



Social Planning Council

Williams Lake and Area

Many Voices - One Table - Shared Goals

Just a reminder...

REMINDER: Community meeting is on January 23, 2023

January 23 Guest Speaker(s): Kelly MacDonald,
Community Health Facilitator with Healthy Communities

Bring your updates for the famous *lightning round.
*The lightning round is changing but you'll have two minutes to share

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January

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COMMUNITY
MEETING
February 27, 2023**

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Lightning Round Change



Changes to the Lightning Round

Moving forward SPC wants more opportunities to share organizational challenges, successes, and burning questions.

The goal is to share this information for discussion,

brainstorm solutions, recognize successes, and answer burning questions.

The Lightning Round will continue with the 2-minute time frame. We recognize, of course, we can't do this all in 2 minutes. However, it opens the door to increased awareness and short responses can be given during the meeting, in the chat, or by connecting in person after the meeting.

Sharing organizational updates and/or events is always welcome and accepted. We look forward to trying this new Lightning Round idea in January.

January 23, 2023 Draft Agenda

Date: January 23, 2023

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm **Location:** [Zoom](#)

Chair: Larry Stranberg / Shannon Thom

Minutes: Bree Odd

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 January 23, 2023

Motion 1

Motion 2

Carried

Review & Approve Minutes for November 28, 2022

Motion 1

Motion 2

Carried

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

Questions, Answers, Comments

Lightning Round - Share an Organizational Update, a Challenge/burning question or a Success. *Just remember you still only have two minutes*



1. an update on events/programs/initiatives your organization is planning

or

2. a challenge/burning question your organization is working on

or

3. a success you want to brag about

or

4. a combination of the above

NOTE: *Anyone can share feedback, possible connections, or thoughts to what they heard during their time or in the chat*

Meeting Adjourned:

November 28, 2022 Draft Minutes

Date: November 28, 2022 **Time:** 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **Location:** [Zoom](#)

Chair: Larry Stranberg **Minutes:** Shannon Thom

Review & Approve Agenda for November 28, 2022

Motion to accept Krista Harvey, Seconded by Silvia Seibert-Dubray, Carried

Review & Approve Minutes for October 24, 2022

Motion to accept Michael Moses, Seconded by Shannon Thom, Carried

Lightning Round Organizational Updates: Remember you only have 2 minutes :)

Alexis Blueschke, Interior Health Authority: works with strengthening systems and communities. Is able to help with funding opportunities, and letters of support.

Laurie Walters, Executive Director of the Social Planning Council: gave a brief introduction to herself and expressed excitement at working with the team at SPC and working collaboratively with other community groups.

Melissa Newberry – Marketing, Student Recruitment, and Events at TRU Williams Lake:

open to ideas on how to promote TRU WL. Get in touch with her if you have ideas.

Michael Moses, WL City Councillor, City of WL: transition into the new role has been

very smooth so far. Also the chair of the Community Services Committee. Welcomes connecting with community members and groups to talk more.

Beth Veenkamp, City of WL: in “adjustment mode” while getting the new mayor and council in place. Introduced a new Provincial Nominee Program participant (Kathy who owns Williams Lake Janitors and has moved to WL from Vietnam) at the Chamber of Commerce meeting last week. Has been working with the family for approximately 3 years to get them to Williams Lake. Another PNP participant owns the Tae Kwon Do studio. Working hard on the Healthcare Landing Program for new healthcare practitioners coming to WL.

Pat Biblow, TRU Williams Lake: Lots of new things coming up: Bryan Daly will be retiring soon and TRU is looking to fill his role (Baldev Pooni will be filling in for the interim). A new course: Introduction to Astronomy Stars and Galaxies

Rosanna McGregor, Cariboo Friendship Society: A lot of exciting things happening in affordable housing. Shared information about [Rent Smart Education and Support Society](#): an organization that helps renters understand their rights/responsibilities and increase successful tenancies. Metro Vancouver has a 10-year Housing Plan which made Rosanna consider what is the growth strategy for the redevelopment and expansion of Williams Lake? Ensuring new housing developments are accessible (in the broadest sense of the word). Aboriginal Housing Management Association (AHMA) working to get the money released from the Government of Canada for the Province of BC for housing. Lots of work currently happening on the ground.

Tatjana Bates, Food Policy Council: Glad to see the fruits of many years of labour coming to fruition. The goal is to join forces with Food Hub and share resources and benefit the entire community.

Krista Harvey, BGC Williams Lake: ramping up for Christmas with hampers and stockings for youth. Food Bank for youth available at BGC. “Flex Your Head”, a positive mental health program, will be offered at the high schools in partnership with Foundry along with the “Healthy Relationships & Sexual Health” programs.

Silvia Seibert-Dubray, City of WL: new boss (Evan Dean) is great to work with and is interested in the collaborations happening. Currently working to build a list for warming shelters and will send it out to us when it's finished.

Craig Glover, WL District Credit Union: Still is quite a few people moving up from Lower Mainland. Still busy despite rising interest rates.

Chris Van Der Mark – SD #27: Highlighted the work Grant Gustafson is doing around Truth & Reconciliation. Good buy-in from professionals about how to improve practice and work collaboratively. Continuing work on designing the daycare spaces at the former Columneetza dorm location.

Sherry Yonkman – Downtown Williams Lake: Winter Lights is coming up on 3 December 2022. Twenty different participants in the coupon book this year. A window decorating contest & Scavenger hunt of the windows is coming up. Winter lights parade at 5 pm on Saturday (December 3) and Spirit Square will have activities afterwards (will be accepting donations for Women’s Contact Society Food Pantry and the Giving Tree project).

Brianna van de Wijngaard – Food Hub: film screening (<https://firstweeat.ca>) happening likely in early February

Kelly MacDonald, IHA: Primary role is to support communities and work to keep people well where they live. Working on Extreme Heat Planning.

Barb Jones, Communities That Cares: meets 2nd Tuesday of the month from 1 pm – 3 pm (breaking for December); Free Reclaiming Youth At Risk book for any participant who attended the Circle of Courage event in October (Thank you School District #27 for the financial support)

Shannon Thom, WorkBC: hiring fair update from 16 November 2022 (14 employers attended & 75 job seekers/visitors). We also attended the TNG Career Fair on 18 November 2022 at TRU which was also well attended.

Motion to adjourn: 1:05 pm Brianna van de Wijngaard

Meeting Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82060235786?pwd=Y01yYmVndTFoR1BXUHI2THArR2RPQT09>



Social Planning Council Williams Lake and Area

2023 Community Meetings

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**

Meeting minutes can be found [HERE](#)

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