

Task Force on Poverty Elimination Meeting
Tuesday, March 25, 2014
4:00 - 5:30 PM
Councillor's Board Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall

Mayor Don Iveson (Co-Chair)	✓	Bishop Jane Alexander (Co-Chair)	✓
Members		Members	
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 (Les Hagen-alternate)	✓	Zahra Somani	✓
Mark Holmgren	✓	Lora Pilliow	✓
COE staff			
Lyall Brenneis	✓	Bin Lau	✓
Kate Gunn	✓	Julianna Charchun	✓
Ward Antoniuk	✓		
Lucenia Ortiz	✓		

Minutes

Agenda Item	Discussion	Who	Actions/Decisions
1. Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m. ■ Agenda was approved 	Mayor Don Iveson	
2. Opening Remarks from Co-Chairs	<p>Mayor Don Iveson welcomed everyone to the first Task Force meeting and thanked everyone for their participation in this important initiative.</p> <p>Bishop Alexander said that she is enormously excited to work in this initiative and make a difference.</p>	Co-Chairs	
3. Introductions	Brief introductions of participants, their background and what they can contribute to the work of the Task Force	All	

<p>4. Discussion on the Task Force By-Law</p>	<p>4.1 Co-Chair appointment</p> <p>4.2 Task Force Mechanics from By-law 16765</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Quorum should be established in the meeting of members present; alternate are not included in quorum count ■ Everyone has an equal vote ■ Voting must be made in person; alternates are not allowed to vote ■ TF meetings are open to the public; meetings schedule, agenda and minutes must be posted in public ■ Attendees from the public may observe and maybe allowed to speak if invited to speak by the Task Force 	<p>Ward Antoniuk</p>	<p>Motion to appoint Bishop Jane Alexander as Co-Chair of the Task Force moved by Dr. Joseph Doucet; motion carried.</p>
<p>5. Sharing our perspectives on poverty and poverty elimination</p>	<p>Participants shared their interest and insights on the work of the Task Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ There is a strong reason to be interested as poverty affects one's ability to succeed; e.g. identify the determinants of students' success ■ There is a public health perspective of poverty in terms of its cost and impact ■ Poverty is a social justice issue as well as an economic challenge ■ Explore how we can involve business students as they are incredibly motivated to solve problems i.e. business schools have raised over \$1M for poverty and homelessness ■ Need to explore ways to engage the business sector in the solutions of social problems ■ Focus on strong, prosperous community which is what makes good public policy <p>Thoughts on how the TF can do its work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Expected outcome is to produce a report after 12 months while informing public debate ■ Ensure broad discussion on timelines to discuss short-term and long-term issues ■ Timelines should allow more time in case some additional work needs to be done ■ More than just tactical issues but investments in critical areas ■ TF collectively needs a framework for analysing poverty to help define underlying issues and where can we have the most impact on the root causes ■ Need to find out who are not visible ("on 	<p>All</p>	

	<p>the radar”)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Extensive literature on poverty we can draw upon ■ Need new ways of working recognizing that this creative thinking is already happening ■ Need to realize that “changing things needs changing us” (actual quote) ■ Need to aware about action that may be highly political such as lobbying the federal and provincial government <p>Comments on City’s role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ City as the ideal convenor as municipalities absorb the consequences of broader public policy; this presents an interesting niche such as when policies are not working,; municipalities can open the conversation to other orders of government as well as to the community, agencies and employers ■ The City has an important role in engaging Edmontonians in the poverty dialogue through the help of the Task Force ■ Interested in what can the City do and lead that doesn’t require other orders of government <p>The Task Force’s role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Opportunity to provide thoughtful advice to the City of Edmonton on eliminating poverty ■ Navigate and make the case for the elimination of poverty to a diverse audience including those who may be difficult to reach <p>Resources that the Task Force needs to do its work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Facilitated discussions ■ City staff to bring relevant and timely information ■ Process to generate active discussions given the size of the Task Force 		
6. Planning the next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Suggestion to send questions to bring greater clarity about the work of the Task Force before the next meeting for response and/or discussion in the next meeting ■ Suggested Meeting dates from May to July (4:00 - 5:30 pm) May 20 or May 28 	<p>Lucenia</p> <p>Lucenia</p>	<p>Remind TF members to send their questions and collate them for the next meeting</p> <p>Doodle poll sent to everyone for</p>

	June 17 or June 25 July 16		meeting dates
5:30	Adjournment Next Meeting: April 30, 2014 - 4:00 - 5:30 PM Councillors' Boardroom		