



MINUTES

October 19, 2023 / 9:30am-11:00am / ZOOM

VOTING MEMBERS	RESOURCE MEMBERS
D. Cardinal, Indigenous Representative G. Savard, ACFA Regionale de Grande Prairie T. Monro, Domestic Violence W. Bosch, Downtown Association E. Spilchen, Ministerial Assoc. G. Savard, ACFA Regionale de Grande Prairie J. Phelps, Grande Spirit Foundation	W. Hughes, Director, Housing & Homeless Initiatives W. Nekurak, Indigenous Relations Advisor S. Roberts, Programs Assistant (Meeting Coordinator, Recorder) G. Croxford, (Government of Canada) P. McPhee, Program Advisor (Government of Alberta) C. Chung, Engagement & Program Officer (Government of Canada) C. Thiessen City of Grande Prairie Councillor GUEST: J. Boivin – Team Lead, Centrepoint K. Rappel – ICA (Housing Access Service), Centrepoint
WITH REGRETS	WITH REGRETS
J. Manning, Community Member S. Madden, Grande Spirit Foundation L. Auger, Board Chair M. Scott, Alberta Health Services B. Boulanger, Voice for the Voiceless	GUEST: S. Hrehoruk – Grande Spirit Foundation (GSF)

1. CALL TO ORDER at 9:36 am

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

C. Thiessen

“CABH respectfully acknowledges the Beaver Tribe as the original caretakers of these lands since immemorial. We also acknowledge that we get to live, learn, work, and play on Treaty 8 territory within Turtle Island, home to diverse and Sovereign First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Nations. We honour and respect the Treaties and work to advance the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action. The members of CABH will honour to help the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit by following our goals and objectives of CABH.”

3. PRESENTATION

3.1 Centerpoint Facilitation Inc.

J. Boivin/K. Rappel

4. AGENDA & MINUTE REVIEW

4.1 Review and approve September’s Minutes

Approved

Moved by G. Savard, Seconded by D. Cardinal

4.2 Review and approve October’s Agenda

Approved

Approve October Agenda with the addition of 6.1 Review Mobile Outreach Statistics, Moved by T, Monro, Seconded by G. Savard

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Review Action Table

All

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Review Mobile Outreach Statistics



- Reviewed September statistics sent via email

6.2 Monthly Work Plan Review (September)

All

- Reviewed September Work Plan sent via email

6.3 Department Update

W. Hughes

- Fletcher's tenants are scheduled to move in on November 15, 2023. Although the building is still under construction, the completion date remains the same. The building will provide 18 units of supportive housing and 24 units of affordable housing
- W. Hughes attended a Legion meeting on October 18th where they discussed the Net Zero for Veterans plan. This project will involve a wide range of stakeholders from our community. The plan includes integration of the volunteer with lived experience section, as we believe that volunteerism and lived experience will be a great asset
- A. Saunders, W. Hughes and T. Monrow will be attending the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness ("CAEH") in Halifax on November 8-10
- Phase 3 of the Coordinated Care Campus ("CCC") is still under construction. There are no updates available at this time, but W. Hughes will share Phase 3 updates as they become available
- The City is looking into the number of people who are evacuees from the NWT fires that choose to remain, returned, or refused to leave and are experiencing homelessness. Currently, there are 4 in the community

6.4 Coordinated Care Campus RFP Update

W. Hughes

- Currently 28 tenants are residing in the CCC, and that number will be up to 32 by the end of November. The goal is to have all 63 Supportive Housing units filled full by the end of December 2023
- The RFP for a new service provider at the CCC closes out on October 24th. More updates to come as they are available
- A City's communications department representative attended the last meeting of the CCC Advisory Committee to assist with the project's communications section
- Partnership with Root Dental will be going forward
- On October 16th, the City of Grande Prairie applied for a \$1.5 million grant to cover potential upgrades to the entryway and elevators, exterior finishing, landscaping, and any unforeseen expenses. This grant may be available annually, and if we are unsuccessful this time, we will reapply next year

7. COMMITTEE UPDATES

7.1 Recruitment Committee

E. Spilchen

- We have had 9 applications apply since the beginning of September
- G. Savard and C. Thiessen will join the recruitment committee, and S.Roberts will arrange the meeting

8. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

8.1 Ministerial Association

E.Spilchen

- The ministerial meets once a month

8.2 Business Sector

W. Bosch

- The downtown core is facing challenges with an increase in homeless individuals setting up larger structures than usual. However, the City, Mobile Outreach, and Public Security Unit (PSU) are doing an excellent job of cleaning up the area. In August alone, PSU received over 700 calls

relating to these issues. Currently, the problems downtown include theft, vagrancy, and intimidating customers, with the St. Lawrence Centre being the main area of concern. The situation may be partially attributed to the recent influx of fire evacuees from the Northwest Territories. Nonetheless, the tiered approach of response, along with the partnership of Mobile Outreach, PSU, Enforcement Services, and RCMP, has been effective in addressing the challenges

- New multi-store gift cards have been developed to help support local businesses
- Many different activities in the downtown core to help increase business such as the Halloween Parade in October

8.3 Voices for the Voiceless	B. Boulanger
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update 	
8.4 Domestic Violence	T. Monro
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update 	
8.5 Francophone Community	G. Savard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update 	
8.6 Immigrants	Vacant
8.7 Seniors	Vacant
8.8 Youth	Vacant
8.9 Coordinated Care Campus	W. Hughes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update provided in 6.4 	
8.10 Family and Seniors Housing	S. Madden
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update 	
8.11 Alberta Health Services	M. Scott
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update 	
8.12 Indigenous	L. Auger / D. Cardinal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update 	

9. ROUND TABLE / UPDATES RESOURCE MEMBERS

9.1 Indigenous Relations Advisor	W. Nekurak
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a Treaty 8 exhibit at the Art Gallery for viewing • On November 25, 2023, an upcoming Round Dance will be held to raise awareness for healing and addiction 	
9.2 City Council	Councillor Thiessen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City's annual budget review starts on the 3rd week of November • City administration has approved the transfer of land in the Smith subdivision for GSF to construct housing for senior citizens • The Council has approved the creation of a naming subcommittee. The subcommittee will include W. Hughes, W. Nekurak, S. Roberts, B. Wade, a council member, a member of the CCC Advisory Committee, and an Indigenous representative • Horse Lake First Nation will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the grand opening of the Clear Hills Youth Treatment Center on November 25th. The event will include activities such as a traditional dance and pipe ceremony 	
9.3 Government of Alberta	P. McPhee
9.3..1 Update on Direct Award Provincial Funding	

- The Province of Alberta is direct awarding funding to the Wapiti Community Dorm Association for the Winter Emergency Response (WER) program. The program will run from November 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024, and will provide accommodation for 10 beds at Wapiti and an additional 13 overflow beds at the St. Lawrence Centre
- The province has approved Grande Prairie as one of the Service Hub locations. This pilot project will be directly funded by the province of Alberta and will be run by Wapiti. Wapiti is planning to purchase the old Sunrise Youth Shelter for their service hub model, which will be used as a transitional housing. It is aimed at being sober living but being sober will not be mandatory. The tentative open date is December 1st, 2023, this date is subject to change as they still have some renovations to complete
- The question asked was about the role of CABH in the Pilot program. As of now, Wapiti will be funded directly by the province and Wapiti will report to them, so there is no involvement of CABH. However, W. Hughes and P. McPhee will connect to gain a better understanding of the project. It's worth noting that Grande Prairie is the third community to be approved for this pilot project

9.4 Update from the Government of Canada

C. Chung

9.4..1 Reaching Home Indigenous Funding Update

- The 2024 Reaching Home funding cycle will be released on April 1st. Infrastructure Canada is currently reviewing the amendments for this funding, but there is no plan to modify the funding allocation for the city of Grande Prairie. As per the 2019 funding agreement, Indigenous groups in Grande Prairie were encouraged to express their interest if they were willing to take over the Indigenous portion of the funding. Upcoming engagement sessions will determine the level of interest among Indigenous agencies in taking over the funding. A community engagement meeting is scheduled for October 30, and Grande Prairie Friendship Centre has already expressed its interest
- Reaching Home officials are seeking the organization's comments on the existing Directives and proposed areas that could use an update. This communication has already been sent to the Friendship Centre and the City of Grande Prairie
- INFC will host upcoming engagement webinars featuring CHMC initiatives and opportunities. Invitations will be sent out soon
- It was asked whether the funding for indigenous projects includes capital dollars for a possible new build of the Friendship Centre. It has been confirmed that the funding can be allocated to capital funding. The Federal representative will provide more information on this matter, and webinars will be held in early December for further clarification

10. NEXT MEETING

10.1 November 16, 2023, TBD

11. ADJOURNMENT at 11:07am

CABH ACTION ITEMS – September 2023		
ITEM	ASSIGNED MEMBER	DEADLINE / COMMENTS
Send Mobile Outreach statistics to CABH monthly	S. Roberts	Ongoing
Meal Statistics from the Community Kitchen	L. Auger	On-going
Doodle Poll for in-person meetings	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
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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