



MINUTES

February 15, 2024 /9:30 am-11:00 am/ ZOOM

VOTING MEMBERS	RESOURCE MEMBERS
<p>L. Auger, Board Chair G. Savard, ACFA Regionale de Grande Prairie B. Boulanger, Voice for the Voiceless J. Manning, Community Member W. Bosch, Downtown Association E. Spilchen, Ministerial Assoc.</p>	<p>W. Hughes, Director, Housing & Homeless Initiatives W. Nekurak, Indigenous Relations Advisor S. Roberts, Programs Assistant (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</p> <p>GUEST: K. Lambert, Executive Director, Wapiti Community Support Association- Transitional/daytime program J. Gossen, Project Lead, Wapiti Community Support Association- Transitional/ SLC daytime program</p>
WITH REGRETS	WITH REGRETS
<p>D. Cardinal, Indigenous Representative S. Madden, Grande Spirit Foundation M. Scott, Alberta Health Services T. Monro, Domestic Violence</p>	

1. CALL TO ORDER 9:35 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 Wapiti Community Support Association- Programs

J. Gossen/K.Lambert

- Drugs being mixed with new substances
- Narcan effectiveness is limited
- Overdoses require more medical intervention
- Advocates stressed harm reduction and substance testing before the use
- Need for a comprehensive approach as drug use extends beyond the homeless population
- Overdoses in the community due to lack of awareness and stigma fear
- Habitual offenders in the downtown core and the lack of solutions for addressing their needs. Issues for the downtown association: loitering and defecation issue
- Ensuring public bathrooms cater to all community members necessitates infrastructure, monitoring, cleaning, security, and staffing. Community concerns such as restroom accessibility warrant a more comprehensive approach beyond the scope of the CABH meeting. Concerns about food security for the vulnerable population

- The lack of services for clients with high-complexity needs underscores the absence of a treatment center in Grande Prairie and the ongoing challenges associated with meeting such needs.

4. AGENDA & MINUTE REVIEW

4.1 Review and approve January Minutes **All**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented **by B. Boulanger** and **seconded by J. Manning**

4.2 Review and approve February Agenda **All**

Motion to approve the Agenda by G. Savard and **seconded by J. Manning**

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Review Action Table

Reviewed as presented

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Department Update **W.Hughes**

- The Municipal office move will be on March 18th, all 6 departments will move in on the first and second floor of the Coordinated Care Campus
- The third floor at the Coordinated Care Campus will have 43 affordable bachelor units that will be managed by the new service provider, The Mustard Seed
- The resident's Kitchen and Outdoor spaces are planned to be completed by summer 2024
- The remaining committee will give outcomes in March for the new name of the Coordinated Care Campus building
- RFP for the Housing Access Service has been posted
- New tour with the Sunrise House and agency collaboration
- The upcoming 7 Cities meeting will address planning for the 2024 PiT count
- RCMP HUB table and discuss issues such as new hazardous drugs, bathrooms and disorderly conduct in the community. There will be a by-names list to help find the appropriate services either in or out of the community.
- Grande Prairie is expected to get a new treatment facility that is planned for 2025, and it will have a capacity of 75 beds
- Housing & Homeless Initiative staff now sit on the Opioid task force and food security committees
- GPREP will convene a meeting to explore ways to support the vulnerable population during the crisis
- On February 28th the Veterans Society will have a presentation on service and available funding and an intake line for assistance. The Legion also has some poppy funds that they would like to use in our community
- The City has worked in partnership with a consultant to develop a full-day FIOP training for City staff and agencies that can be done on an annual basis
- Sunrise House is offering Indigenous Training, the Housing and Homeless Initiatives will be sending a staff member

6.2 Registration for the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association (CHRA) April 9-11 **W.Hughes**

- Saunders, W. Hughes, and L. Auger or E. Spilchen

6.3 Review and approve Provincial OSSI Budget **S.Roberts**

Motion to approve the budget as presented **by J. Manning** and **seconded by G. Savard**

Approved

6.4 Review and approve Federal Reaching Home Budget **S.Roberts**
Motion to approve the budget as presented by **J. Manning** and **seconded** by **E. Spilchen**

Approved

6.5 Review designated and Indigenous community engagement plans to identify gaps and priorities for 2025-26. **W. Hughes**

The funding transition is scheduled for June 30th. This item will be postponed until the next meeting, where we will extend an invitation to the Friendship Centre to participate moving forward.

7. COMMITTEE UPDATES

7.1 Recruitment Committee **E. Spilchen**

- W. Hughes will send out acceptance letters to the successful applicants

8. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

8.1 Ministerial Association **E.Spilchen**

No update

8.2 Business Sector **W. Bosch**

Plan an offline meeting with Housing and Homeless Initiatives, MOP and Wapiti to discuss issues

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

- Tax season is here, ensure correct addresses for all documents
- Ice removal at bus stops needs to increase to a 6-foot path to allow for a wheelchair or walker
- The bus stop at Eastlink needs to be cleaned more often
- There is an issue with the hospital releasing people after midnight when there is no cab service

8.4 Domestic Violence **T. Monro**

No update

8.5 Francophone Community **G. Savard**

No update

8.6 Immigrants **Vacant**

8.7 Seniors **Vacant**

8.8 Youth **Vacant**

8.9 Family and Seniors Housing **S. Madden**

No update

8.10 Alberta Health Services **M. Scott**

No update

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

- Grande Prairie Friendship Centre is applying for more funding
- This year's Gala will be on June 15

9. ROUND TABLE / UPDATES RESOURCE MEMBERS

9.1 Indigenous Relations Advisor **W. Nekurak**

- Alberta Winter Games- Indigenous Village in Teresa Sargent Hall Saturday and Sunday, 10 – 5 pm. We will have 2 Elders on sight

- The Alberta Winter Games Bear Statue is set up outside the Eastlink Centre and lit up. An Indigenous artist, Jason Carter, was procured by AWG to get this statue, and we are very happy with how it turned out
- Mini-round dance- on Saturday 5 – 9
- Indigenous Relations Training (Engagement Sessions) next week
- Yesterday, the Mayor and council met with Duncan’s First Nations Chief and Council

9.2 City Council

Councilor Thiessen

- Council met with Duncan's First Nation around truth and reconciliation. They are looking for a plot of land for Indigenous people to live in the City while attending school, working, etc.
- The City of Grande Prairie is in the process of finalizing the land transfer with Metis local and GSF.
- Sunrise House is now open
- The Church of Christ does a Saturday supper for the vulnerable population from 5 pm to 8 pm every week

9.3 Government of Alberta

P. McPhee

- 2024-2025 Budget anticipated by the end of February

9.4 Update from the Government of Canada

C. Chung

- Infrastructure Canada is still working on the agreement extensions. Grande Prairie and Medicinehat Friendship Centres both applied for Reaching Home Indigenous funding
- **W. Hughes:** requested an overview of the funding allocated for addressing the community's needs. What level of support can we expect from both the provincial and federal governments?

P. McPhee: P. McPhee: The province acknowledges the existing gaps within the community and the strain on shelter services. There are ongoing conversations with Alberta Health Services (AHS) on how to best support individuals being released from hospitals. P. McPhee suggests submitting a proposal to AHS to procure a nurse and additional resources.

10. NEXT MEETING

10.1 March 21, 2024, via ZOOM

11. ADJOURNMENT at 11:38 am

CABH ACTION ITEMS – February 2024		
ITEM	ASSIGNED MEMBER	DEADLINE / COMMENTS
Send out TOR for review	S. Roberts	March 1, 2024
Send out congratulations and invites to the successful applicants	W. Hughes	March 1, 2024
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