



COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD ON HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

MINUTES

September 21, 2023 /9:30am-11:00am

ZOOM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER 9:47 am

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

S. Roberts

“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 Grande Spirit Foundation

S.Hrehoruk

4. AGENDA & MINUTE REVIEW

4.1 Review and approve June’s Minutes

Moved by E. Spilchen, Seconded by B. Boulanger seconded for both June’s minutes

Approved

4.2 Review and approve the September’s agenda

Moved by G.Savard, Seconded by E. Spilchen

Approved

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Review Action Table as presented

All

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Update from the Government of Canada

J. Wallis/C. Chung



- Welcome C.Chung from the Government of Canada
- J. Wallis will be moving departments and C. Chung will be Grande Prairie's new Engagement and Program Officer for the Government of Canada
- Introductions by all members

6.2 Monthly Work Plan Review (September)

All

- Reviewed September's work plan as presented
 - The plan for Report Cards to be completed is being moved to November
 - T. Monro is scheduled to attend the CAEH conference in Halifax from November 8-10th. During the conference, A. Saunders is expected to deliver a presentation on the City of Grande Prairie's coordinated access.
 - Planning for Connect Day 2023 has started with hopes of an event in late fall

6.3 Department update

W. Hughes/F. McGregor

- **Fletcher**
 - RFP was closed, and we are working on a contract that should be finalized next week
 - HeARTh is the successful proponent
 - Thank you to the CABH member on the panel (Tammy Monro)
 - The building has delays with move-in anticipated on November 1
 - Planning a tour for CABH in late October if possible
- **Housing Accelerator Fund**
 - Submitted September 18
 - Around 10.5M in initiatives if approved
 - Goal if successful would be an addition of 334 affordable units over 3 years
- **Connect Day**
 - We are working on potentially coordinating Connect Day in late October
 - We will know more soon
- **Block Funding**
 - Reporting was submitted and has been successfully concluded
- **Joint Council Dinner COGP and MD of Greenview on July 13**
 - Briefing on Housing and homelessness and the Coordinated Care Campus / Recovery oriented system of Care
- **7 Cities**

There will be a full Point in Time ("PiT") count conducted in 2024, which will include a community survey and administrative count.

7. COMMITTEE UPDATES

7.1 Recruitment Committee

E. Spilchen

- There have been 3 applications for membership
- The City did a recruitment social media release on September 7th
- The final recruitment poster has been circulated

8. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

8.1 Ministerial Association

E.Spilchen

- The Ministerial hasn't met since early summer, they will resume meetings in the fall

- 8.2 Business Sector** **W. Bosch**
- RCMP April -Sept they did 739 walk thoroughs of Wapiti and SLC
 - Public Security Unit (PSU) as of August had 700 calls to service
 - The tiered system of cooperation between the RCMP, Enforcement, and PSU is having a positive impact on the community. Some challenges from COVID, Inflation, and the economy are still having an effect on the business in the downtown core
- 8.3 Voices for the Voiceless** **B. Boulanger**
- No update
- 8.4 Domestic Violence** **T. Monro**
- No update
- 8.5 Francophone Community** **G. Savard**
- Back to regular business after the break
- 8.6 Immigrants** **G. Savard**
- G. Savard sits on the Grande Prairie Local Immigration Partnership (GPLIP) board and is actively recruiting to fill the vacancy on the CABH board
 - Grande Prairie Local Immigration Partnership (GPLIP) has a survey out that is for immigrants to fill out regardless of how long they have been in Grande Prairie
- 8.7 Seniors** **Vacant**
- 8.8 Youth** **Vacant**
- 8.9 Coordinated Care Campus** **F. McGregor**
- Phase 1, 2 complete
 - Smudging
 - Worked on orientation of staff
 - Tours for residents, agencies, elected officials, CABH, CCC Advisory Committee, Municipal departments
 - 25 residents moved on Aug 22
 - Modular units are moved
 - \$1.2 M approved for unforeseen items such as structural, lighting, landscaping
 - Total current cost of the CCC is \$23.25 MIL
 - Phase 3 is continuing
 - Third-floor units, and Municipal offices slated for move in November 2023
 - We are collaborating with procurement to determine the optimal approach for identifying a service provider. Another RFP is expected in the near future.
 - Potential partnership with Root Dental
- 8.10 Family and Seniors Housing** **S. Madden**
- No update
- 8.11 Alberta Health Services** **M. Scott**
- The recent outbreak of E. coli in Calgary may impact communal kitchens in Grande Prairie. Collaborative prevention efforts with Friendship Centre, Wapiti, and SLC are anticipated.
- 8.12 Indigenous** **L. Auger/D. Cardinal**
- Truth and Reconciliation Day September 30th at Bonets Centre
 - W. Nekurak attended the Friendship Centre annual meeting and L. Auger was reelected as the President

- Spirit Seekers coming up for youth and young adults

9. ROUND TABLE / UPDATES RESOURCE MEMBERS

9.1 Indigenous Relations Advisor

W. Nekurak

- Recognizing the City's choice to raise the Treaty 8 and Metis Flags in council chambers the flags will be a permanent addition. There was a Pipe ceremony before the Flag Ceremony
- National Truth and Reconciliation Day in Muskoseepi Park Seot 30th. 8 a.m. Pipe Ceremony and at 9:30 a.m. will be a Walk/Run. Lunch and Dinner are served in the park along with entertainment
- On October 4th, the GPFC will hold a walk to recognize Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (“MMIWG”) Day of Action.
- City of GP attended Treaty Days in Horse Lake First Nations, Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, and Duncan's First Nation
- Ohcīwin- Pow Wow Regalia installation by Patrick Mitsuing is still in the Grande Prairie Art Gallery until October 8th.
- Evacuees from the Northern Territory have returned home. While they were here, the City of Grande Prairie took additional measures to ensure that culturally significant events were held for the northern Dene community. Some of the events were Feed the Fire Ceremony and Drum Dancing. GPFC and NWP also held events that were culturally significant for the Dene such as Tea Dances and Dene Drumming

9.2 City Council

Councilor Thiessen

- Coordinated Care Campus and Fletcher are two projects that are ongoing in the City and have been a main focus of the City and Council

9.3 Government of Alberta

P. McPhee

- P. McPhee will be in Grande Prairie for shelter expectations meetings and would love to connect with the community

9.4 Government of Canada

J. Wallis/C. Chung

- A PowerPoint was presented to the Strategic Working Priority Group outlining the structure, and role of CABH

10. NEXT MEETING

10.1 October 19, 2023, Via TBD

11. ADJOURNMENT 10:56 am

CABH ACTION ITEMS – September 2023		
ITEM	ASSIGNED MEMBER	DEADLINE / COMMENTS
Send Mobile Outreach statistics to CABH monthly	S. Roberts	Monthly
Send out the presentation from the Grande Spirit Foundation	S. Roberts	ASAP
Meal Statistics from the Community Kitchen	L. Auger	Monthly
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