



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

SPECIAL GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Monday, January 30, 2023 at 12:05 p.m.

Report of a meeting held on Monday, January 30, 2023 at 12:05 p.m. via GoTo meeting. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: Mayor R. Alty,
Councillor S. Arden-Smith,
Councillor G. Cochrane,
Councillor R. Fequet,
Councillor B. Hendriksen,
Councillor C. McGurk,
Councillor T. McLennan,
Councillor S. Payne, and
Councillor R. Warburton.

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance:

S. Bassi-Kellett,
C. Caljouw,
C. Greencorn,
C. MacLean,
K. Sulzer,
C White,
G. White,
S. Woodward, and
S. Jovic.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.	(For Information Only) There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.
2.	(For Information Only) Committee accepted for information a memorandum regarding the minutes of the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness meeting of January 19, 2023.



3. **Committee read a memorandum regarding whether to approve the recommendations of the City of Yellowknife Community Advisory Board on Homelessness to allocate remaining funding for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.**

Committee noted that Reaching Home – Canada’s Strategy to End Homelessness is a federal program aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness by providing direct support and funding to designated communities (urban centres), Indigenous communities, territorial communities and rural and remote communities across Canada.

As a Community Entity for this program the City of Yellowknife holds a 5-year funding agreement with Employment and Social Development Canada which has since been transferred to Infrastructure Canada and has received the following amounts in funding for this Five-year agreement.

2019-2020	\$1,216,770
2020-2021	\$1,206,770
2021-2022	\$2,416,054
2022-2023	\$2,749,323
2023-2024	\$2,726,096

2022-2023 Funding amounts, allocated funds and proposed projects are outlined in the chart below:

Reaching Home Funding		Revenue	Expenses
	2022-2023	\$2,749,323	
	2021-2022 Carryover	\$394,736	
Total:		\$3,144,059	
Allocated:			
	Housing First for Youth		\$175,000
	Housing First for Families		\$376,000
	Housing First for Adults		\$350,953
	Prevention & Shelter Diversion		\$219,000
	Indigenous Case Management		\$99,000
	Coordinated Access		\$56,680
	Administration		\$398,561
Total:			\$1,675,194
Remaining to be allocated		\$1,468,865	
Proposed Projects:	Aspen Apartment		\$1,318,864.34
	Bailey House		\$150,000
Total :			\$1,468,864.34
			\$3,144,058.34



The City and Housing NWT have been collaborating on options that can ensure Aspen can become an asset that supports non-market housing. Housing NWT is in the process of accepting the transfer of this asset from the Government of Canada. Further external funding is being explored between the city and Housing NWT to ensure continued momentum of this project.

Committee noted that Council's policies, resolutions or goals include:

Goal #3: Ensuring a high quality of life for all, including future generations.

Objective 3.3 Work with partners to address pressing social issues.

Action 3.3.2 Focus on bringing partners and funding to support the implementation of the City's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness.

Committee noted that applicable legislation, by-laws, studies or plans include:
Everyone is Home – Yellowknife's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness.

Existing Programs/Services

The City of Yellowknife's Community Advisory Board on Homelessness has previously allocated \$1,219,953 of the 2022/2023 funding as follows:

- Housing First for Youth \$175,000 – Homebase Yellowknife;
- Housing First for Families \$376,000 – YWCA;
- Housing First for Adults \$350,953 – Yellowknife Women's Society;
- Prevention and Shelter Diversion \$219,000 – Homebase Yellowknife; and
- Indigenous Case Management \$ 99,000 – Arctic Indigenous Wellness foundation.

Committee noted that supporting the motion of the CAB to utilize the Reaching Home funding for individuals and families experiencing homelessness and at imminent risk of homelessness.

The Reaching Home Funding Directives support the CAB motion to fund the renovation and operational cost to transition the Aspen Apartments into non-market housing as well as to fund a men's transitional housing program (Bailey House).

Committee recommends that Council approve the recommendation from the City of Yellowknife Community Advisory Board on Homelessness (CAB) to allocate the remaining \$1,468,864.34 of 2022-2023 Reaching Home - Canada's Strategy to End Homelessness funding as follows:

1. **Transition of Aspen Apartments into non-market housing (for capital and O&M costs): \$1,318,864.34; and**
2. **Salvation Army's Bailey House in alignment with Reaching Home Directives: \$150,000.00.**

MOVE APPROVAL



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- (For Information Only)
4. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,
Councillor Payne seconded,

That Committee move in camera at 12:21 p.m. to discuss a matter still under consideration.

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- (For Information Only)
5. Committee discussed a matter still under consideration.

- (For Information Only)
6. Councillor Warburton left the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

- (For Information Only)
7. Committee continued its discussion regarding a matter still under consideration.

- (For Information Only)
8. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,
Councillor Fequet seconded,

That Committee return to an open meeting at 1:01 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (For Information Only)
9. There was no business arising from the in camera session.
10. The meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.