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SPC Monthly Community Meeting Minutes

October 28– 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch provided. Donation gratefully accepted.

Location: Community Futures

Chair: Larry Stranberg

Review & Approve Meeting Agenda for October 28, 2019

Motion 1-Anne

Motion 2-Barb

Carried

Review & Approve Meeting Minutes from September 24, 2019

Motion 1-Marnie

Motion 2-Shannon

Carried

Guest Speaker – City of Williams Lake -UBCM

Milo MacDonald/Shiela Boehme/Marnie Brenner

(Milo spoke first regarding highlights from UBCM, which the City and some staff attended in September) Meetings etc during this time.

-Meeting with Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. Dog Creek Road is a huge burden on the City Of Williams Lake-only 1km not responsible from Minister of Transportation-whom did not meet with the City at that time- but lots of conversation going on , not as quick as would have liked.

-Met with Minister forest lands and natural development

-Tolko and West Fraser wanted advocacy around how stumpages are calculated-

COWL advocating for responsible use of Fiber, for fire smarting and advocating on behalf of a couple other projects wanting use of this-was good conversation and will see traction Milo believes

-Minister of advanced education-concerns from City were expressed about about how TRU delivers programming-this drove a number of conversations. New Dean, Brian Daly has worked hard in having conversations-he has been working with Beth VeenKamp and Milo to offer a degree for Bachelor of Commerce (distance-Online learning, but cohort could work together and have student support on campus-willing to do assessment to add experience in to this process to help people achieve the degree) : 12 students would be huge success. Milo will forward all info for Bach of Commerce to SPC Network to disseminate

-Minister of Housing- advocacy happening around housing and affordable housing, felt pressure

and were responding to that. New building on First Ave has dropped rents by close to 100\$ (800\$ was rate now going to \$690). Based on their calculation of interest rate they were anticipating building costs needed to be serviced in order to pay for operating costs.

The City still wants to have conversation about supporting additional affordable housing in the community

-Minister of municipal affairs-new standards took water out of compliance re: manganese. City really wants to deal with that –could be close to a 20 Million \$ cost for water treatment. Water needs to come back into compliance. Good indication that support will be there. Staff support offered to city, and also grant writing support. Feb 26th grant will go in for close of that intake. Discussion around SD27, responsible land use related to publicly owned land.

-Minister of Attorney General-re Marijuana dispensaries and the time to approve applications. Now have answers on 2/3 candidates and pending on 3rd. working to streamline process but it is slow.

-Upgrade of hospital -that project looks like it is a go, and will be starting soon.

-Crime Stats: City believes, as do others, that we have artificially inflated crime stats, small groups responsible for bad reputation

More communication is needed on how those stats are recorded. Statistics staff committed to speaking with Milo before those are printed, so things can be better represented.

Foundry Project has good traction, which will have Youth focus.

Beth Veenkamp-Ministry of Advanced Education-willing to pilot an online program for ECE, they know our community is very interested. Discussion that this needs to include some in-person support, perhaps a cohort supported model similar to the Commerce degree program.

-Community transition fund 70,000\$ in this region for transitioning loggers to other careers. Ideal 12 students a group to go through. Brian Daly looking at this from TRU. Any insights or ideas could be given to the City Of Williams Lake.

-Daycare – Community Child Care Spaces Grant - 1 Million dollars is available to purchase land and create day care space. Michelle Kirby from Ministry of Children and Families was here and now new announcements. 3 million construct and repurpose buildings. The bigger need is for training to staff facilities.

-Strategic plan for TRU due in spring. Potential for School Board and TRU could both take on daycare facilities. Plan needs to be made to Staff any Day Care spaces.

ECE Program is 10 Months (wages are up to 20-21\$, gov looking at legislating wage so it cannot be changed) wage enhancement only eligible for FULL ECE's.

Rosanna McGregor- stated that you can take on a program, it doesn't have to involve TRU. If there is a need we could look at other options. For example, Aboriginal ECE can be done distance through UBC.

Rosanna stated they will be offering staff in their new daycare 25\$ an hour, and staff may migrate. CFS may want to take on ECE in the future. Milo stated COWL will want to be part of any of this, but we will be looking more at this after our Child Care Plan.

Beth says Lori Walters working on ideas to get ECE's up here from lower mainland. Bree, lots of

youth would love to move south from more northern communities-but we need to bring trained people. Training takes some time, so recruiting from other regions may be a shorter term solution. Other thing about ECE, is Irene and Lori looking for ECE's in the Community –that may be from out of province to look at supporting them to write BC exam and get them to come out and be ready to work here

Anne Burril- said online creates lots of barriers, so cohort onsite at TRU would be great. Anne stated we could partner for sure with possibly Northern Lights or someone else, and we need to go forward and really pursue this...especially since TRU is not seeming to be stepping up. We need to let TRU know that we are heading in this direction, and they can step up or not. -Larry said that Business Community is very supportive of this. Larry-is City interested in building? Milo-They're looking at it. There are many moving parts.

Sheila- has approached SD27 to offer ECE to Students. TRU would have to offer first.

Milo-would like a letter to give to TRU in regards to ECE advocacy from SPC if possible and the table support this.

Sheila –got to tour modular low income housing. Funded for staffing, as they are staffed. Gov has programs for things like that. Modular was just for women, there are other models-youth etc. Males could visit, and there is sign in and sign out, and it is all monitored. Can create issues with longevity re: funding.

Marnie-we were there when logging trucks came in to Vancouver. Very interesting to see and sit in on resolutions. One of resolutions was voting age going to 16. The process was really interesting. Meetings with all the ministers were really interesting. So many communities saying the same things-eg: forestry.

Rosanna – any headway on discussions with new CEO of Interior Health (Susan Brown)

Beth-Division of Rural Family Practice is really active. Issue is we lost people once they do their time here-so we need to keep them. Have had experiences with clients not able to access therapeutic abortion pill-we have a huge loss of resources re: any physicians or NP's who can deliver services.

Sheila – talked to a resident here, he wants to stay in BC. In Ontario they do a buddy system he advised. It is totally different than in BC. Sheila will be bringing to the City and more. Talked to another Dr. and he feels that in South Africa there is a mandatory year or two where you need to be a GP, before you specialize. Some of those things would be really helpful to keep GP's, as lots specialize.

Thrive Update – Anne Burrill

National Cities Reduction Poverty Network

70 Cities represented

Co MC'd and presented in a couple diff workshops

Our Community is so far ahead in terms of Business engagement-great to share stories around this , there was lots of questions

Poverty Simulation October 30th Gibraltar Room –Partnership with United Way-40+signed up so far. Can still register till the end of the day

4:30 registration, dinner, and event will start right after. Wrapped up by about 8pm

Assigned to a family group, go through scenarios, everyone registered will get email with instructions. First time we have done this. Attempted in the spring-and didn't have enough registrations. Anne believes will be interesting and insightful. Focus is on empathy building.

Communities that Care Update – Barb Jones

Last Month attended Tamarack Community Change Festival, got great insight into working on Communities that Care going forward. New survey in 2020 so starting to prepare for that, writing proposals for funding.

Child Care Needs Assessment – Jordan Davis

Lightning Roundtable – what's new with your organization?

Shannon-

Posters on information of event WorkBC and CFDC are hosting. Here at CFDC or at Pioneer depending on interest on services that WorkBC has to offer employers.

Horton Ventures also offering new work experience program – Pathways to Employment

First intake Nov 18th. Contact info on card. Participants can focus on three streams:

Skilled General Labor, Customer Service, Hospitality and Security.

Once formal marketing is ready it will be sent out. Looking to get people into the labor market – does not require graduation most likely. Don and potential participants will work with candidates.

Diane

N/A

Marnie-

Above

Beth Veenkamp

Lori has discovered that the Multi-Cultural program at CMHA - we are at risk of losing this..

There is an opportunity for an organization to apply for this funding.

CMHA is not able to keep delivering on reporting etc. Due to demand.

Jessica Dunn

22nd Annual Yuletide Dinner Wed Dec 4th at the Sacred Heart Hall.

If you would like to volunteer-contact Sarah at CDC

Sheila Boehm

New Autism hoping to have a daycare for special needs-autism, barrier kids and family groups.

Kathy

Evening workshop next Thur, Nov 7th. Resilience of community in tough times. How do we move forward etc.

You do have to register, call Keri or Kathi at CFU. Or go to Event Bright.

Pratyush/ Red Cross:

Am relocating back to lower mainland-have to relocate for health reasons. Will be at SPC still, will bring other staff to AGM. Support won't change.

Anne:

Applying for new cycle of funding for Housing First. Some funding is ending. Huge demand for the program. 30 applications waiting. We have housed 16/17 people in the last few months. Case loads are completely full.

Barb Jones:

Situation Table up and running. Lots of discussion at CTC table.

Feedback around intervention-have been well received.

Family piece is where CTC fits in-prevention strategies in the family domain.

Lots of Commitment

Bree Odd

Contract Coming up Dec 1. Has to take holidays

Cultural awareness is sitting at 117 people.

Monique Goward will be presenting with an individual from each diff Nation around – lots of info will be packed into the session, and should be really interesting

TRU parking fees waived

Looking forward to this.

9-12 Nov 7th TRU

Larry Stranburg

This time next year they will be doing a trade fair in Vancouver, each CF will have its own booth for it's region.

Job Fair to buy places, businesses.

Funds from Rural BC. Is secured.

Opportunity for all our regions.

Tourism, City, Business's etc.

Lower Mainland is more bang for the buck right now...

Opportunity to look at how to advertise business's for sale, putting in other papers /avenues.

November 25 AGM and Open House Community Futures 10-2

Meeting Adjourned

12:55pm.

