

## COMMUNITY MEMBERS MEETING

**Date:** July 24, 2023

**Time:** 11:30 am – 1:00 pm    **Location:** [Zoom](#)

**Chair:** Shannon Thom

**Minutes:** Liane Nunn

**Present:** Shannon Thom (Chair), Bree Odd, Liane Nunn, Laurie Walters, Sherry Yolkman, Silvia Seibert-Dubray, Marnie Brenner, Heather Silvester, Wylie Bystedt, Brianna van de Wijngaard, Stacey Miranda, Anne Burrill (guest speaker)

**Regrets:** Larry Stranberg, Rosanna McGregor, Pat Biblow, Amy Carson, Tammy Deusy, Katie Matuschewski, Jenna Seymour

### Land Acknowledgement

The Social Planning Council of Williams Lake and Area would like to acknowledge this meeting is taking place on the traditional unceded territory of the Secwepemc Nation and the T'exelc people.

### Review & Approve Agenda for July 24, 2023

Motion **Sherry Yonkman**    Seconded by **Silvia Seibert-Dubrey**    Carried

### Review & Approve Minutes for June 26, 2023

Motion **Silvia Seibert-Dubray**    Seconded by **Wylie Bystedt**    Carried

**Member Introductions:** Share your name and the organization you represent.

**Liane Nunn Introduction:** Laurie Walters

### Guest Speaker(s): Anne Burrill (Urban Matters), Extreme Heat Mapping

- Why it is important to understand Extreme Heat
  - o Experiencing more frequent and severe heat waves
  - o Seeing 2.5 times more warm summer days
- Resource: Climate Atlas of Canada, [Very Hot Days \(+30°C\) | Canada | Climate Atlas of Canada](#)
- Health Impacts
  - o Heat is now the leading cause of weather-related deaths in Canada
  - o Has direct and indirect health impacts

- Extreme Heat Response Plan
  - Provides guidance and protocol for responding to an extreme heat event
  - Focus on minimizing the negative impacts of high temperatures
  - Local government can activate an EOC
- City of WL Strategies
  - Extreme Heat Response Committee
  - Planning and Communications
  - Activation of EOC and ESS response when required
  - Long term mitigation strategies
- Triggers and Criteria, WL (Northeast Region)
  - Heat Warning, Level One
    - Two days or more of 29 degrees
    - Nighttime does not fall below 14 degrees
  - Extreme Heat, Level Two
    - Forecast indicates daily temps will increase consecutively for 3 days or more
- Long Term Strategies
  - Increase tree canopy and shade in urban areas
  - Heat protection for residential
  - Improve organizational heat preparedness for community partners

## Questions

- Shannon Thom – the provincial government is to distribute 8000 air conditioning units; do you know how they are planning to make the decision as to who receives them?
  - Anne – It will be managed through BC Hydro; they will do something like the BC Hydro Rebate process
- Laurie – thinking ahead as community stakeholders – is there someone spearheading this and leading the charge on the committee?
  - Anne – Beth has been spearheading, but once the plan is approved it will transfer to Evan Dean
- Laurie – any information or communications to pass onto our members, and where to find it?
  - Anne – From Beth or Evan. They are leading this and have produced some communication materials

- [Heat Alert Response Protocol | Williams Lake, BC - Official Website](#)

## **Lightning Round - Share an Organizational Update, a Challenge, or a Success**

### **Stacey Miranda, City of Williams Lake**

- Creating more family entertainment at Kiwanis Park: July 30<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup> hosting a slip and slide party along with the spray park
- Youth Night Out August 5<sup>th</sup> – Maze Runner Theme
- Rec Cross Babysitter Course – August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Silvia Seibert-Dubray, City of Williams Lake:**

- Hosting a 'Build a Cooling Kit' workshop for seniors at the senior's center – August 3<sup>rd</sup>
- There is a new staff sergeant, creating a full senior staff of RCMP

### **Sherry Yonkman, Downtown Business Improvement Association (BIA):**

- Art Walk Grand opening August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Farmer's Market
- Working on building a Community Clean Team

### **Marnie Brenner – Interior Health (IH):**

- DIY Cool Kits for extreme heat
  - BC Community Response Network is hosting the event next week
  - Building kits and sharing information
  - Building a Cooling Kit - Seniors Centre, respond to Eva Navrot 778-412-1853. Date: August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30
- Focus on extreme heat planning

### **Madi Rushton – Canadian Mental Health Associations:**

- No big updates, continuing to support the community
- Now certified to provide safe talk and suicide prevent presentations

### **Heather Silvester, Canadian Mental Health Associations Cariboo Chilcotin Branch:**

- Lots of positions are available: <https://cariboo.cmha.bc.ca/careers/>
- Rolling out psychological Health and Safety in the workplace
  - Currently it is optional to be a part of this, but recommends organizations to review the information and read about the benefits of putting a committee together

**Laurie Walters, Social Planning Council (SPC):**

- SPC has received funding to do a Poverty Anti-Stigma video
  - o This will launch the Thrive Re-ignite project and provide education and awareness for poverty reduction
- Reminder there is no August community meeting
- Newsletter is going out on Thursday, please send any information to Liane

**Hannah Diether, Central Interior Rural Division of Family Practice:**

- Maternity clinic opened at the CMHA in mid-July. Offers primary care, patients can self-refer
- Will send Liane a poster for the newsletter

**Brianna van de Wijngaard, The Central Cariboo Community Food Hub:**

- Collected just under \$900 worth of local food diverted from the farmer's markets and distributed to partner organizations

**Bree Odd**

- BCSS is still looking for an educator, please get ahold of the interior manager for more information
- Finishing up SPC work in the rest of July
- Providing a workshop to TRU students in September

**Shannon Thom, Horton Ventures (d.ba. WorkBC Centre Williams Lake):**

- Hired two new people, lots of training

**Meeting Adjourned: 12:35pm**