



MINUTES

November 21st, 2024 /9:30 am-11:00 am

Cedar Point Main Conference Room

Microsoft Teams

VOTING MEMBERS	RESOURCE MEMBERS
L. Auger, Board Chair D. Cardinal, Indigenous Representative B. Boulanger, Voice for the Voiceless J. Manning, Community Member T. Monroe, Domestic Violence R. Palmer, Grande Spirit Foundation W. Bosch, Downtown Association E. Spilchen, Ministerial Assoc., CABH Recruitment committee, Cedar Point Advisory Committee A. Thibert, Complex Needs A. Timoffee, Seniors T. Brown, Youth D. Langton, Veterans C. Nelson, Alberta Health Services	T. Wentzell, Director, Housing & Community Development M. Byers, Housing Manager, Housing & Community Development W. Nekurak, Indigenous Relations Advisor T. Melom, Housing Program Support (Meeting Coordinator, Recorder) C. Chung, Engagement and Program Officer (Government of Canada) P. McPhee, Program Advisor (Government of Alberta) M. O'Connor, City of Grande Prairie Councillor M. Laroche, Executive Director, Grande Prairie Friendship Centre O. Cooke, Co-chair, Indigenous Housing Community Advisory Board S. Dunfield, Co-chair, Indigenous Housing Community Advisory Board GUEST: Grande Prairie Friendship Centre- Kelli Morris
WITH REGRETS	WITH REGRETS
D. Cardinal, Indigenous Representative T. Monroe, Domestic Violence W. Bosch, Downtown Association D. Langton, Veterans C. Nelson, Alberta Health Services	S. Dunfield, Co-chair, Indigenous Housing Community Advisory Board

1. CALL TO ORDER at 9:34am

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor M. O'Connor

"CABH respectfully acknowledges the Beaver Tribe as the original caretakers of these lands since time 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 helping the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit by following our goals and objectives of CABH."

3. PRESENTATION

M. Laroche & K. Morris

Grande Prairie Friendship Centre (Community Kitchen and Kiwewin Program)

4. AGENDA & MINUTE REVIEW

- Approve October Minutes
Moved by A. Thibert
Seconded by B. Boulanger **APPROVED**
- Approve November Agenda
 - T. Wentzell requested update to 6.7. M. Byers will be reviewing the Community Plan.
Moved by J. Manning
Seconded by B. Boulanger **APPROVED**

5. OLD BUSINESS

- Review Action Table

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6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH) Conference report from attendees **E. Spilchen**

- CAEH conference took place from October 29th-31st.
- E. Spilchen and Councillor M. O'Connor were in attendance.
- The conference was very eye opening with good keynote speakers and sessions. The information learned was very relevant.
- The conference provided an opportunity to learn what other similar sized communities are doing to help reduce homelessness.
- **ACTION ITEM:** E. Spilchen will create a report and will have it ready to share with CABH at a later date.

6.2 T. Monro, the domestic violence representative has given her notice to leave the CABH

6.3 Review and approve Infrastructure Canada changes to the Community Homelessness Report **T. Wentzell**

- (Changes in Responses in **2.9(a)** and **2.17** were changed to “Yes”, and the CE changed their response in **3.28** to “No”)

Moved by A. Thibert to accept the changes.

Seconded by E. Spilchen

APPROVED

- **ACTION ITEM:** T. Melom will send C. Chung a copy of minutes with approval of Community Homelessness Report changes.

6.4 CABH Workplan review for month of November

T. Wentzell

6.5 Request for approval (RFA) review committee to be established

T. Wentzell

- J. Manning and A. Thibert have volunteered to be on the committee.

6.6 Review CABH Governance document

M. Byers

- Consensus by CABH members to review the updates to the document and discuss at a later date.

6.7 Community Plan review for CABH approval

M. Byers

Moved by A. Timoffee to approve the Community Plan

Seconded by B. Boulanger

APPROVED

6.8 CABH Terms of Reference document review

M. Byers

- Consensus by CABH members to review the updates to the document and discuss at a later date.

6.9 CABH Appreciation luncheon in December

T. Wentzell

- December 19th from 11:30am-1:00pm at The Jackpot Restaurant.
- **ACTION ITEM:** T. Melom to make reservation for CABH appreciation luncheon.

7. ROUND TABLE

7.1 Ministerial Association, CABH Recruitment

E. Spilchen

- E. Spilchen would like 1 or 2 more members for CABH recruitment committee. More members would help with retention of existing members and the orientation of new members.
- D. Langton and Councillor M. O'Connor have not yet gone through CABH orientation
- 2024 has been mostly status quo but 2025 will bring more ministerial updates.
- **ACTION ITEM:** M. Byers will update the CABH orientation manual for new members.
- **ACTION ITEM:** CABH orientation for D. Langton and M. O'Connor.

7.2 Business Sector

W. Bosch

- Not in attendance

- 7.3 Voice for the Voiceless** **B. Boulanger**
- Went on a tour of the Friendship Centre, Transit in the city as well as the Emergency shelters.
 - Suggested better snow and ice removal at all entrances of the shelters.
- ACTION ITEM:** T. Wentzell will follow up with the city department responsible for snow removal.
- 7.4 Domestic Violence** **T. Monro**
- Not in attendance. T. Monroe has resigned from CABH
- 7.5 Francophone Community** **Vacant**
- 7.6 Immigrant Community** **Vacant**
- 7.7 Seniors** **A. Timoffee**
- Nothing to report
- 7.8 Youth** **T. Brown**
- Trends show more youth accessing shelters with the colder temperatures.
 - More youth are couch surfing and finding unsafe housing due to budget restraints not due to lifestyle.
- 7.9 Family and Seniors Housing** **R. Palmer**
- Nothing to report
- 7.10 Alberta Health Services** **C. Nelson**
- Not in attendance
- 7.11 Indigenous** **L. Auger/D. Cardinal**
- Strategic planning session for Friendship Centre board members took place last month for 2025-2030.
 - Hoping for January re-open date for One Window Resource.
 - Indigenous CAB to receive funding from Reaching Home for 2024-28. The amount is not specified yet.
 - Name change of Indigenous CAB is coming.
- 7.12 Complex Needs** **A. Thibert**
- Nothing to report
- 7.13 Veterans** **D. Langton**
- Not in attendance
- 7.14 Community Member** **J. Manning**
- Had to leave the meeting
- 8. UPDATES FROM RESOURCE MEMBERS**
- 8.1 Indigenous Relations Advisor** **W. Nekurak**
- Community Advisory Committee filled out a matrix to identify a location for the Treaty 8 Monument, which will go to Council for a final decision.
 - Indigenous Veterans Day was attended by City Council representatives at the Veterans Memorial Garden on November 8th. Flags at City Hall were also at half-mast to honour Indigenous Veterans on the day.
 - The City of Grande Prairie proudly raised the Métis flag and proclaimed Louis Riel Day, reaffirming our dedication to Truth and Reconciliation.
 - The Community Round Dance was held last weekend, this is an annual round dance held to support healing through Indigenous culture in the community.
- 8.2 City Council** **Councillor O'Connor**
- Budget came in with a 2.28% tax increase. This was lower than expected.
 - Grande Prairie Police Department transition is going well and should be ready in 2026.
 - New police recruit graduation ceremony taking place on Monday, November 25th.
- 8.3 Government of Alberta** **P. McPhee**
- Nothing to report
- 8.4 Government of Canada** **C. Chung**
- Had to leave the meeting

9. NEXT MEETING December 19th at 9:30am-11:00am

10. ADJOURNMENT at 11:24am

CABH ACTION ITEMS – October 2024		
ITEM	ASSIGNED MEMBER	DEADLINE / COMMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a report detailing the CAEH conference 	E. Spilchen	December 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send a copy of meeting minutes detailing CABH approval of the Community Plan to C. Chung 	T. Melom	December 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make reservation for CABH appreciation luncheon December 19th, 2024 	T. Melom	December 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Orientation Manual for new CABH members 	M. Byers	January 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CABH orientation for D. Langton & Councillor M. O'Connor 	L. Auger	January 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check in with city department responsible for snow removal at the shelter entrances 	T. Wentzell	December 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue discussion with procurement to review contract options for daytime drop in service agreement and bring her findings back to CABH . 	T. Wentzell	January 2025

2024-2025 FUNDED PROJECTS

PROVINCIAL OSSI FUNDING		
Category	Term	Amount of Funding per year
Supportive Housing-Cedar Point	Feb 1, 2024 - Mar 31, 2028	\$1,820,400.00
Scattered Site- Adaptive Case	Apr 1, 2022 - Mar 31, 2026	\$842,000.00
Supportive Housing-Fletcher House	Oct 1, 2023 – Mar 31, 2027	\$800,000.00
Daytime Drop-In Warming Center	Apr 1, 2024 - Mar 31, 2025	\$350,000.00
Transitional Housing	Apr 1, 2024 - Mar 31, 2025	\$217,000.00
Winter Emergency Response- TBD	Oct 1, 2024 – Mar 31, 2025	\$180,000.00

REACHING HOME - DESIGNATED FUNDING

Category	Term	Amount of Funding per year
Housing Access Service	Apr 1, 2024 - Mar 31, 2026*	\$132,200.00
Prevention and Shelter Diversion	Apr 1, 2024 - Mar 31, 2025	\$272,066.00
Community Kitchen	Apr 1, 2024 - Mar 31, 2025	\$250,000.00

REACHING HOME - INDIGENOUS FUNDING (3 MONTHS)

Category	Term	Amount Funding for 3 months
Housing Outreach Worker -Oasis	Apr 1, 2024 - Jun 30, 2024	\$33,050.00
Prevention and Shelter Diversion	Apr 1, 2024 - Jun 30, 2024	\$47,943.00
Youth Housing First	Apr 1, 2024 - Jun 30, 2024	\$40,000.00
Unallocated	TBD	\$15,074.00

Total Funding	\$4,996,733.00
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* Option to extend the agreement for up to two 1yr terms to March 31, 2028