

Committee Members Present: Co-Chair – C. Gauthier; L. Levy; F. Tick; M. Villela; J. Wegenast; J. Pandher; D. Halber; E. Van Egmond

City Staff Present: Housing, Homelessness and Community Development Specialist - M. Sikora; Coordinated Access Specialist - G. McMahon;

Others Present: L. Nissanov – Vancity; K. D’Souza – Service Canada

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:34am

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the Abbotsford Community Advisory Board Committee meeting of December 14, 2022.

Moved by E. Van Egmond, seconded by C. Gauthier that the minutes of the Community Advisory Board meeting held December 14, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

3. COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD OVERVIEW AND CHANGES – Mike Sikora

- Currently creating a Reaching Home Community Plan and developing a Call for Proposal process to receive funding applications from community service providers.
- It was noted that funding will be provided with recommendations to the Community Entity/City Council regarding funding allocations out of the CFP process.
- The Committee decided that city staff will now be chairing this meeting.
- The Coordinated Access System will be established by March 31, 2023.
- As a community entity, City Council is required to review and approve the reaching home program deliverables from the CAB to ensure alignment with the city values.
- This Committee voting members have been reduced from 23 to 12, with 4-6 ex-officio members.

4. COORDINATED ACCESS UPDATE – Graham McMahon

- There are a set of requirements set by the Federal Government for Coordinated Access.
- The methodology is community driven with a sustainable approach with a phased roll out.
- The Integrated Outreach meeting tracks trends, challenges and program updates.
- The Committee was informed that an information sharing agreement is currently being created.
- Abbotsford Situation Table is an emerging interagency table to help triage people facing situations with acutely elevated risk, responding within 24-48 hours.
- Coordinated Access Working Group are developing governance and operational aspects and will be setting priority process, vacancy matching process and CARI list.
- Coordinated Access Prevention Diversion Group is an emerging interagency CAS group to assist with residents to make sure they are not homeless and receive the support they require.

6. FEDERAL TRANSITION TO INFRASTRUCTURE CANADA – Karen Dsouza
- This program will be shifted to Infrastructure Canada to keep housing under one umbrella which will take effect April 1, 2023.
 - This is a structure change only, does not impact any of the support or programs.
7. REACHING HOME PROJECT RECEIVED WITH RECOMMENDATION – Lisa Nissanov
- The summary of funds available for 2023-2024 that are not allocated \$127,179.
 - Archway Community Services is asking for funds for a Drop in Centre study, total cost request is \$20,000.

The motion was approved by Eric Van Egmond, seconded by Leonard Levy that the Community Advisory Board approve the proposed project – Archway Community Services: Drop-In Study for 2023/24 Coordination of Resources and Data Collection, and recommend they be presented to Abbotsford City Council for final approval.

- It was noted that this request came in through an open call until the funds were no longer available. This fell into the process for a call for proposal that was posted on the COA website.

NEXT STEPS

- There will be a presentation of recommendations to the City of Abbotsford Council in March, 2023.
- Will need to confirm funding with approved project and finalize any slippage, amendments to 2022/23 subprojects, and expected amendments for 2023/24 and fiscal year and present to the CAB in May 2023.

8. MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

- This Committee will be reporting on funding information quarterly as required by the government.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27am.