



Social Planning Council

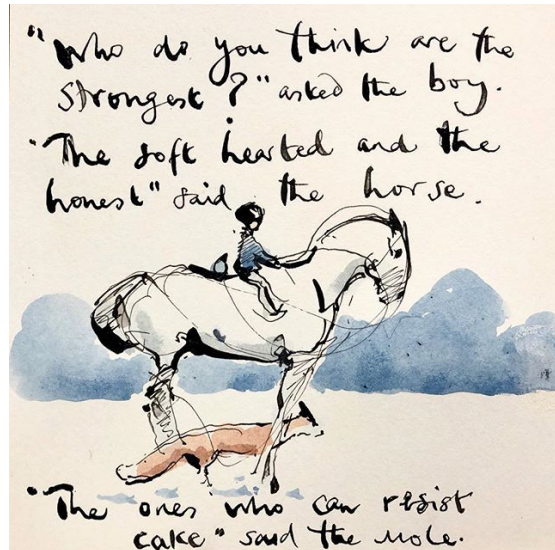
Williams Lake and Area

Many Voices - One Table - Shared Goals

Next Meeting: September 25, 2023, 11:30-1:00

Hello! I hope you enjoyed the summer, hard to believe the leaves are already starting to change colour!

Personally, I took the month of August to learn more about the Council and the Thrive project, finding myself more and more drawn to this work and I look forward to sharing with you what we are working on over the coming months.



Our next community meeting is on September 25th and I hope to see many of you there. We have Hayley Guichon from the Denisiqi Services Society as our guest speaker.

In the meantime, keep your eyes open for your membership renewal invoices, they will be emailed out in the second half of September.

Updates



Meet Our Newest Board Member!

Lindsay grew up on Salt Spring Island and moved to the 100 Mile House in 2000, where she met her husband in 2005.

In 2006 they moved to Burnaby, B.C. and spent several years moving all over the Lower Mainland for her husband's work. In 2007 they welcomed their first son, Austin, and in 2010 they had their second son, Jaxson. Shortly after, they relocated to Lethbridge, AB before heading back to BC in 2015 in the beautiful village of Kitimat.

In December of 2017 they had the opportunity to move back to the Cariboo, which they were so excited to pursue as many of their family and friends were close by!

Lindsay started her financial career in banking in 2008 as a Customer Service Representative. From there, she had the opportunity to grow her knowledge in finance and quickly moved to an Assistant Manager role, both in Kitimat BC and Williams Lake. Within two years, she worked her way into the Branch Manager position.

In 2022, Lindsay took a chance and was successful in becoming the Community General Manager for CIBC in Williams Lake. She says her new role has definitely kept her on her toes but she wouldn't change a thing!

She was approached in April of 2023 by a couple of current SPC Board Members, who introduced her to the world of SPC. Lindsay says, that those this is still very new to her, she is so excited to be a part of this team and bringing our community closer together with amazing programs and building on the previous success.

Community Events

HORSEFLY SALMON FESTIVAL



ARTWORK BY BARBARA DERRICK

September 9 and 10, 2023
10am - 4pm

For more information go to:

horseflyriver.ca

FIRST NATION SALMON BLESSING CEREMONY

ARTISTS

Christina Mary
Cindy Faulkner
Lyle Williams

STEWARDSHIP PARTNERS

Rivershed Society of BC
Invasive Species Council BC
DFW
Canadian Wildlife Federation
WildSafe BC
Tolko
Quesnel River Research Center
EDI Prince George
CC Conservation Society
and more

MUSICIANS

Dena Baumann
Bernadette Ducharme
Carmen Mutschel
Jon Davidson
Charlie Kaepffel
Chanté Holt
Tanja Ivan & friends
Shannon O'Donovan
Eloise and Lara Hobi
and more

SPONSORS

Canadian Heritage
CRD
Northern Initiative Trust
Pacific Salmon Foundation
Province of BC

Food Vendors on Site



T'esqox Gathering

August 26th & 27th, 2023

Located at the Traditional Site

11:00AM - 6:00PM

Events & Activities

Talent show	Massage
Horse shoes	Horse Riding
Poker	Indian Bingo
Tournament	Lahab
Crib Tournament	Youth/Kids Games & Activities
Devil Club	Live Music
Necklace	

Vendors are welcome

Any questions please contact
T'esqox Band Office
250-659-5655



CHAMBER

EXPO 2023

YES!

This Expo is for the public to enjoy!

Looking for a job?

Want more information on a local store?

Searching for more options in town?

Look Who's Hiring

New career opportunity.



WILLIAMS LAKE
— AND DISTRICT —
C R E D I T U N I O N



LETTER OF PERMISSION TEACHERS

Do you want experience working in a classroom? Do you have a post-secondary degree or certificate in one (or more) of the following areas?

- Science • English • Library • Math • French • Metalwork

Then our School District may be the right fit for you! Letter of Permission teachers work full-time from Sep-June as a classroom teacher!

NON-CERTIFIED TEACHERS ON-CALL (NTOC)

If you want experience in the classroom, but cannot commit to a full time role, consider becoming a NTOC.

Applicants who have a degree or who have a combination of education and experience in all subject areas may be considered for on-call work. Please note that hours are not guaranteed.

**Big Brothers
Big Sisters**
OF WILLIAMS LAKE

Want to become an In-School Mentoring Coordinator in Williams Lake?
APPLY NOW!

WE ARE HIRING

Diploma in Human Service or related field
35 hours per week, with flexible schedule
Please message us for further details
office: 250-398-8391 or
email: cindy.morgan@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

Resources



**CANADIAN
RED CROSS**

Home Mitigation Incentive Program

The Home Mitigation Incentive Program is a new pilot program offered by the Canadian Red Cross to support residents impacted by the 2017 wildfires in British Columbia. The program provides financial incentives to targeted eligible residents who wish to undertake mitigative actions to protect their homes against future wildfires, floods, and extreme heat events.

BC Wildfire Mental Health Resources

If you're struggling with your mental health or looking to support others, here are some useful resources on how to cope and navigate uncertainty during natural disaster emergencies.



HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED

July Community Meeting Minutes

Community Members Meeting Agenda - Draft

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
 - Experiencing more frequent and severe heat waves
 - 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
 - Heat is now the leading cause of weather-related deaths in Canada
 - 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 30th and August 20th hosting a slip and slide party along with the spray park
- Youth Night Out August 5th – Maze Runner Theme
- Rec Cross Babysitter Course – August 12th and 13th

Silvia Seibert-Dubray, City of Williams Lake:

- Hosting a 'Build a Cooling Kit' workshop for seniors at the senior's center – August 3rd
- 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 11th 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 3rd 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
 - 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

What's Coming Up

January 23

July 24

February 27

August - summer break, no meeting

March 27

September 25

April 24

October 23

May 29

November 27 - AGM & Community Meeting

June 26

December - winter break, no meeting

Become a Social Planning Council Member!

Social Planning Council is a member-supported organization. Your membership fees are critical to supporting our work connecting, collaborating, and bringing our community together for a better quality of life for all.

For more info contact info@wlspc.ca
or find a membership form [HERE](#)



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