



COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD ON HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

MINUTES

April 18, 2024 / 9:30 am-11:00 am

City Hall-South Conference Room

Or ZOOM

VOTING MEMBERS	RESOURCE MEMBERS
<p>L. Auger, Board Chair                      E. Spilchen, Ministerial Assoc.                      W. Bosch, Downtown Association</p>	<p>W. Hughes, Director, Housing &amp; Homeless Initiatives                      W. Nekurak, Indigenous Relations Advisor                      S. Roberts, Programs Assistant (Meeting Coordinator, Recorder)                      D. Losifelis Engagement and Program Officer (Government of Canada)                      P. McPhee, Program Advisor (Government of Alberta)                      C. Thiessen, City of Grande Prairie Councillor</p> <p>GUEST:</p> <p>D. Janveau, Fletcher House Lead, HeARTh Social Profit Company                      A. Thibert, New Member                      T. Brown, New Member                      M. Laroche, Executive Director, Grande Prairie Friendship Centre</p>
WITH REGRETS	WITH REGRETS
<p>S. Madden, Grande Spirit Foundation                      D. Cardinal, Indigenous Representative                      G. Savard, ACFA Regionale de Grande Prairie                      B. Boulanger, Voice for the Voiceless                      J. Manning, Community Member                      T. Monro, Domestic Violence</p>	<p>C. Chung, Engagement and Program Officer (Government of Canada)</p>

1. **CALL TO ORDER at 9:35 am, Quorum was not met**
  
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** E. Spilchen
  
3. **PRESENTATION**
  - 3.1 HeARTh Social Profit Company D. Janveau
  
4. **AGENDA & MINUTE REVIEW**
  - 4.1 Review and Approve February Minutes TABLED
  - 4.2 Review and Approve March Minutes TABLED
  - 4.3 Review April Agenda ALL
  
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - 5.1 Review Action Table
    - Reviewed
  
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - 6.1 Introductions and Welcome to Successful Applicants ALL
    - **Action Item:** S. Roberts to send out options for orientation dates to new members



- 6.2** 2023-2024 CABH Work Plan review and final approval **TABLED**
- 6.3** Review of 2024 Service Delivery Plan **ALL**
- **Action Item:** S. Roberts will email the final draft once it has been approved by the province for CABH information
- 6.4** Review and Approve the 2023-24 Community Homeless Report (CHR) **F. McGregor**
- The final draft report will include proposed changes discussed at today's meeting. The report will be presented at the May CABH meeting and is due by May 30.
- 6.5** Canada Housing and Renewal Association (CHRA) Report **Tabled**
- 6.6** Unallocated Reaching Home Funds - Discussion and Approval **ALL**
- **Action Item:** S. Roberts to revise the email regarding the Unallocated funding, and identify the service providers' priorities, and will include further information regarding the garden fence.
- 7. COMMITTEE UPDATES**
- 7.1** Recruitment Committee **E. Spilchen**
- E. Spilchen recommended the CBO reach out to relevant stakeholders that may be interested in representing Veterans.
- 8. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**
- 8.1** Ministerial Association **E.Spilchen**
- Continuing to collaborate with other agencies on housing and homeless needs in the community
  - Currently in discussions with the Christian Business Men's Association to gauge their interest in housing and homelessness
- 8.2** Business Sector **W. Bosch**
- The tiered system of policing services is operating efficiently and is making a significant impact on the downtown core community and businesses, particularly in enforcement and Mobile Outreach efforts.
- 8.3** Voices for the Voiceless **B. Boulanger**
- No Update
- 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 **C. Thiessen**
- Pleasant View Lodge in Spirit River will be opening soon
  - Grande Spirit Foundation is finalizing a United Shareholders Agreement and making progress on the Smith land update. The project involves building 48 affordable and 112 market houses. The goal is to break ground in spring and open in late 2025
  - There has been increased funding allocated to housing management bodies as a top-up fund
- Vacant**
- 8.10** Indigenous **L. Auger**
- Spirit Seeker is May 24-25 this year
  - The MMIW walk and run is May 5<sup>th</sup>, registration is at 10:00 am and the walk starts at 11:00 am. Everyone is welcome at Muskoseepie Park

- May 16 - I am A Kind Man. Prevention of Violence Against Women presentation

## 9. ROUND TABLE / UPDATES RESOURCE MEMBERS

### 9.1 Indigenous Relations Advisor

**W. Nekurak**

- The Art Gallery of Grande Prairie exhibits include Land Breaths and a Treaty 8 Exhibition to run April 4, 2024 - August 4, 2024
- National Aboriginal Hockey Championship will be held May 6<sup>th</sup> to May 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a collaboration among Grande Prairie Friendship Centre,, the 3 Sovereign Nations, Otipemisiwak, RBC Olympic Training Ground, and Classroom Champions who are bringing in an Indigenous Hockey player as a guest speaker
- W. Nekurak attended an MMIWG Sex-trafficking engagement session with Native Counselling Services of Alberta (NCSA). Members of the Grande Prairie Police Service (GPPS) attended the event
- An Indigenous Elder is scheduled to attend the the Swearing in Ceremony for the Police Chief
- Horse Lake First Nation is hosting their Indigenous Skills and Employment Training (ISET) Career Fair, The City will have a booth. The City will also attend the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nations ISETS Career Fair on July 26th.
- Meetings with Duncan's First Nations and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, both expressed interest in affordable housing for their community members who move from their communities to Grande Prairie
- City Staff and the Government of Alberta staff participated in a Blanket Exercise on Monday

### 9.2 City Council

**Councilor Thiessen**

- The City of Grande Prairie had applied to the Housing Access Fund (HAF) and was unsuccessful. The Federal government will be reviewing applications due to their recent top-up announcements

### 9.3 Government of Alberta

**P. McPhee**

No updates

### 9.4 Update from the Government of Canada

**D. Losifelis**

No update

## 10. NEXT MEETING

### 10.1 May 16, 2024, ZOOM

## 11. ADJOURNMENT at 11:41 am

CABH ACTION ITEMS – April 2024		
ITEM	ASSIGNED MEMBER	DEADLINE / COMMENTS
Set up Orientation for new members	S. Roberts	ASAP
Resend Unallocated funding email	S. Roberts	ASAP
Send out the Service Delivery plan for information after final approval	S. Roberts	ASAP

## 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