the City to allow for time to prepare for the community consultations.
- The community consultations will be held in person and the current CE may attend if they wish as a support to provide context to the CE roles and responsibilities or for observation. Representatives from Infrastructure Canada will collaborate with the community to facilitate this consultation, provide information, and answer community questions.
- Suggested that W. Nekurack be added to the process of identifying the list of Indigenous community members that will be invited to attend.
- This consultation of the Indigenous community is aimed to align with the reconciliation principles and provide a fair and transparent opportunity.
- The current contract with the CE is set to expire on March 31, 2024. This consultation is recommended to be started in early fall. J. Wallis will connect with the CE to clarify the process and timeline.
- A change of the CE does not change the allocation process of the funding. All funding will still need to be endorsed through a CABH board.
- If the funding streams are split the introduction of two CABH boards will need to be discussed. Other Community Entities (CE) have created Elders Advisory Committees, or fully Indigenous communities to assist CABH with supporting indigenous community needs.

7. COMMITTEE UPDATES

7.1 Recruitment Committee **E. Spilchen**

- No update, as we will wait until the recruitment poster is completed, then discuss with CABH where to distribute it.

8. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

8.1 Ministerial Association **E.Spilchen**

- Requested the information from the “Alberta Rallies for Housing” added to the agenda for Connect Day.

8.2 Business Sector **W. Bosch**

- No update.

8.3 Voices for the Voiceless **B. Boulanger**

- No update.

8.4 Domestic Violence **T. Monro**

- No update.

8.5 Francophone Community **G. Savard**

- The Francophone Community has been engaging with Indigenous communities across Alberta to build connections.

8.6 Immigrants **Vacant**

- No update.

8.7 Seniors

C. Thiessen

- Grande Spirit Foundation (GSF) is working with the City of Grande Prairie to request a land transfer to build mixed housing (Seniors, moderate rent, and families). They are currently still in negotiations.
- Victor Lake Reservation near Grande Cashe is building 12 Elders' retirement units. They are prefabricated units that will be brought in and assembled on-site.

8.8 Youth

C. Thiessen

- Grande Prairie Youth Emergency Shelter Society ("GPYES") presented to the council on their new building. GPYESS has almost all of their funding in place, and they are still on track to meet all their timelines.

8.9 Coordinated Care Campus

W. Hughes

- Renovations for the 63 (B3) Supportive Housing units are on target for completion on June 2, with the current 26 tenants slated to move in around July 26. There will be planned tours of the facility scheduled for the second week of July. Tours will be open to tenants, CABH, CCC Advisory Committee, and city leadership.
- RFP for the Coordinated Care Campus closed May 15. Northreach Society will remain as the service provider until a new service provider is in place.

8.10 Family and Seniors Housing

S. Hrehoruk

- No update.

8.11 Alberta Health Services

M. Scott

- No update.

8.12 Indigenous

L. Auger / D. Cardinal

- The Grande Prairie Friendship Centre has been busy serving meals to the community and evacuees and receiving and distributing donations.
- The Grande Prairie Friendship Centre's Grande Gala is June 17. Tickets are still available for purchase.

9. ROUND TABLE / UPDATES RESOURCE MEMBERS

9.1 Indigenous Relations Advisor

W. Nekurak

- Circle of Evacuees was held May 17, 4:00 pm-7:00 pm. They served traditional food, with additional meals sent to the evacuees in hotels (stew and bannock, cake, pizza). They had Drummers, traditional storytelling and songs, smudging and prayers. Dignitaries in attendance included: Chief Sunshine, Councillor O'Toole, and Loretta Parenteau-English.
- This event was a collaboration between the Grande Prairie Friendship Centre, Native Counselling, the City of Grande Prairie, and community members who provided their time work to conduct the very important cultural healing segments of the event.
- Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation wildfire has destroyed 45 structures in Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation and 1600 people have been forced to leave.
- 1,600 evacuees approx. Anywhere between 200 and 500
- Power infrastructure was also destroyed, and because there is no power, the water treatment plant stopped operating.
- W. Nekurak attended a Pow Wow at Horse Lake First Nations and encourages members to attend ceremonies like this in the future, to help build relationships between communities.

9.2 City Council

Councilor Thiessen

- The land behind Circle K on 100 Street has been rezoned as Residential Transition District (RT) from the Direct Control (DC). Western Cree Tribal Council looking to build Indigenous transitional housing.

9.3 Government of Alberta

P. McPhee

- No update.

9.4 Government of Canada

J. Wallis

- The government released a call for proposals for Veterans’ homelessness, it is open from April 28-June 30.

10. NEXT MEETING

10.1 June 15th, 2023, ZOOM

11. ADJOURNMENT at 11:20 am

CABH ACTION ITEMS – May 2023		
ITEM	ASSIGNED MEMBER	DEADLINE / COMMENTS
Send Mobile Outreach statistics to CABH monthly	S. Roberts	Monthly
Send out a map of the Services and Trails	W. Hughes	ASAP
Recruitment poster from communication	W. Hughes	August 2023
Meal Statistics from the Community Kitchen	L. Auger	June 15
Move Wapiti Agency Presentation to February 2024	S. Roberts	ASAP
Move the review and approval of the Community Homeless Report (CHR) report to June’s agenda	S. Roberts	ASAP

2023 – 2024 FUNDED PROJECTS

PROVINCIAL OSSI FUNDING

1. Housing Support Fund Annual	\$ 250,000.00
2. Scattered Site Adaptive Case Management (2022-2026)	\$ 872,000.00
3. Winter Emergency Response Program (Oct-Mar 2024)	\$ 180,000.00
4. Supportive Housing (support team & time TBD (2024/2025)	\$ 391,210.00
5. Supportive Housing, 2022-2026	\$ 1,637,082.00
6. Daytime Drop-in Warming Center	\$ 350,000.00
7. TBD – Supportive Housing	\$648,033.00
8. Transitional Housing/Adaptive CM - Apr 2022-Mar 2023	\$ 217,000.00
REACHING HOME DESIGNATED FUNDING	
1. Housing Access Worker (2022-2024)	\$ 56,680.00
2. Prevention, and Shelter Diversion (2022-2024)	\$ 252,169.00
3. Prevention, and Shelter Diversion (2022-2024)	\$ 50,000.00
4. Community Kitchen (2023-20234)	\$240,000.00
5. Supportive Housing (2023/2024) RFP	\$99,119.00
REACHING HOME INDIGENOUS FUNDING	
1. Youth Prevention and Shelter Diversion (2023-2024)	\$180,000.00
2. Housing Access Worker (2022-2024)	\$23,320.00
3. Outreach Worker Senior/Indigenous (2023-2024)	\$ 121,834.00
4. Housing Outreach Worker (2023-2024)	\$ 48,178.00
5. Prevention, and Shelter Diversion Indigenous Funding (2022-2024)	\$173,871.00