



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Monday, February 13, 2023 at 12:05 p.m.

Report of a meeting held on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 12:05 p.m. via teleconference. 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, and
Councillor R. Warburton.

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance:

S. Bassi-Kellett,
C. Caljouw,
J. Elliot,
C. Greencorn,
N. Johnson,
K. Thistle,
G. White, and
S. Jovic.

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| | (For Information Only) |
| 1. | There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest. |
| 2. | Committee read a memorandum regarding whether to approve the recommendations of the City of Yellowknife Community Advisory Board on Homelessness to allocate funding for the 2023/2024 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.

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| 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 |

The City of Yellowknife will receive \$2,726,096 in Reaching Home funding for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, of which \$200,000 is allocated to the City of Yellowknife for administrative costs and funds the Homelessness Resources Coordinator and fifty percent of the Homelessness Specialist position. Additionally, \$56,680 of these funds will be directed towards supporting Coordinated Access as per Reaching Home Directives.

2023-2024 Funding amounts, allocated funds and proposed projects are outlined in the chart below:

| Reaching Home Funding | | Revenue | Expenses |
|------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------|
| | 2023-2024 | \$2,726,096 | |
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| Proposed Projects | | | |
| | Housing First for Youth | | \$393,893 |
| | Housing First for Families | | \$594,893 |
| | Housing First for Adults | | \$569,846 |
| | Prevention & Shelter Diversion - Youth | | \$100,000 |
| | Prevention & Shelter Diversion - Adults | | \$100,000 |
| | Prevention & Shelter Diversion - Families | | \$100,000 |
| | Prevention & Shelter Diversion - Seniors | | \$100,000 |
| | Indigenous Case Management | | \$105,930 |
| Total: | | | \$2,064,562 |
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| | Coordinated Access | | \$56,680 |
| | Administration | | \$200,000 |
| Total: | | | \$256,680 |
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| Total : | | | \$2,321,242 |
| Remaining for CAB Allocation | | \$404,854 | |

As per the Reaching Home Agreement between the City and the Federal government, all funded projects must undergo a public and transparent process for award. The City's



Procurement Policy also requires a competitive bid process for expenditures. As such, a Request for Proposal (RFP) process will be issued to secure a service provider for each of the above stated allocations.

Yellowknife organizations are welcome to submit a proposal for any of the remaining funds up to a maximum of \$404,854 no later than February 16, 2023. A CAB meeting has been scheduled for February 23, 2023 to review these proposals and allocate the remaining amount.

Council Policy, Resolution or Goal 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.

Applicable legislation, by-laws, studies, plans include:

Everyone is Home – Yellowknife's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness.

Existing Programs/Services

Under Reaching Home: Canada's Strategy to End Homelessness, the City of Yellowknife has allocated funding to the services identified for the previous four years of the five-year funding agreement.

The City of Yellowknife's Community Advisory Board on Homelessness has most recently 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.

Support for the recommendation of the CAB will provide the opportunity for various organizations to provide key services and programs to individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

Committee recommends that Council approve the recommendation from the City of Yellowknife Community Advisory Board on Homelessness (CAB) to allocate \$2,064,562 of 2023-2024 Reaching Home - Canada's Strategy to End Homelessness funding as follows:

1. Housing First for Youth: \$393,893;
2. Housing First for Families: \$594,893;
3. Housing First for Adults: \$569,846;
4. Prevention & Shelter Diversion – Youth: \$100,000;
5. Prevention & Shelter Diversion – Adults: \$100,000;



6. **Prevention & Shelter Diversion – Families: \$100,000;**
7. **Prevention & Shelter Diversion – Seniors: \$100,000; and**
8. **Indigenous Case Management: \$ 105,930.**

MOVE APPROVAL

(For Information Only)

3. Committee accepted for information a memorandum regarding minutes of the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness meeting of January 23, 2023.

(For Information Only)

4. Committee accepted for information a memorandum regarding minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of October 20, 2022.

(For Information Only)

5. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,
Councillor Cochrane seconded,

That Committee move in camera at 12:13 p.m. to discuss a memorandum regarding whether to appoint members to serve on the Heritage Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(For Information Only)

6. Committee discussed a memorandum regarding whether to appoint members to serve on the Heritage Committee.

(For Information Only)

7. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,
Councillor Fequet seconded,

That Committee return to an open meeting at 12:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Business arising from in camera session

8. **Committee read a memorandum regarding whether to appoint members to serve on the Heritage Committee.**

Committee noted that there are vacancies on the Heritage Committee. The Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) requested that:

1. Ms. Liza Pieper be appointed as their representative on the Heritage Committee as the term of office for Ms. Angela Lafferty will expire on February 22, 2023; and
2. Mr. Bobby Drygeese and Ms. Angela Lafferty be appointed as their alternate representatives on the Heritage Committee.



It is the practice of the City of Yellowknife to advertise all vacancies for boards and committees. The City has advertised the vacancy on the Heritage Committee in the Capital Update and the City's website.

Council policy, resolution or goal include:

Council Goal #2 Delivering efficient and accountable government.

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

Applicable legislation, by-laws, studies, plans include:

1. Council Procedures By-law No. 4975, as amended; and
2. *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*.

Legislation

Section 122 of Council Procedures By-law No. 4975 states:

Special Committees of Council

122. Where Council deems it necessary to establish a special committee to investigate and consider any matter, Council shall:

- (1) name the committee;
- (2) establish terms of reference;
- (3) appoint members to it;
- (4) establish the term of appointment of members;
- (5) establish requirements for reporting to Council or a standing committee; and
- (6) allocate any necessary budget or other resources to it.

Procedural Considerations

All appointments to Special Committees and Subcommittees must be approved by Council. It is the practice of the City of Yellowknife to advertise all vacancies that arise on City Boards and Committees.

Appointing a full complement of members to the Yellowknife Heritage Committee will ensure that the Committee's projects are not unduly delayed.

Committee recommends that Council appoint the following members to serve on the Yellowknife Heritage Committee for a two (2) year term commencing February 28, 2023 and ending February 27, 2025:

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| Liza Pieper – Primary Bobby Drygeese - Alternate Angela Lafferty - Alternate | Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) |
| Herb Mathisen | One (1) member from public at large |

MOVE APPROVAL

9. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.