

**City of Chilliwack**  
**Reaching Home Community Advisory Board Meeting**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION**  
**Monday, April 24, 2023**

**Council Members:** Mayor Ken Popove, Chair  
Councillor Harv Westeringh, Co-Chair

**RHCAB Members:** Trevor Wiens, Chilliwack Director, Cyrus Centre  
Steve Esau, Director of Operations – Fraser East, Pacific Community Resources Society  
Warren Schatz, Business Manager, Salvation Army Care and Share Centre  
Tabitha McLaughlin, IHART, Fraser Health  
Shawn Nygard, Community Member  
Shelby Johnson, Community Member  
Catherine Coumont, Ann Davis Transition Society  
Kathleen Mosa, Executive Director, Wilma’s House

**City Staff:** Karen Stanton, Director of Public Safety and Social Development  
Holly Ferris, Manager of Social Development  
Kim Spice, Social Development Specialist

**Regrets:** Superintendent Davy Lee, OIC, RCMP  
Chief Derek Epp, Tzeachten First Nation  
Frank Tick, Coordinated Access and Assessment Manager | Shelter and Supportive Housing Operations, Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley, BC Housing  
John Schulstad, Manager, Royal Bank of Canada  
Leslee Picton, Service Navigator/Intake, Stó:lō Service Agency, Community Member  
Julie Unger, Executive Director, Chilliwack Society for Community Living  
Corrine McCabe, Community Member  
Scott Gaglardi, Executive Director, Ruth and Naomi’s Mission  
Kelly Velonis, Executive Director, Chilliwack and District Seniors Society  
Warren Chan, Senior Program Development Officer, Western Canada and Territories, Service Canada

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ken Popove was Chair and called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved / ) That the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Reaching Home Community Advisory Board  
Seconded ( Held April 24, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved / ) That the Minutes for the Reaching Home Community Advisory Board meeting held  
Seconded ( March 10, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

**Reaching Home 2023-2024 Request for Proposal Evaluations - Indigenous Youth and Youth Outreach:**

It was noted that Staff received a revised Request for Proposal for the Indigenous Youth and Youth Outreach project from Cyrus Centre. The proposal was reviewed by the evaluation team and it was determined that requirements necessary to move forward with the project were met. A contract will be issued following the CAB meeting today.

**Review of Community Engagement:**

Holly Ferris, Manager of Social Development, provided a brief presentation with respect to information gathered through community engagement regarding a funding allocation in the amount of \$121, 212.00.

At the community engagement session held on April 3, 2023, the following needs were identified by stakeholders:

- Housing Facilitators – Client Support Services
- Post treatment housing – Housing Services
- Support with building life skills – Client Support Services
- Connecting individuals to services – Client Support Services
- Storage for individuals experiencing homelessness – Client Support Services with a short-term limitation of three months
- Youth Outreach/building relational capital with peer work – does not fit a Reaching Home directive as Covid-19 flexibilities have been repealed as of April 1, 2023
- Rental supplements – does not fit a Reaching Home directive and is a duplication of services provided through BC Housing programming
- Additional support with rental and utility arrears – Prevention and Shelter Diversion
- CLBC Advocate – not fundable through Reaching Home as it is another government agency
- Gap between detox and treatment – does not fit a Reaching Home directive

NEW BUSINESS - continued

Discussion regarding the above noted needs ensued. It was noted that life skill building supports could be formalized through the Wellness Centre by utilizing the current staffing model. Community members identified the importance of addressing this gap in service, as individuals can quickly be displaced from market housing if supports and stability are not provided. Building life skills with individuals can include assistance with learning to cook, clean and declutter, to name a few. Storage for individuals' belongings was discussed, as this can be an important piece for people in feeling safe and secure when reaching out for various supports to improve circumstances, health and housing. Members determined due to the short-term stipulations mandated by the directive, it was not recommended to fund this type of project. Detox and treatment stabilization beds was noted as a major gap in the community but the funding allocation is not large enough to tackle this type of project. Further funding for Prevention and Diversion will be discussed later in the fiscal year after current funding is expended. Finally, the Housing Support Facilitator position through PCRS – Housing Hub, was identified as the largest need in the community, as permanent funding through BC Housing was not secured.

The following motion was put forward regarding the funding allocation of \$121,212.00:

Moved / ) That Council endorse the recommendation of the Reaching Home Community Advisory  
Seconded ( Board, to provide funding for the Housing Support Facilitator in the amount of \$121,212.00  
to the Housing Hub for the 2023-2024 Reaching Home fiscal year.

Carried Unanimously

NEXT STEPS

The Reaching Home 2023/2024 funding recommendation for the Housing Support Facilitator, determined by Community Advisory Board during the April 24, 2023 meeting, will be presented at the May 2, 2023 City of Chilliwack Council Meeting.

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**NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Reaching Home Community Advisory Board will be held on May 18, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Reaching Home Community Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.

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Mayor Ken Popove, Chair

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