

## SPC Yearly Report 2020

November 18, 2020

Hello SPC Members and Guests,

Where did 2020 go? Holy snappers, hard to believe we are only one month from Christmas. How many people are ZOOMED out? This has been a very productive and busy year for the SPC. Highlights include:

- Entering the third and final year of the Thrive Project. This project is run by the SPC but the funds and payments are through Cariboo Chilcotin Partners for Literacy; since their Society has charitable status. Thank you CCPL. Over the following years, we will work together in our community to design and implement a poverty reduction strategy with innovative solutions. And a big thank-you to the Vancouver Foundation (VF) for their generous donation over three years to make this a reality. And another thank-you to ICSI and to the Red Cross for their equally generous donations to this project too. Thanks to Anne Burrell for her dedication and passion for this project.
- Community That Cares (CTC) continues to be overseen by the SPC. This was Barb Jones first year of running CTC. Speaking of Barb, she this summer and fall successfully found the funds for the student's survey on their physical and mental health. In fact, the surveys are now completed and the fun starts of putting all this information together.
- SPC continues to rent an office at Community Futures. Note that this office is also used by CTC and the Thrive Project.
- SPC would like to thank the City of Williams Lake and Red Cross for their financial support over this past year.
- SPC continues to build on our relationships with WL Chamber, the City, BIA.
- On a sad note, Diane Wright and Roseanne MacGregor have and/or will be stepping down from the SPC Board of Directors. Diane and Roseanne thank you for all your dedication and passion for the SPC. You will be missed (note I will deny saying this in public).
- Anne Burrill continues to be our Executive Director for the SPC. Thank you too Anne for your dedication and passion for this position.
- Bree Odd was hired this year to be our marketing/promotion/secretary person for the SPC. Welcome aboard Bree.
- Via the City, SPC has completed work on a Childcare Needs Assessment. Jordan Davis took the lead on this project. Completion date was in spring of 2020.
- SPC is working with our Community Futures office along with three other Community Futures (on Vancouver Island) on a Social Enterprise project called the Scale Project.
- Guest speakers this year included:
  - Chris van der Mark and Cheryl Lenardon (Superintendent of SD 27)
  - Anton (CRD District Library)
  - Beth Veenkamp (EDO Williams Lake)
  - Carla Bullinger (CC Partners for Literacy)
  - Barb Jones (Communities That Care)
- I would like to THANK my fellow Directors for their great work and dedication for this past year. The Directors are Carla Bullinger (Secretary), Anne Burrill (Director at Large), Shannon Thom (Director at Large) and Bree Odd (Director at Large).
- And also thank you to all people who come to our monthly meetings via ZOOM. I do miss the face-to-face meeting.

Season greeting and to a healthier 2021 for all. Happy trails, Larry Stranberg, Chair