



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

Monday, August 25, 2025 at 12:05 p.m.

Chair: Mayor B. Hendriksen,
Councillor S. Arden-Smith,
Councillor G. Cochrane,
Councillor R. Fequet,
Councillor R. Foote,
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.
4.	A presentation regarding Economic Impact on Mine Closures.
<u>IN CAMERA</u>	
ANNEX A	
5.	A memorandum regarding whether to appoint someone to fill a vacant position on the Audit Committee.
ANNEX B	
6.	A memorandum regarding whether to appoint members to serve on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness
7.	Business arising from In Camera Session.



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MEMORANDUM TO COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE: Governance and Priorities

DATE: August 25, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Governance and Legal Services

ISSUE: Whether to appoint someone to fill a vacant position on the Audit Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council appoint a Professional Engineer, pursuant to Audit Committee By-law No. 4127, to serve on the City of Yellowknife (City) Audit Committee for a three-year term commencing August 26, 2025 and ending August 25, 2028.

BACKGROUND:

There is a vacancy on the Audit Committee.

It is the practice of the City to advertise all committee vacancies. The City advertised the vacancy, specifying that it be filled by an engineer on the City's website and social media sites.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC DIRECTION/RESOLUTION/POLICY:

Council Goal #1 People First.

Motion #0459-96: "The following policy be adopted with respect to appointments to municipal boards and committees:

- i) The maximum consecutive years that an individual may serve on any one board or committee is six.
- ii) Individuals who have served the maximum six-year period on one municipal board or committee shall be eligible to be appointed to another board or committee.
- iii) No individual shall be precluded from serving concurrent terms on more than one municipal board or committee.
- iv) Notwithstanding that an individual appointee has served less than six years on a particular board or committee, Council may, after the expiration of

the first or subsequent terms of that appointee, advertise for applicants to fill a vacancy on that board or committee.

- v) Notwithstanding clause (i.) of this policy, should the City receive no applications to fill a vacancy on any particular board or committee, the six year maximum limitation may, at the discretion of City Council, be waived.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BY-LAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:

1. *Cities, Towns & Villages Act*; and
2. Audit Committee By-law No. 4217, as amended.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Consistency

The Audit Committee has recommended staggered terms for Committee members.

Legislation

Audit Committee By-law No. 4127 requires outside members to reside in Yellowknife and be independent from City Council, management, auditors, legal counsel and major contractors. Section 4.a.ii(3) states that the currently vacant position must be filled by a Professional Engineer.

Procedural Considerations

The Audit Committee helps to enhance the auditor's real and perceived independence by providing an intermediary link between the auditor and Council. The Audit Committee limits the reliance Council must place on the technical expertise of the independent auditor.

ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council appoint a Professional Engineer to the Audit Committee for an alternate term.
2. That the City re-advertise the vacancy on the Audit Committee.

RATIONALE:

The Audit Committee is intended to function with a full complement of six members. Having the term of a new member expire in three years will conform to the staggered term recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS:

Expression of interest from candidates.

Prepared: August 1, 2025; SJ/



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MEMORANDUM TO COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE: Governance and Priorities

DATE: August 25, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Governance and Legal Services

ISSUE: Whether to appoint members to serve on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council appoint the following members to serve on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness (CAB) commencing August 26, 2025 and ending August 25, 2027:

Name	Representing
	Two (2) representative who have lived experience of homelessness
	One (1) representative from non-government Health organizations, including hospitals or other institutions, and organizations focused on mental health and addiction
	One (1) representative from Veterans Affairs Canada or veterans serving organizations

BACKGROUND:

There are vacancies on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness for: Two (2) representatives who have lived experience of homelessness; One (1) representative from non-government Health organizations, including hospitals or other institutions, and organizations focused on mental health and addiction; One (1) representative from Veterans Affairs Canada or veterans serving organization.

It is the practice of the City of Yellowknife to advertise all vacancies for boards and committees. The City has advertised vacancies on the Community Advisory Board (CAB) on Homelessness on the City’s website and social media sites.

COUNCIL POLICY / RESOLUTION OR GOAL:

Council Goal #1 People First.

Motion #0459-96, as amended by #0460-96, #0462-96 and #0273-09:

"The following policy be adopted with respect to appointments to municipal boards and committees:

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- vi) Should the City receive no applications to fill a vacancy on any particular board or committee, City Council may appoint a member of the public at their discretion.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BY-LAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:

Council Procedures By-law No. 4975, as amended.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Legislation

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

Special Committees of Council

120. 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 must be approved by Council.

The composition of the Committee was structured so that various segments of the community are represented.

ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION:

No viable alternative has been identified.

RATIONALE:

The Committee members will assist the City in an advisory capacity regarding homelessness issues within the municipal boundaries of the City of Yellowknife. Appointing a full complement of Members will ensure that the work of the committee is completed in a timely fashion.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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