



United Way
Northwest Territories

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Annual General Meeting - Minutes

Date: September 29 / Time: 5:30 p.m. / Location: Union of Northern Workers Building

Present:

- Ben Linaker
- Tracy St. Denis
- Jhillian Adams
- Yanik D'Aigle
- Ebere Duru
- Margaret Lovely
- Sara-Jayne Dempster
- Sandra Lester
- Matthew Spence
- Keelen Simpson
- Alan Cash
- Gayla Thunstrom
- Laura Gareau
- Tammy Roberts
- Alexandra Malakoe
- Helen Whitworth
- Richard Makohoniuk
- Tasha Oleskshy
- Steve Matthews
- Darren Linaker
- Beckie Linaker

Staff:

- Linda Bussey, Executive Director
- Lucy Spencer – Accountonus

Guest:

- Jordan Day – Crowe MacKay LLP

Meeting called to order at 5:31 pm by UWNWT Chair, Ben Linaker.
Quorum was confirmed.

Welcoming Remarks

- Ben opened the meeting by thanking all attendees for their participation.
- Ben then recognized that this meeting is held on the eve of celebrating Truth and Reconciliation Day for 2025.

Approval of Agenda:

- Motion to Approve the Agenda.
Moved by Alan Cash, seconded by Keelen Simpson – Approved Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2024

- Motion to Approve the Minutes of September 21, 2024, Annual General Meeting.
- **Moved by Ebere Duru, seconded by Ben Linaker - Approved Unanimously.**

Chair's Report:

Highlights

- Ben Linaker (Chair) - Welcomed those in attendance and acknowledged this meeting is held on Chief Drygeese Territory of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation.
- Ben noted the transition of the Chairmanship from Paul Gillard to himself. Ben acknowledged and thanked current UWNWT Board Members and Staff for their support and assistance throughout this transition period.
- Ben recognized all of the hard work and dedication of Matt Spence and Paul Gillard in fulfilling their responsibilities as outgoing UWNWT Board Members.
- Ben noted that the UWNWT will be looking to strengthen its core activities by utilizing the good reputation the organization has garnered through its work to support NWT communities in responding to emergencies and also looking to support recovery work after a disaster when special assistance is needed.
- Continued support from UWNWT donors, partners and grant-making bodies is critical to our work moving forward; UWNWT needs to continue looking for opportunities to strengthen and expand these networks.
- Ben finished this discussion by thanking donors and partners for their continued support the important work of the United Way NWT.

Committee Reports:

Community Investment Fund (CIF) – Chair – Margeret Lovely

- Margaret recognized the work of CIF Committee members.

- Margaret confirmed that the CIF application form has been revised to ensure a simpler, more user-friendly application process.
- The 2025/26 Community Investment Fund will be launched on October 2nd.
- Deadline for applications is December 10, 2025
- CIF Committee will make their recommendations to the Board of Directors in February 2026.

Emergency Funding Program – Report deferred until the October Board Meeting

Executive Coordinator's Report – A overview of 2025/26

- UWNWT Executive Coordinator's report is attached to these Minutes.

Motion to Approve the 2024/25 Financial Statements

- Tracy St-Denis commented that Jordan Day's presentation as Crowe Mackay LLP's, was appreciated. The report was well done and concise and it used plain language effectively to explain complicated matters in clear language.
- Motion to Approve the 2024/25 financial statements as presented.
Moved by Keelen Simpson, seconded by Ebere Duru – Approved Unanimously.

Appointments of Auditors 2024/2025

- Motion to Appoint Crowe MacKay LLP as auditors for the United Way NWT 2025/26 fiscal year.
Moved by Keelen Simpson, seconded by Eber Duru - Approved Unanimously.

Elections

- Motion to Appoint Devon Hodder as a new Member of the Board of Directors of United Way NWT.
Moved by Ben Linaker, seconded by Keelen Simpson - Approved Unanimously.

Adjournment

- Ben thanked everyone for attending.
Motio to Adjourn by Devon Hodder at 6:25 pm.

Minutes prepared by Linda Bussey

Ben Linaker
Chair – United Way NWT