

SPC Monthly Community Meeting Agenda May 25 2020

Virtual By Zoom

Location: Community Futures

Chair: Larry Stranberg

Review & Approve Meeting Agenda for May 25 2020

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from April 27th 2020 Community Meeting

****Technical Issues-Minutes from last meeting not available at this time***

Speakers:

1) Stephanie Masun – Cariboo Regional District

2) Pratyush – Red Cross

Here is the link for the Community Grants Program that Pratyush spoke about in the meeting.

<https://www.redcross.ca/how-we-help/current-emergency-responses/community-partnerships>

3) Beth Veenkamp- City of Williams Lake – Updates

-Businesses are starting to open back up

-the city has gotten lots of inquiries around regulations etc. but this is not the City's job it is WorkSafeBC who is doing the regulation and information giving to businesses around opening back up

-WorkSafe BC site has all the info you need regarding the above, safety checklists and developing policies etc.

-City ByLaw officers whoever can investigate any businesses thought to have unsafe practices etc.

-The city is really encouraging people to speak to managers of stores etc. first before putting in formal complaints, if they have concerns over how businesses are operating etc.

- Discussions happening over when the City can safely open parks again
- City is following PROVINCIAL guidelines
- The City is working hard to figure out and take care of the River Valley flooding
- This has been devastating and it was/is a big hit to the City of WL
- 14 Bridges need to be rebuilt at the moment
- Provincial Emergency funding to help with all of this

**Stephanie Munson- Cariboo Regional District
Community Liaison Program**

(Stephanie graciously gave Social Planning a write up for the minutes with some great links to the site and her contact Information)

Community Liaison Program

The Cariboo Regional District has launched a recovery- and resilience-building Community Liaison Program, a new CRD regional emergency preparedness communication program, in the fall of 2019.

The program is being built to bring local knowledge into the CRD's emergency operations and to bring emergency preparedness into communities.

The aim is to reduce risks by creating communications linkages between rural and remote CRD communities and the local government.

Public safety is top of mind for many residents and the CRD 2017 Wildfire Community Consultations were key in bringing this Canadian Red Cross funded program to the Cariboo. Program funding has been achieved through an application to the Canadian Red Cross Community Partnership Program, BC Fires 2017. The pilot will run until the end of August 2021 and transition long-term to a regular CRD function.

The CRD is continuing to follow through on 2017 learning, disaster recovery activities, and resilience-building across the region. Over the last two years, the CRD has been working to improve emergency response and operations through engaging area residents before emergencies, encouraging household emergency preparedness and promoting the emergency notification system. These efforts have helped to build better systems; but, there is still work to be done broadly across the region to achieve primary safety goals.

Learning and adapting is the basis of a successful and coordinated program. It is important to acknowledge that various approaches have been tried over the years and the Program Coordinator is seeking feedback and participation to build a sustainable program.

The Program Coordinator will target key areas in the region with the fewest communication channels to begin with and reach out across the Cariboo over the pilot period to engage and build capacity.

Stephanie Masun is the CRD Community Liaison Program Coordinator. Contact her by email clc@cariboord.ca or by phone: 250-305-4894 or 1-888-550-9570.

<https://www.cariboord.ca/services/emergency-and-protective-services/emergency>

Lightning Roundtable – what’s new with your organization?

5 Minutes per Organization for Updates:

Jessica Dunn-Child Development Center

-CDC staff still working

Barb Jones – Communities That Care

- waiting still for funding for the next survey
- next Community Meeting will be June 9th 2020
- Still meeting by Zoom once a month

Carla Bullinger-Cariboo Chilcotin Partners for Literacy

- preparing to open CCPL office
- location 172 2nd Avenue , 3rd Floor (same building as Work BC)
- Working with the Rec Center to promote reading with families and doing some work on a “story walk”
- posts (stories) put up in the park, and you can read while you walk from post to post
- great literacy activity that combines movement with reading

Cindy Nadeau-Thompson Rivers University /Axis

-no updates, just happy to be here to share resources

Eileen Albertson-Women’s Contact Society

- working to reopen offices for June 1st
- won’t be having the clothing closet for the time being/toy lending due to C19
- Posters Sent

Pat Biblow-Thompson Rivers University

- back on Campus
- putting on alternate delivery-some nursing students are on Campus right now to do labs
- welding and electrical now resuming few at a time (see how that works out)
- currently doing extra cleaning
- TRU committed to students completing their programs
- some things will happen on site for fall but mostly alternate delivery
- the schedule for fall will be up soon

Rebecca Fredrickson – Thompson Rivers University

- learning this whole new way of doing things teaching
- students may be able to access more courses than normal doing things in this alternate way as they will be able to access TRU Kamloops courses as well

Jordan Davis – Downtown Williams Lake

- Business Portrait Project, bringing some life and color to businesses
- Lots of engagement with Business Community, workshop being planned for June 15th for Marketing
- Last Virtual Cooking class went very well, good turnout and feedback. That's been really positive for the Community-getting on Zoom and doing some cooking with downtown food vendors

Rosanna McGregor-Cariboo Friendship Society

- Doing work with the Food Policy Council-have been looking at some ways for food preservation such as canning, storing, and also garden spaces in places that aren't being utilized. For example: lots of fruit goes to waste –ie apple and crab apples
- Issues around Poverty and Food Shortages
- all of us did experience food shortages in some way, whether it was sugar, flour yeast or not food-but toilet paper
- what will a possible “second wave” look like
- attending lots of workshops and learning/and meetings
- we did have some staff that were scared about opening back up, and we did lose some staff
- during Covid 19 the Opiate Crisis continues to rage and is getting very little attention, we need to remember this

Shannon Thom-Work BC

- open 10-3 Monday till Friday
- Summer Student at door providing masks

Anne Burrell-Thrive / Housing First

- Lots of work with Food Policy Council, things have slowed down a bit from 3x a week to 2 times a week
- Working with Volunteers to get food out in the community
- SD27 have been distributing Food to families in need VIA Bus Drivers
- Looking more at Emergency Food Access/ longer term needs
- Any shops and or places that have food we worked with them, and helped to distribute that food
- Boys and Girls Club has made food distribution commitments
- Working on places to isolate any vulnerable persons

Thrive-

- Long term planning has slowed down
- homelessness/housing / food security have been taking precedence due to current circumstances

Meeting Adjourned – Next Meeting June 22