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Renewed Community Advisory Board Looking for Members

Whitehorse – Current members of the Yukon Planning Group on Homelessness are excited to fill vacancies and expand representation on the Community Advisory Board (the CAB). The CAB is tasked with administering federal Reaching Home funding as well as helping implement the *Safe at Home Community Based Plan to End and Prevent Homelessness*.

“The stars are aligning for the Yukon with the new Reaching Home federal strategy on homelessness,” says Bill Thomas, current Chair of the CAB. “We’re seeing new federal money, new goals, a local plan and an opportunity to have the community meaningfully involved in ending homelessness in the Yukon.”

A recent Safe at Home Working Forum was attended by more than 150 people with broad political support from the Kwanlin Dün First Nation, the City of Whitehorse, the Ta’an Kwäch’än Council and Yukon Government. One item for discussion was how the current work underway to end homelessness in Yukon can be streamlined and coordinated under one umbrella.

“Now is the time to ensure we are collaborating on solutions, and ensuring that we are being innovative,” says Thomas. “We are anxious to work together with community members with lived experience, indigenous leadership, business owners and others.”

The Call for Participation is available on the City of Whitehorse, FASSY and Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition websites. Applications can be forwarded by email to ChairCAB@gmail.com by June 28th.

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