



# HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES STRATEGIC COMMITTEE (HISC) MINUTES

June 19, 2024, 2:00 p.m.  
Room 1172, 1st Floor, Jubilee Centre  
9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray, AB T9H 2K4

- Present: Olive Wooden, Chair, Public-At-Large  
Sheena Bradley, Indigenous Community Representative  
Christina MacKay, Public Housing Representative  
Kelly Myers, Indigenous Community Representative  
Janmejay Rao, Public-At-Large
- Absent: Celestine Ezeh, Public-At-Large  
Heather McNamara, Downtown Business Community  
Maike Schmieding, Addiction and Mental Health Sector  
Representative  
Cathy Steeves, Local Funding Organization Representative
- Also Present: Lance Bussieres, Councillor  
D. Bergey, Director, Community Services  
J. Fleury, Manager, Community Services  
C. Cooper, Program Manager, Community Services  
C. Kimball, Department Administrator, Community Services  
S. Syed, Clerk, Legislative Services

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1. **Call to Order**

HISC Chair Olive Wooden called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

**MOVER:** C. MacKay

**SECONDER:** S. Bradley

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

FOR (5): O. Wooden, S. Bradley, C. MacKay, K. Myers, and J. Rao

ABSENT (4): C. Ezeh, H. McNamara, M. Schmieding, and C. Steeves

**CARRIED (5 to 0)**

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**3.1 Homelessness Initiatives Strategic Committee Meeting - April 17, 2024**

**MOVER:** J. Rao

**SECONDER:** C. MacKay

THAT the Minutes of the Homelessness Initiatives Strategic Committee Meeting held on April 17, 2024, be approved as presented.

FOR (5): O. Wooden, S. Bradley, C. MacKay, K. Myers, and J. Rao

ABSENT (4): C. Ezeh, H. McNamara, M. Schmieding, and C. Steeves

**CARRIED (5 to 0)**

**4. New and Unfinished Business**

**4.1 Community Plan on Homelessness Information Presentation**

C. Kimball, Community Services, provided the Committee an explanation of how Coordinated Access Points (CAP) use the Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Assistance assessment tool noting that each CAP will have the information available from the assessment. Data from the Community Plan on Homelessness as of June 10, 2024, was also presented along with upcoming events.

**4.2 Federal Community Homelessness Report**

C. Kimball, Community Services, provided an overview of the Federal Community Homelessness Report. Committee members noted that the Indigenous population represents a large percentage of the region's homeless population.

**MOVER:** K. Myers

**SECONDER:** J. Rao

THAT the 2023 - 2024 Federal Community Homelessness Report be approved as presented.

FOR (5): O. Wooden, S. Bradley, C. MacKay, K. Myers, and J. Rao

ABSENT (4): C. Ezeh, H. McNamara, M. Schmieding, and C. Steeves

**CARRIED (5 to 0)**

**MOVER:** K. Myers

**SECONDER:** S. Bradley

THAT the Homelessness Initiatives Strategic Committee recommends that Mayor and Council engage the First Nations Chiefs and Council and Métis Presidents and Council to discuss shared solutions to homelessness.

FOR (5): O. Wooden, S. Bradley, C. MacKay, K. Myers, and J. Rao

ABSENT (4): C. Ezeh, H. McNamara, M. Schmieding, and C. Steeves

**CARRIED (5 to 0)**

**5. Move into Closed Session**

**MOVER:** K. Myers

**SECONDER:** S. Bradley

THAT the Homelessness Initiatives Strategic Committee close item 6.1 to the public pursuant to section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and move into a closed session at 3:10 p.m.

FOR (5): O. Wooden, S. Bradley, C. MacKay, K. Myers, and J. Rao

ABSENT (4): C. Ezeh, H. McNamara, M. Schmieding, and C. Steeves

**CARRIED (5 to 0)**

**6. Closed Session**

**6.1 Advice from Officials - 2024-2025 Program Funding - Administration Update**

(in camera pursuant to sections 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

The following individuals were in Closed Session to provide information or administrative support to the Committee:

D. Bergey, J. Fleury, C. Kimball, and C. Cooper, Community Services, S. Syed, Legislative Services.

**7. Return to Open Session**

**MOVER:** S. Bradley

**SECONDER:** C. MacKay

THAT the Homelessness Initiatives Strategic Committee meeting move out of Closed Session at 3:24 p.m.

FOR (5): O. Wooden, S. Bradley, C. MacKay, K. Myers, and J. Rao

ABSENT (4): C. Ezeh, H. McNamara, M. Schmieding, and C. Steeves

**CARRIED (5 to 0)**

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

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Chair