

## COMMUNITY MEMBERS MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** September 25, 2023

**Time:** 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

**Location:** [Zoom](#)

**Chair:** Shannon Thom

**Minutes:** Liane Nunn

**Present:** Shannon Thom, Liane Nunn, Laurie Walters, Madi Rushton, Bettina Johnson, Hayley Guichon, Darlene Doucette, Kylie Thomas, Hannah Diether, Pat Biblow, Stacey Miranda, Rosanna McGregor

### 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'xelc people.

### Review & Approve Agenda for September 25, 2023

Motion: Pat Biblow

Seconded by Rosanna McGregor

Carried

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

Motion: Madi Rushton

Seconded by Pat Biblow

Carried

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

**Guest Speaker(s):** Hayley Guichon, Denisiqi Services Society – Jordan's Principle

- Jordan's Principle is a law within Canada named in memory of Jordan River Anderson. Jordan's Principle provides First Nations children on/off-reserve, status/non-status the products/supports/services they need. Areas covered are education, health, social and cultural.
- Jordan was born with complex medical needs, couldn't breathe on his own, couldn't walk or talk. Due to high medical needs, he spent the first couple years of his life in hospital. When given approval to leave hospital, there were many necessary medical needs. The federal and provincial government would not take ownership to cover these needs. Jordan ended up not being able to leave hospital and dying at the age of 5. This triggered the start of Jordan's Principle.
- After Canadian Gov. agreed to implement Jordan's Principle, they restricted everything for eligibility so not even Jordan would qualify. It is an ongoing fight with the Canadian Government.
- Four Pillars of Support include:
  - Education
  - Health
  - Social
  - Cultural
- Eligibility – for on/off reserve for First Nations children, status or not status.
- From birth up to the age of 19
- Some approval examples: School supplies, tutoring, technology, clothing, two personal vehicles, rent subsidizing, day care fees, group applications, housing applications, renovations on reserves such as making the housing wheelchair accessible.
- No amount cap or limit to how much you can apply for in a year.

- How to apply – in person at Denisiqi Services Society. More information in the brochure provided in the newsletter.
- **Questions**
  - Laurie Walters – can you please provide an example of what a group application would be:
    - Horse programs, one-on-one ECE worker, back to school supplies, winter clothing.
    - Group Applications fall under two categories:
      - Non-specific – on reserve
      - Specific – off reserve, more information required for everyone involved. Names, quotes, letters.
  - Shannon Thom – if a time sensitive application is submitted and items were purchased during processing will they be reimbursed?
    - Yes
  - Shannon Thom - If a youth is coming up to the age of 19, and the delay process carries on past their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, will they still be approved for the application submitted before turning 19?
    - Yes, it will be honored.

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

*Just remember you still only have two minutes 😊*

#### **Hayley Guichon, Denisiqi**

- Client Programs have started as well as hockey.
- Family Wellness Program coming up.
- Orange Shirt Day coloring contest this week – activity pages are on their Facebook page.

#### **Laurie, Social Planning Council**

- AGM is coming up in November via Zoom. Link will be in the newsletter one week prior and it will follow same format as the monthly community meetings.
- Membership renewals have been mailed out and payment is due before AGM.
- Revive Thrive campaign for poverty education and awareness campaign.

#### **Liane Nunn, Social Planning Council**

- Creating an anti-poverty education and awareness video with the help of community members
- Creative workshops will be in October. Plan to start filming beginning of November.
- A Call-to-Action campaign to encourage organizations and individuals to step up in the fight against poverty.

#### **Bettina, Fraser Basin Council**

- FBC is focused on sustainability and bringing people together, a lot of the projects have been regional throughout the province.

- We have the capacity to support work that is ongoing in the Williams Lake community. Focusing on connecting and reaching out.
- Multiple focus areas in FBC, one of them is sustainable community and resiliency.

#### **Darlene, Royal Purple**

- Purple Thursday – Brain Injury Awareness and Prevention. Third Thursday of October to recognize the intersection between interpersonal violence and brain injury.
- Collecting care items for care bags to give to women’s shelters. Williams Lake has 50 care bags for the women’s shelter.
- Hosting a breakfast event to recognize people who work with victims of domestic violence or brain injury.
- Bigger event in Saskatchewan, guest speaker is Anna Maria Tremonti, via Zoom
  - canadianroyalpurple.org
- Williams Lake is putting out Purple Thursday posters, asking individuals to show support on October 19<sup>th</sup> by wearing purple.

#### **Hannah Deither, Central Interior Rural Division of Family Practice –**

- Two more primary care providers leaving the community. Long term care is struggling, so changes will be coming. Hoping to have some providers come to the region in fall 2024.
- Working on UPCC (urgent primary care centre) for Williams Lake. Opening a physical space.
- Question: Laurie Walters – Asking for an update on the maternity clinic
  - Maternity clinic opened in CMH in July. Four providers, self-referral.

#### **Madi Rushton, Canadian Mental Health Associations**

- Promoting workshops in the community for ASSIST and getting Safe Talk into the schools.
- CONNECT Parent Attachment program starting October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Open to any parents that need support to discuss difficulties their having with teens/pre-teens.
- Housing for homeless, open to anyone needing support. Homeless outreach working is working to help those in need.
- AGM October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm.

#### **Pat Biblow, Thompson Rivers University**

- Welcome to new Academic Director- Kylie Thomas
- Student scholarship and awareness fundraising Gala on October 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - Aaron Pritchett performing.
- Winter programs(trades) – currently taking applications.
- Question: Shannon Thom – Is the Witness Blanket on display?
  - Not yet, it is still in Forth Smith. A notice will be sent out when it is on campus. The event on the 28<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. They extended the time we can have it until January. An event/viewing will be planned for October/November.

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**Rosanna McGregor, Cariboo Friendship Society**

- Aboriginal Housing Management Association – funder for social housing.
  - We've endorsed an Indigenous Collaborative Housing Incorporation. Received 280M to start the collaborative work in our communities, provincially and federally.
  - Indigenous homelessness and complex care sites – pilot programs, keen to watch them for modeling.
  - Interior Health anti-racism training module review committee – 24 hours of training – looking at it to role out as a pilot at CMH.
- Question: Darlene Doucette – who is the contract in regard to donations for women shelter
  - Rosanna – admin@cfswl.ca

**Meeting Adjourned: 12:35**

Move to adjourn Rosanna McGregor.