



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

Monday, December 11, 2023 at 12:05 p.m.

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.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.	Opening Statement: The City of Yellowknife acknowledges that we are located in Chief Drygeese territory. From time immemorial, it has been the traditional land of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation. We respect the histories, languages, and cultures of all other Indigenous Peoples including the North Slave Métis, and all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.
2.	Approval of the agenda.
3.	Disclosure of conflict of interest and the general nature thereof.
ANNEX A	(For Information Only)
4.	A memorandum regarding a report regarding Councillor Ben Hendriksen's and Councillor Rob Warburton's travel to Halifax, N.S. to attend the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Conference from November 7 – 11, 2023.
5.	A discussion regarding Fieldhouse Engagement.



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MEMORANDUM TO COMMITTEE
(For Information Only)

COMMITTEE: Governance and Priorities

DATE: December 11, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Mayor's Office

ISSUE: A report regarding Councillor Ben Hendriksen's and Councillor Rob Warburton's travel to Halifax, N.S. to attend the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Conference from November 7 – 11, 2023.

BACKGROUND:

Attached for the information of Council are the Travel Reports from Councillor Ben Hendriksen and Councillor Rob Warburton for their travel to Halifax, N.S. to attend the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Conference from November 7 – 11, 2023.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC DIRECTION/RESOLUTION/POLICY:

#0365-93 It is the policy of the City of Yellowknife that:

1. All City sponsored travel by Yellowknife City Council members, inclusive of the Mayor, be approved by formal resolution of Council either prior to commencement of the travel, or at the first regular Council meeting after commencement of the travel; and
2. Yellowknife City Council members, inclusive of the Mayor, be required to table a detailed expense claim for City sponsored travel within three weeks of their return from City travel. This claim is to be supported by a daily diary detailing City business.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Councillor Ben Hendriksen's Travel Report and Expense Claim (DM#750030) and,
2. Councillor Rob Warburton's Travel Report and Expense Claim (DM#750618).

Prepared: November 27, 2023/TM

**Travel Report for the
Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH) 2023: NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENDING
HOMELESSNESS**

**Conference Report
Nov 7 to 11 2023 (Conference dates Nov 8 to 10)**

I attended the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH) 2023: National Conference On Ending Homelessness from November 8 to 10, 2023, with travel on November 7 to 11.

Day by day highlights are outlined below.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7

- Travel from Yellowknife to Halifax

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8

- Attended CAEH 2023 conference starting with opening plenary at 8am. Opened by Chair Don Iveson (former Mayor of Edmonton), Mayor Mike Savage of Halifax, and song and dancing from members of the Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre.
- Attended morning session on the issue of shifting policy and adapting bylaw responses to unsheltered homeless populations
 - key takeaways from this session; Penticton created a public safety bylaw focused not on enforcement but to create a permission structure for MED to engage with people experiencing homelessness. Shift some municipal enforcement resources to community safety. Need a safe use area for those with addiction issues..
- Attended afternoon sessions on harm reduction and being agents for change for equity seeking groups.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9

- Attended morning plenary with Dr. Marie Helene-Pelletier, speaking about mental health and resilience both for people experiencing homelessness and for people working to support those people.
- Attended morning session on gender-based violence and where we go as a society from here. Key takeaway is the need to include thinking on caring for women and girls, and the homeless population in emergency responses.
- Lunch working session with speaker Jeff Olivet from the US Interagency Council on Homelessness
- Attended an afternoon session on collaboration and innovation to address rural homelessness. The latter session had a great presentation from Leigh Bursey, a former City Councillor from Brockville, Ontario on the cross section of legislating, activism, service provision, and users themselves.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10

-Morning Plenary with David Coletto from Abacus research speaking about the national opinion polling data around housing and homelessness.

-Followed up with a session on rethinking what is an emergency shelter in rural and remote communities.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11

-Return travel from Halifax to Yellowknife. Trip extended to evening of Sunday November 12 due to the flight to Yellowknife on Saturday having to return to Vancouver.

If there are any questions I am happy to discuss at any time.

**CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE
TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION AND EXPENSE CLAIM**

Name: Benjamin Hendriksen Date: _____

Department: Mayor and Council

The above named is authorized to travel for 5 days, departing November 7

For the purpose of: Attending the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Conference in Halifax

Approved, Mayor

For Travel Advance:

Authorization is given for a Travel Expense Advance of \$ Rebecca City

Coding: _____

Approved, Mayor

GL 6500-8-6000
Homelessness
Conference

DM# 450945v11

CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE - EXPENSE CLAIM

EXPENSE ITEMS	ALLOWABLE AMOUNTS Note: Receipts are required for ALL items indicated in "Receipts" column	RECEIPTS Number & show #	Enter date. Use one column for each day.	TOTAL EXPENSE
AIR TRAVEL	Economy Class (Attach passenger ticket with arrival/ departure times)			
RENTAL CAR	Actual			
PRIVATE VEHICLE	\$ _____ km x _____ rate = (\$0.675/km NWT & \$0.585/km elsewhere)			
TAXI & TRANSIT	Receipts required for all amounts over \$5.00			\$69.71
ACCOMMODATION	Hotels			\$800.72
	Private Accommodation (\$50.00 / per night)			
INCIDENTALS	\$17.50 / day			
MEALS	Do not claim for sponsored meals or meals included in price of transport			
	Breakfast \$25.55 / day			
	Lunch \$31.00 / day			
	Dinner \$66.35 / day			
TELEPHONE	Specify Purpose			
OTHER	Specify Purpose			
TOTAL EXPENSE	Specify Purpose			\$870.43
HONORARIUM	Council only - \$260.00 / day (paid separately through HR)			
GRAND TOTAL				\$870.43

I certify that I have expended the amounts claimed and that all expenditures were on City Business.

November 16, 2023
(DATE)

Nov 20, 2023
(DATE)

Less Advance Received - \$ _____

Balance Owning - To/by Employee/Councillor - \$ _____

(CASH/CHEQUE ATTACHED)

Financial Coding: _____

Travel Per Diem Rates DM#388418v11

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**Conference Report
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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8

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- Attended morning session on about innovative transitional housing and housing first projects that are supporting people and especially youth experiencing homelessness in rural and remote communities.
 - key takeaways from this session;
 - Mobile and outreach are key to delivery of effective services to vulnerable populations. Meet them where they are not where service providers are.
 - Zoning and bylaws currently barriers to small and temporary housing solutions and city can address these
 - Alternative building practices like 3d printing can create unique opportunities in small communities
- Attended two afternoon sessions. Downtowns and Main Streets: The Role of Business Improvement Districts in Addressing Homelessness and Governance Approaches Towards Ending Homelessness
 - Key takeaways were that only by working with businesses can these problems be addressed
 - Public spaces such as libraries can be used to provide supports for social and homeless issues of clients

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9

- Attended morning plenary with Dr. Marie Helene-Pelletier, speaking about mental health and resilience both for people experiencing homelessness and for people working to support those people.
- Attended morning session on Lessons from Homelessness Responses in Rural Areas and Small and Medium-Sized Cities

- Takeaway is small cities can benefit from the local connections and networks to assist in program and housing delivery including landlords, social services and government
- Lunch working session with speaker Jeff Olivet from the US interagency Council on Homelessness
- Attended an afternoon session on From NIMBY to YIMBY (Yes, In My Back Yard!)
 - Takeaway was that communicating often and authentically with neighborhoods when a new social housing or services are being placed there is key to both getting built but also success of clients using those services after it is a part of that community.
 - Strategy to combat NIMBY'ism is key from start of any project

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10

- Morning Plenary with David Coletta from Abacus research speaking about the national opinion polling data around housing and homelessness.
- Morning Session on Successful Landlord Engagement
 - Takeaways are that the market housing providers can be successfully engaged to provide housing units to both non-[profits and governments
 - Requires agencies engaging market housing providers to understand the needs of the landlords financially and operationally to successfully work together
 - Covered topics such as master leasing, housing first, leasing incentives and wrap around services

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**CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE
TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION AND EXPENSE CLAIM**

Name: Robert Warburton Date: 22 Nov 2023
 Department: Mayor + Council
 The above named is authorized to travel for 5 days, departing Nov 7th, 2023
 For the purpose of: Attending Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Conf.

Rebecca Olney
 Approved, Mayor

For Travel Advance:
 Authorization is given for a Travel Expense Advance of \$ _____
 Coding: _____

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PRIVATE VEHICLE	\$ _____ km x _____ rate = (\$0.675/km NWT & \$0.585/km elsewhere)						
TAXI & TRANSIT	Receipts required for all amounts over \$5.00						
ACCOMMODATION	Hotels						69.71
	Private Accommodation (\$50.00 / per night)						1231.86
INCIDENTALS	\$17.50 / day						
MEALS	Do not claim for sponsored meals or meals included in price of transport						
	Breakfast \$25.55 / day						
	Lunch \$31.00 / day						
	Dinner \$66.35 / day						
TELEPHONE	Specify Purpose						
OTHER	Specify Purpose						
TOTAL EXPENSE	Specify Purpose						
HONORARIUM	Council only - \$260.00 / day (paid separately through HR)						1633.32
GRAND TOTAL							\$1633.32

I certify that I have expended the amounts claimed and that all expenditures were on City Business.

Less Advance Received - \$ _____
 Balance Owing - To/By Employee/Councillor - \$ _____
 (CASH/CHEQUE ATTACHED)
 Financial Coding: _____

22 Nov 2023 (DATE)
 Nov 27, 2023 (DATE)

(SIGNATURE OF COUNCIL MEMBER)
 (SIGNATURE OF MAYOR)

Travel Per Diem Rates DM#388418v11

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