

# COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD ON HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

# **MINUTES**

December 21, 2023 /10:00am-11:00am/ ZOOM

VOTING MEMBERS	RESOURCE MEMBERS
L. Auger, Board Chair	W. Hughes, Director, Housing & Homeless Initiatives
D. Cardinal, Indigenous Representative	C. Chung, Engagement and Program Officer (Government of Canada)
G. Savard, ACFA Regionale de Grande Prairie	C. Thiessen City of Grande Prairie Councillor
W. Bosch, Downtown Association	S. Roberts, Programs Assistant (Meeting Coordinator, Recorder)
E. Spilchen, Ministerial Assoc	
B. Boulanger, Voice for the Voiceless	
	GUESTS: No presentation
WITH REGRETS	WITH REGRETS
S. Madden, Grande Spirit Foundation	W. Nekurak, Indigenous Relations Advisor
T. Monro, Domestic Violence	P. McPhee, Program Advisor (Government of Alberta)
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M. Scott, Alberta Health Services	
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J. Manning, Community Member	
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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

G. Savard

"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 No presentation scheduled

# 4. AGENDA & MINUTE REVIEW

4.1 Review and approve November's Minutes

Moved by B. Boulanger, Seconded by E. Spilchen

**Approved** 

4.2 Review and approve December's agenda

Moved by G. Savard, Seconded by E. Spilchen

**Approved** 

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Review Action Table

All

# 6. NEW BUSINESS

**6.1** Monthly Work Plan Review (November)

All

**6.2** Final Approval of the 2023 Community Homeless Report (CHR)

W. Hughes

- Motion to Approve the amended 2023 CHR Moved by W. Bosh, Seconded by B. Boulanger
- **6.3** Funding for the **\$19,616** in slippage in Reaching Home Dollars

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• Email vote entered as information to use the Reaching Home slippage dollars for the Kiwewin program through the Grande Prairie Friendship Centre.

**6.4** Review meeting format (in-person or virtual) and subsequent decisions

S. Roberts

Following the email vote, the decision has been made to embrace a hybrid meeting format. This
will involve monthly virtual meetings and quarterly in-person meetings, (with quarterly inperson meetings to have a virtual option). W. Hughes and L. Auger will compile a schedule and
distribute it to the Board.

Approved

### 7. RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

E. Spilchen

- The committee interviewed three applicants. E.Spilchen recommended accepting all three applicants.
- E. Spilchen Motioned to approve the three applicants and was Seconded by B. Boulanger.
- The committee to decide which applicant will be assigned to each vacant role.

### 8. ROUND TABLE

Ministerial Association

E. Splichen

- No update
- Business Sector
   W. Bosch
- Requested additional details about the selected proponent for the Coordinated Care Campus RFP. The Mustard Seed emerged as the successful proponent, prompting a request for clarification, specifically concerning the "Christian" aspect within the hiring criteria. W. Hughes clarified that The Mustard Seed will accommodate all faiths and cultures in their programming, and underscored the importance of faith and spirituality in the healing and recovery process.
- W. Bosch sought clarification on the timeline for discussions regarding the transfer of Indigenous funding. W. Hughes informed the Board that these discussions are slated for January or February with the transfer expected to be concluded by June 30, 2024.
- W. Bosch noted a decrease in serious incidents downtown. However, recently there has been a
  number of complaints from dowtown businesses of public urnination and defication in front of
  and in buildings with no current solution. The matter will be postponed until January 2024 for
  further discussion. W. Hughes to notify Mobile Outreach.

### **8.2** Voices for the Voiceless

**B.** Boulanger

• Reports indicate that the feedback received from residents at congregate sites has been positive based on conversations with them.

8.3 Domestic Violence T. Monro

No update

8.4 Francophone G. Savard

 Will be leaving the francophone association in February and would like to add a need for discussing a potential recruit to fill this sector.

8.5 Immigrants Vacant

**8.6** Seniors Vacant

**8.7** Youth Vacant

8.8 Family and Seniors Housing S. Madden

No update

8.9 Alberta Health Services M. Scott

No update



8.10 Indigenous L. Auger

• No update

# 9. ROUND TABLE / UPDATES RESOURCE MEMBERS

**9.1** Indigenous Relations Advisor

W. Nekurak

9.2 City Council Councilor Thiessen

 recognized and congratulated L. Auger for Grande Prairie Friendship Centre receiving Volunteer of the Year.

9.3 Government of Alberta

P. McPhee

9.4 Update from the Government of Canada

C. Chung

• Expresses support for the hybrid meeting schedule and intends to attend at least one of the inperson meetings throughout the year.

### 9.5 Department Update

W. Hughes

- Recent discussion within 7 Cities group has focused on the growing presence of encampments and the associated increase in fatalities throughout the Province specfically in Calgary and Edmonton. Housing & Homeless Initiatives will be working with the emergency shelter and Mobile Outreach to obtain local encampment numbers.
- December is a challenging month with an expected increase in calls for service. There are reports of drug poisonings this month, that may also attribute to the increase.

### 10. CABH APPRECIATION LUNCH

ALL

Location: Mr. Mikes - 10214 116 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB

Time: Reservation at 11:00 am

# 11. NEXT MEETING

January 18, 2024. City Hall -South Confernec Room

### 12. ADJOURNMENT 10:58 am

CABH ACTION ITEMS – December 2023			
ITEM	ASSIGNED MEMBER	DEADLINE / COMMENTS	
Schedule for Quarterly In-Person Meetings	L. Auger / W. Hughes	By Jan 18, 2024	
New Board Member – Committee Assignment	E. Spilchen / S. Madden	Jan 18, 2024	



2023 – 2024 FUNDED PROJECTS		
PROVINCIAL OSSI FUNDING		
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	

