

**Task Force on Poverty Elimination Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 27, 2014**  
**4:00 - 6:30 PM**  
**Heritage Room, Main Floor, City Hall**

Mayor Don Iveson (Co-Chair)	✓	Bishop Jane Alexander (Co-Chair)	✓
<b>Members</b>		<b>Members</b>	
Councillor Ben Henderson	✓	Councillor Amarjeet Sohi	✓
Justin Archer	✓	Sandra Huculak	✓
Jeffrey Bisanz	✓	Tiffany Linke-Boyko	✓
Kate Chisholm	✓	Eugene Ip	✓
Yvonne Chiu		Maria Mayan	
Dr. Joseph Doucet	✓	Carman McNary	✓
Sara Eadie	✓	Janice Melnychuk	✓
Dr. Louis Francescutti		Zahra Somani	✓
Mark Holmgren		Rachelle Venne (Aboriginal Roundtable)	✓
<b>COE staff</b>		<b>Guests</b>	
Lyall Brenneis		John Kolkman (Presenter)	✓
Kate Gunn	✓	Lora Pillipow (Presenter)	✓
Ward Antoniuk	✓	Dr. Patti Laboucane-Benson	✓
Lucenia Ortiz	✓	Muriel Stanley Venne	✓
Bin Lau	✓	Mark Anielski	✓
Julianna Charchun		Katie Soles (Facilitator)	✓
Gord Stewart	✓		
Kris Andreychuk	✓		
Cheryl Gagnier	✓		
Marian Bruin	✓		

## Minutes

Agenda Item	Discussion	Who	Actions/Decisions
1. Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Meeting called to order at 4:15 p.m.</li> <li>■ Agenda approved</li> <li>■ Approval of April 30 meeting minutes</li> <li>■ Welcomed Katie Soles to facilitate discussion.</li> </ul>	Mayor Don Iveson	Motion to approve April 30 minutes was carried.
2. Understanding the Poverty Landscape in Edmonton	<p>A panel presentation provided current information on the following topics critical to the work of the Task Force:</p> <p><u>Poverty Trends in Edmonton</u>  Discussed key trends on poverty in Edmonton, solutions that are working to</p>	John Kolkman	

	<p>reduce poverty and areas where the City can demonstrate its leadership to reduce/eliminate poverty.</p> <p><u>GOA Update on the Provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy</u> Presented progress of work in the development of the Alberta Poverty Reduction Strategy, key policy domains and poverty measures. Working with municipalities is integral in the provincial strategy.</p> <p><u>Historic Trauma Framework (</u> Presented a First Nations world view and how it anchors Aboriginal culture; historic trauma as a significant impact of colonization that had far-reaching effects on Aboriginal population and the need to reclaim Aboriginal culture (“Wahkohtowin”) and transform the lives of Aboriginal people.</p>	<p>Lora Pillipow</p> <p>Dr. Patti Laboucane-Benson</p>	
3. Definition of Poverty	<p>A definition of poverty was presented by the Information and Research Round Table.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Include social inclusion or the lack of participation in social and political in the definition</li> <li>▪ Examine the UN definition of poverty for consideration in crafting the definition</li> <li>▪ Definition highlights poverty as relative and introduce tensions within the definition</li> <li>▪ Definition of poverty guides our understanding of the causes and conditions leading to poverty; the current definition does not include issues on racism and discrimination such as historic trauma</li> <li>▪ How does the definition show relationships with Aboriginal communities</li> <li>▪ Use of LIM makes it accessible</li> <li>▪ Need to examine language of the definition-active voice and accessible</li> </ul> <p>A suggestion was made and approved to form a sub-group to work on the revising the definition of poverty incorporating the above discussions. A revised complete definition document will be provided adoption at the June 17 meeting.</p>	John Kolkmann	<p>Sub-group will present a revised definition of poverty it to the Task Force in the next meeting</p>

	It was noted that the TF should not be forming sub-committees on every issue. In this instance, a number of TF members expressed an interest in helping to revise and refine the definition.		
4. Presentation of Models and Frameworks	<p>Aboriginal Roundtable presented their views on how they would provide their perspective in Task Force discussion and their proposed process for engaging Aboriginal communities.</p> <p>Discussion on key priority areas needed more time to process information presented in today's meeting. Task Force need to discuss core issues of poverty that can shape key priority areas.</p>	Rachelle Venne	<p>Presentation of models and framework by the Information and Research Roundtable postponed for next meeting</p> <p>Discussion of core priorities areas postponed for next meeting.</p>
5. Announcements	Communications Committee will be formed this month and will develop a communications plan and approach for the work of the Task Force. This will include crafting key messages, looking at social media and supporting the Task Force's engagement process.	Justin Archer	Communications plan will be presented to the Task Force in the next meeting
6. Reflections on tonight's meeting	<p>Task Force members were asked to share what impacted them most in this meeting. Comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There is a need to engage people, especially those struggling with poverty in meaningful and respectful ways broader than the Task Force</li> <li>▪ Historic trauma was moving and hopeful that change can happen</li> <li>▪ A reminder of the complexity of the issue of poverty as beyond deprivation of material richness and to include a focus on community i.e. its role in perpetuating or eliminating poverty</li> <li>▪ Need to see the final product of the Task Force work and where we are making progress</li> </ul>	Jane Alexander	
7. Adjournment	<p>Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.</p> <p>Next meeting: <b>June 17 from 4:00 - 6:30 pm</b></p> <p>Location: Chancery Hall Meeting Room, Basement</p> <p>Parking: City Hall Parkade</p>		