



COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD ON HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

MINUTES

December 19th, 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 C. Fowler, 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
WITH REGRETS	WITH REGRETS
D. Cardinal, Indigenous Representative J. Manning, Community Member C. Fowler, Grande Spirit Foundation A. Thibert, Complex Needs	T. Wentzell, Director, Housing & Community Development P. McPhee, Program Advisor (Government of Alberta) M. Laroche, Executive Director, Grande Prairie Friendship Centre 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. AGENDA & MINUTE REVIEW

- Approve November Minutes
Moved by T. Brown
Seconded by E. Spilchen
- Approve December Agenda
Moved by B. Boulanger
Seconded by E. Spilchen

APPROVED

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4. OLD BUSINESS

- Review Action Table

ALL

5. NEW BUSINESS

- 5.1 Review Mobile Outreach Statistics and Community Kitchen Reports
- 5.2 Discuss and vote on direct award funding to Wapiti House for food.
 - Wapiti House Shelter is in need of funding for food supplies.

M. Byers

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- \$50,000 is the ask to get them through until March 31st, 2024.
- Propose to use a portion of the Reaching Home stabilization funding to direct award the funds to Wapiti House Shelter.
- **Moved** by D. Langton
Seconded by T. Brown

APPROVED

Action Item: M. Byers and T. Wentzell will Investigate and propose ideas on how to best utilize the remainder of the Reaching Home Stabilization funding.

6. CABH MEMBER/RESOURCE MEMBER UPDATES

6.1 Indigenous Relations Advisor

W. Nekurak

- City Staff participated in the Jordan Principle Training on Friday, November 22nd, 2024, through the First Nations Health Consortium. Jordan's Principle supports First Nations programming by filling a fundamental gap in funding that provides services for First Nations people. The training is 1.5 to 2 hours long and is free for Grande Prairie organizations to host.
- National Ribbon Skirt Day is on Saturday, January 4th, 2025
- Len Morissette's Water World Premier will be held on January 9th, 2025, at the NWP, Douglas J. Cardinal Theatre. Admission is free and doors open at 6pm and the show starts at 6:30pm.
- Grande Prairie Friendship Centre is celebrating Winter Solstice December 20th from 4-8 pm at the Evergreen Park Old Timers cabin. There will be teachings, crafting, food and wagon rides through the light show
- GPFC Christmas dinner is December 25th 11:30am-2:30pm at the One Window Resource Centre

6.2 Ministerial Association

E. Spilchen

- The churches are hosting a Christmas Eve service. All are welcome to attend.

6.3 Veterans

D. Langton

- Has recently been successful in providing housing for a veteran in need.

6.4 Alberta Health Services

C. Nelson

- There has been an increase in facilities operating without permits that are serving food to the homeless sector. Please remember to obtain the proper permits.
- All donated food should be from approved sources only.

6.5 Youth

T. Brown

- A high number of youths are couch surfing and unable to find housing. Obstacles include their age as well as the affordability and availability of housing.

6.7 City Council

M. O'Connor

- GPPS has plans to put patrols in every section of the city including the downtown core.
- A call centre will be put in place one day to connect all emergency services in the city.

6.8 Indigenous Housing Community Advisory Board

O. Cooke

- Continuing community engagement
- Looking for a new program coordinator
- Putting out calls for proposals in January

7. NEXT MEETING

- January 16th, 2024, Cedar Point - Main Conference Room & Microsoft Teams

8. ADJOURNMENT at 11:16am

CABH ACTION ITEMS		
ITEM	ASSIGNED MEMBER	DEADLINE / COMMENTS
<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 and T. Wentzell	January 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue discussion with procurement to review contract options for daytime drop in service agreement and bring findings back to CABH . 	T. Wentzell	January 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate and propose ideas on how to best utilize the remainder of the Reaching Home Stabilization funding 	M. Byers and 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