

Task Force for the Elimination of Poverty Meeting
Thursday, October 15, 2015 4:00 - 7:00 PM
Councillors' Boardroom, City Hall

MINUTES

Present:

Members: Mayor Don Iveson (Co-Chair), Bishop Jane Alexander (Co-Chair), Councillor Ben Henderson, Jeffrey Bisanz, Kate Chisholm, Sarah Eadie, Eugene Ip, Sandra Huculak, Maria Mayan, Carman McNary, Janice Melnychuk, Zahra Somani, Anne Smith, Fiona Cavanagh

Regrets: Councillor Amarjeet Sohi, Dr. Daniel McKennitt, John Thomson, Mark Holmgren, Justin Archer, Yvonne Chiu, Joseph Doucet, Tiffany Linke-Boyko, Dr. Louis Hugo Francescutti

Guests: Pilar Martinez, Rosey Dodgeman

COE Staff: Lyall Brenneis, Kate Gunn, Mark Torjusen, Patricia Waisman, Walter Trocenko, Joshua Manego, Lucenia Ortiz, Kris Andreychuk, Dallas Dyson, Ward Antoniuk

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Discussion	Actions
<p>1. Call to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Mayor Don Iveson called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. ■ The September 2 Minutes and the October 15 agenda were approved with an additional agenda item, a discussion of the Task Force Survey. ■ Mayor Iveson stated that the meeting tonight will focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An update of the engagement activities that commenced last September 29 and to end on Nov. 6 ▪ Discussion of the Terms of Reference of the Task Force highlighting the implementation phase 	
<p>2. Co-Chairs Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Mayor Iveson thanked everyone for a great kick-off of EndPovertyEdmonton last September 18 and a successful presentation at City Council on September 22. The two events generated significant media attention! Task Force has been receiving media requests for interviews as well as presentations to groups and organizations. ■ Special thanks to Sarah Eadie for her article in response to Lorne Gunter at the Edmonton Sun and the vibrant online discussions among Task Force members on this issue. ■ Bishop Jane Alexander spoke about the Anglican Church hosting the Shining a Light exhibit about the legacy of the residential schools. This 	

<p>event offers opportunities for raising awareness of the impact of residential schools across Canada.</p>	
<p>4. Engagement Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ To date, nine sessions were completed with 289 participants attending. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Edmonton Chamber of Commerce - business ▪ Conversation café with U of A Faculty of Medicine -health ▪ Social Innovation Lab - young entrepreneurs ▪ Lived experience and front-line workers ▪ WAVE symposium - women ▪ City of Edmonton staff ■ From these sessions, participants spoke about the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Most priorities resonate with what people think as most important to them ▪ Addictions as an issue distinct from mental health ▪ Collaboration be furthered discussed in the strategy ▪ Affordable housing is an urgent issue ■ Twenty engagement sessions, including two online surveys are scheduled until November 7. ■ The engagement report, “What We Heard” will be presented to the Task Force at the November 9 meeting. 	
<p>5. Discussion on Task Force Survey</p> <p>The results of the survey conducted in the first two weeks of October were presented. The survey asked Task Force members about their experience at the Task Force and ways to improve the process as we moved into the next phase of work. Eight Task Force members responded to the survey. Some suggestions that was discussed to enhance work processes for implementation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Explore the idea of funding a full-time position to develop the implementation plan ■ Need for coordination of research that impacts the development of the implementation plan ■ A strategic learning process should be integrated in Task Force discussion as we evaluate how the work progresses 	

<p>6. Terms of Reference for Task Force and Planning Team</p> <p>A draft Terms of Reference for the Task Force and the Planning Team was presented to generate feedback. The discussion focused mainly on the Terms of Reference for the Planning Team such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Planning Team may need expertise from the Information and Research Round Table and should be included in the team ■ Context expertise is essential perhaps connecting once again with Working Groups ■ Need to have implementation principles and framework and include this to be a foundational task of the Planning Team ■ A thorough inventory of what currently exists that align with EPE strategy that includes strategic initiatives in The City of Edmonton as well as those being done by community stakeholders ■ Explore “secondment” of individuals with expertise to work on the Planning Team <p>The Task Force landed on three key changes on the draft Terms of Reference for the Planning Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ An EPE Implementation Road Map as the key deliverable which includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implementation principles ▪ Strategic sequencing of priorities ▪ High level resourcing and costing ■ Road map team be small and manageable with sufficient expertise and time commitment ■ Task Force members be asked to nominate members to the Project Team <p>Decision</p> <p>Approved draft with TOR with above-mentioned changes.</p>	<p>Project Team will send an updated TOR to Task Force members; Task Force members will send nominees for the Implementation Road Map Planning Team.</p>
<p>7. Wrap-Up and Next Steps</p> <p>Bishop Alexander closed the meeting with a reminder of upcoming engagement sessions that the Task Force members may wish to attend. For the next meeting, we will hear the full report of the engagement sessions and updates from the implementation planning work.</p>	
<p>9. Adjournment</p> <p>Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM</p> <p><u>2015 Task Force Meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● November 9 	