

## SPC COMMUNITY CONNECTOR

FEBRUARY 8, 2024



# Social Planning Council

Williams Lake and Area

*Many Voices - One Table - Shared Goals*

### ★ Communications Corner



As The Social Planning Council enters a new year of goals and planning, poverty reduction and awareness continues to be a focus as we we enter the final months of creating the Poverty Awareness Video. In addition, we have begun monthly meetings with Tamarack Institute and other communities focused on implementing and reporting on our community strategies for ending poverty.

In communications, the meeting minutes from January's meeting have been linked below and as mentioned, your organizations updates will be shared via our Facebook page - please check it out and we look forward to connecting with you soon.

### In this newsletter you will find:



Director Spotlight, Community Meeting Minute Link, Member Spotlight, Important dates

# Director Spotlight

## CHRISTA SMITH

Christa has been on the Social Planning Council Board of Directors for three years. She has over 20 years of business experience and over 10 years in the social services sector.



She is the Executive Director at Denisiqi Services Society and when she is not working, she enjoys spending her time outside - hiking, kayaking, camping or enjoying some R&R - her current TV binge show is Criminal Minds.

As a member of the board Christa is passionate about supporting the community, giving back, and helping to be part of the change. She is most excited about the opportunity to work collaboratively on initiatives that build a stronger and more socially minded community.

# Community Meetings



## MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2024

Community meeting minutes can be found on our website by following this link.

<https://www.wlspc.ca/meeting-minutes.html>

## NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING

February 26, 2024  
11:30 - 1:00

Zoom link will be available in the February 23rd newsletter



# Member Spotlight

## AWAKENINGS ANTI-RACISM AND RECONCILIATION



February's Member in the Spotlight, Awakening's Anti-Racism and Reconciliation is committed to working to decrease hardship and increase safety and belonging in our community. Founded and lead by Margaret-Anne Enders, this organization has been offering groups and training since the summer of 2020.

There are a variety of courses offered, designed to suit learners in all stages of knowledge, to increase inclusivity and belonging for people in their circles of influence; impacting students, friends, customers, clients and employees. In addition, there are book studies and Listening Circles that bring people of diverse groups together to encourage and advance reconciliation.

Margaret-Anne says it is exciting to see participants learn concepts and commit to actions that will increase safety and valuing of Indigenous, Black and People of Colour in our community. She says it is most rewarding to see people come together in the spirit of listening and dialogue and to witness the deep connection and joy that unfolds.

Awakenings has a new website for you to explore courses, book studies, insights, and more information about the organization. The link is provided below.

If you see a program or course of interest, simply click the button and you will receive a prompt response. Margaret-Anne welcomes you to reach out to chat about their work and opportunities for learning.

*Learn Continuously  
Process Deeply  
Act Intentionally*

FOR MORE INFORMATION CLICK HERE:  
[WWW.AWAKENINGS-ANTI-RACISM.COM/](http://WWW.AWAKENINGS-ANTI-RACISM.COM/)

# COMMUNITY MEETING DATES 2024

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JANUARY 22

FEBRUARY 26

MARCH 25

APRIL 22

MAY 27

JUNE 24

JULY 22

AUGUST - SUMMER BREAK, NO MEETING

SEPTEMBER 23

OCTOBER 28

NOVEMBER 25 - AGM & COMMUNITY MEETING

DECEMBER - WINTER BREAK, NO MEETING



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