



COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD ON HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

MINUTES

September 19th, 2024 /9:30 am-11:00 am

City Hall South Conference Room

ZOOM

| VOTING MEMBERS | RESOURCE MEMBERS |
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| L. Auger, Board Chair D. Cardinal, Indigenous Representative B. Boulanger, Voice for the Voiceless J. Manning, Community Member C. Fowler, Grande Spirit Foundation E. Spilchen, Ministerial Assoc., CABH Recruitment committee, Cedar Point Advisory Committee A. Thibert, Complex Needs A. Timoffee, Seniors T. Brown, Youth D. Langton, Veteran C. Nelson, Alberta Health Services | F. McGregor, Director, Housing & Homeless Initiatives 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) C. Thiessen, City of Grande Prairie Councillor M. Laroche, Executive Director, Grande Prairie Friendship Centre S. Roberts, Financial Coordinator, Community Social Development GUEST: Grande Spirit Foundation – C. Fowler |
| WITH REGRETS | WITH REGRETS |
| W. Bosch, Downtown Association S. Madden, Grande Spirit Foundation T. Monroe, Domestic Violence | |

1. CALL TO ORDER at 9:35am

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A. Timoffee

“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

C. Fowler

3.1 Grande Spirit Foundation

4. AGENDA & MINUTE REVIEW

4.1 Review and Approve June Minutes

- 6.3 “update from Indigenous CAB” was added by F.McGregor

Moved by D.Langton to approve with the addition of 6.3

Seconded by T.Brown

APPROVED



4.2 Review and Approve September Agenda

Moved by A. Thibert to approve the agenda with the addition of 6.4 Indigenous CAB

Seconded by E. Spilchen

APPROVED

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Review Action Table

All

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Department Updates

F. McGregor

- Goodbye to S. Roberts who has transferred from the Housing Program Support position to another position within the City of Grande Prairie.
- Welcome to T. Melom who has taken over the Housing Program Support position.
- W. Hughes is no longer with the City of Grande Prairie. F. McGregor will serve as Acting Director until early November 2024. After that, M. Byers will take over as Director until early January 2025, while the next steps are determined internally. **Action Item:** CABH would like to schedule a meeting with Chief Officer, Public and Protective Services D. Lemieux to discuss the recent changes in the HHI department.
- Connect Day will be held October 23, 2024
- PIT count is scheduled for October 9, with agency and city staff conducting the surveys.
- HIFIS database is still on schedule to launch late fall of 2024
- The City is still negotiating service provisions for the 3rd floor at Cedar Point, with staggered move-ins anticipated for late 2024, depending on the outcome of these negotiations.

6.2 Discuss Annual Work Plan

F. McGregor

- E. Spilchen and A. Saunders will attend the CAEH conference in Ottawa, October 29th -31st.
- Community plan is due to Infrastructure Canada by December 13, 2024. The draft Community Plan will be presented to CABH for review and input in early November
- The Housing and Homeless Initiatives department has scheduled a meeting to discuss the upcoming expiring contracts and their associated funding. Recommendations that align with CABH's priorities will be presented during the October meeting for input and approval.

6.3 Update Indigenous CAB

M. Laroche

- The Grande Prairie Friendship Centre is the new Community Entity of the Indigenous Reaching Home funding as of July 1, 2024. They held their introductory Indigenous CAB meeting at the end of August. They currently have 7 committee members.
- F. McGregor and W. Neckurak attended the September 19th Indigenous CAB meeting
- The Indigenous CAB will meet quarterly, or as needed. These meetings will be in the evenings
- Discussed possible Indigenous CAB presentation to City Council - C.Thiessen

6.4 Indigenous CAB - Designated CABH Collaboration discussion update

F. McGregor

- We are seeking members to join the Indigenous CAB as resource members. L.Auger proposed that CABH designate a different member to attend each meeting. Action Item: draft a rotation schedule for this purpose.

- T. Brown has agreed to attend the next Indigenous CAB meeting.
- Chris Thiessen would like to attend when time allows if possible to be invited by the Indigenous CAB.
- L. Auger and D. Cardinal pose the question of remaining on CABH now that Indigenous CAB has been established. All agree that they provide invaluable contribution to CABH and would like them to remain on the committee.

7. ROUND TABLE

7.1 Ministerial Assoc., CABH Recruitment committee, Cedar Point Advisory Committee **E. Spilchen**

- Working on establishing a subcommittee with all ministerial organizations for the fall, including Oasis, The Salvation Army, St. Lawrence, and local churches.
- E. Spilchen is Cedar point advisory committee member
- E. Spilchen will be attending CAEH conference
- E. Spilchen is on the recruitment committee for CABH and is seeking a few more members to join the committee

7.2 Business Sector **W. Bosch**

- Not in attendance

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

- No update

7.4 Domestic Violence **T. Monro**

- No update

7.5 Francophone Community **Vacant**

7.6 Immigrant **Vacant**

7.7 Seniors **A. Timoffee**

- No update

7.8 Youth **T. Brown**

- Meeting with minister of Alberta and anticipating a shift in youth detox funding
- New youth addiction program in Hythe opening soon.

7.9 Family and Seniors Housing **C. Fowler**

- No update

7.10 Alberta Health Services **C. Nelson**

- No update

7.11 Indigenous **L. Auger / D. Cardinal**

- Indigenous CAB will discuss name change in the future
- Sept 27th Pipe Ceremony in traditional healing garden
- September 30th walk/run for truth and reconciliation in Muskosepi Park
- October 4th Sisters in Spirit vigil. Hosted at Northwestern Polytechnic. It is a day of recognition and prayer for missing and murdered indigenous women
- Friendship Centre Kitchen is serving hot meals again. Hoping to be fully operational again for January 2025.
- Meals changed from 7 days to 5 days per week due to Salvation Army funding ending (\$100,000 annually)
- L.Auger was re-elected as president of Friendship Centre at AGM in September

7.12 Complex Needs

A. Thibert

- Waiting for a meeting with Alberta Health Services

7.13 Veterans

D. Langton

- Over 30 veterans homeless in Grande Prairie
- Have been successful in helping veterans secure housing and employment
- 33 veterans per month being fed. Over \$20,000 per month for food bank displays a need.
- Government pulled back over \$14 million to veterans because it wasn't utilized. Veterans weren't aware it was available

8. UPDATES RESOURCE MEMBERS

8.1 Indigenous Relations Advisor

W. Nekurak

- We conducted our first round of Indigenous Relations Training for internal Staff. This training had an attendance of 27 people. Community engagement for this training happened in February. Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action 57 connects to the Indigenous Relations Framework that City Council endorsed a year and a half ago.
- Treaty 8 Monument- Artist selected from Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation.
- Newcomers Event included Indigenous culture through an opening prayer and traditional dance demonstration.
- If you have any Indigenous clients, let them know about the Boarding Home Class Action Lawsuit. They might be eligible for compensation from Canada's 60s Scoop policies, which were in effect until the late 90s.
- Indigenous CAB yesterday was relatable; the group consists of informed leadership with shared experience for the people they serve, and there will undoubtedly be some innovative work from that team.

8.2 City Council

Councilor Thiessen

- October 7th City Council will make a decision regarding the land transfer of Smith subdivision. Atkinson construction will build 160 units with 30% of the units zoned affordable accessible units and the remainder will be market housing. This will be a partnership with Grande Spirit Foundation.
- Council decision to open up zoning to have more secondary suites and fourplexes. It allows for more accelerated housing dollars from the Federal Government.
- \$452,000 raised by Friends of the Foundation
- ASHA is advocating for more housing dollars to the provincial government directly
- Affordable housing task force focusing on all housing

8.3 Government of Alberta

P. McPhee

- No update

8.4 Update from the Government of Canada

C. Chung

- Acknowledges that efforts in collaboration between the City and agencies of great benefit. It is not always the case in communities.

9. NEXT MEETING

9.1 October 17th, 2024, Cedar Point-Main Conference Room & ZOOM

10. ADJOURNMENT at 11:27am

| CABH ACTION ITEMS – September 2024 | | |
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| ITEM | ASSIGNED MEMBER | DEADLINE / COMMENTS |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send Connect Day Poster to Committee | T. Melom | October 2024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Plan update | F. McGregor | November 2024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite D. Lemieux for discussion on department structure and how it effects CABH going forward. | F. McGregor | October 2024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pipe ceremony invitation will be sent to committee members | M.Laroche | September 2024 |

| 2024-2025 FUNDED PROJECTS | | |
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| 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 | | |
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| 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) | | |
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| 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 |

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| 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