



**United Way**  
Northwest Territories

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### **Annual General Meeting - Minutes**

Date: September 21, 2024 Time: 1 p.m. Location: Union of Northern Workers Building

Present:

- Paul Gillard
- Tracy St. Denis
- Jhillian Adams
- Yanik D'Aigle
- Ebere Duru
- Matt Spence
- Paul Gillard
- Margaret Lovely
- Sara-Jayne Dempster
- Ben Linaker
- Pamela Strand
- Sandra Lester
- Alexandra Malakoe
- Simon Whitehouse
- Deborah Ross
- Aaron Reid
- Deanna Cornfield
- Angie Vilorio
- Richard Makohoniuk

Guests:

- Gerri Whiteford – Food Rescue
- Jordan Day – Crowe MacKay LLP

Meeting called to order at 1:07 by Paul Gillard

Quorum was confirmed

### **Welcoming Remarks**

- Paul opened the meeting and thanked all attendees for their participation. Paul thanked all board members for all their work and dedication over the last year.

**Approval of Agenda:**

- Motion to approve the agenda was seconded and unanimously approved.  
Moved by Yanik D'Aigle, seconded by Jhillian Adams

**Approval of Minutes – September 23, 2023**

- Motion to approve the AGM – Minutes September 23 was seconded and unanimously approved  
Moved by Yanik D'Aigle seconded by Jhillian Adams

**Chair's Report:****Chair's Highlights**

- A special thank you to Ebere Duru, Treasurer, Yanik D'Aigle, Chair of the Community Investment Committee and thank you to Matthew Spence, Jhillian Adams and Sara-Jayne Dempster for their work on the Management and Recovery Funding initiative
- Paul acknowledges the work done by the UWNWT and Ivy and Dean to raise over 3.5 million to support communities/organizations/individuals impacted by the 2023 Wildfire evacuation through the implementation of an Emergency and Recovery Fund.
- Paul recognizes that the UWNWT success in fundraising for in 2022/2023 could be met with donor fatigue in the coming years, UWNWT needs to continue to engage with the community. ?
- Paul informs the board, that Ivy and Dean have decided to terminate their contract with UWNWT. As of August 1, the UWNWT office is responsible to manage the Management and Recovery Fund
- With increase funding, the UWNWT will increase its staffing capacity ; the Coordinator position will increase to 30 hours , a project coordinator working between 15 to 20 hours per week and a communication specialist retained to work 15 hours a month.

**Committee's Report:**

- **Community Investment Fund – Yanik D'Aigle**
  - Yanik recognizes the work done by the selection committee
  - In 2024, United Way NWT awarded grants totaling \$205,000 to 21 organizations.
  - It is recommended that we increase marketing and promotion of the CIF
  - It is recommended that the Board review disbursement of the CIF
- **Emergency Funding Program – Matthew Spence**
  - Matthew acknowledges and thanks the committee
  - Matthew confirms that the emergency and recovery fund is now under the management of the UWNWT office
  - Funds are still available for disbursement in the summer of 2024, funds have been disbursed to Fort Good Hope, Whati and North Slave Metis Alliance.
  - Committee will meet to review the new funding from Safety Canada

### **Executive Coordinator's Report**

- Coordinator's report is attached to this minute.

### **Approval of Financial Statements for 2023/2024**

- Ebere present the financial statements as presented.
- Ebere recommends that the board should increase the reserved – Discussion and motion to be brought forward at our board meeting when the budget is submitted for approval

### **Motion to approve the 2023/2024 Financials.**

- Motion to approve the 2023/2024 financial statements as presented was seconded and unanimously approved  
Moved by Tracy St-Denis seconded by Yanik D'Aigle

### **Appointments of Auditors 2024/2025**

- Motion to appoint Crowe MacKay LLP as auditors for the United Way NWT 2024/2025 reporting seconded and unanimously approved  
Moved by Yanik D'Aigle seconded by Ben Linaker

### **Elections**

- Motion to appoint the slate of Board Member as presented seconded and unanimously approved  
Moved by Sandra-Jayne Dempster seconded by Ben Linaker

### **Presentation Community Investment Fund recipient**

- Gerri Whiterford, CIF recipient for Food Rescue presented to board the benefits of the funds...  
CIF report attached to the AGM Minutes.

### **Adjournment**

- Paul thanked everyone for their participation and commitment to the UWNWT, and a special thank you to Yanik for the cinnamon buns  
Meeting adjourned by Matthew Spence at 2:16

Minutes prepared by Linda Bussey

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Paul Gillard