



Social Planning Council

Williams Lake and Area

Many Voices - One Table - Shared Goals

SPC COMMUNITY CONNECTOR

MARCH 7, 2024

Communications Corner



Hello everyone.

What a great meeting we had last month - thank you TRU from bringing our attention to the Needs Assessment and for providing opportunity for our members to provide meaningful comments and feedback.

Below you will find the link to the minutes.

Coming up this month, CCPL is offering tax filing support, the Senior's Centre is hosting a clothing drive, and the Chamber's 2nd Annual Ladies night is taking place March 15th. Follow our Facebook page for more details on these events and more.

Director Spotlight

SILVIA SEIBERT-DUBRAY



Silvia has been on the SPC Board of Directors for a year and half. Prior to her role as director, she had the opportunities to be a part of the Social Planning Council as the Director of Instruction for SD 27 and the Well-Being and Safety Plan Coordinator for the City of WL. She continues to work in the role of Well-Being & Safety Plan Coordinator, working in a framework model for strengthening collaboration to collectively address well-being, crime, and community safety in the Cariboo Chilcotin.

In her spare time, Silvia enjoys doing anything outside; sledding, walking, or playing in the sandbox with her grandson's. In the past she played soccer but has hung up her cleats and now acts as the Vice-President of WL Youth Soccer. She was quick to express how much she loves to be up at Elser, listening to the sounds that 700 kids playing on fields create. So much laughter and fun!

She says it is rewarding to be a part of a Board that works to support local individuals with their struggles and desires. She enjoys the forward thinking of the Board and the involvement of members of the SPC – working together to analyze gaps in our community and how we can close them. Silvia believes the more we can all work together and coordinate efforts to help reduce poverty and improve the quality of life of all our citizens; the healthier community we can all build together.

Member Spotlight

STREETS FOR ALL WILLIAMS LAKE



Streets for All
Williams Lake

GO BY BIKE WEEK JUNE 3 - 9

- Community Scavenger hunt for participants to follow clues in our downtown by bike or foot for a chance to win prizes.
- June 4 - Bikes, Brekky, and Brews coffee social event at Smashin' Smoothies for people to ride in and meet up at a local coffee shop to socialize and win prizes
- June 7- Group ride and social - more details coming
- June 9 - Ride to Scout Island for International Oceans Day

Anyone and everyone can participate at <https://gobybikebc.ca/>

Streets for All Williams Lake is a community organization advocating for safer streets for those outside of vehicles - for the benefit of our community's health, wealth, and sustainability.

Since late 2022, they have been supporting cycling and active transportation events, presenting to community leaders, gathering voices, and partnering with other community organizations to support people wanting to cycle and use alternative forms of transportation in our community.

A representative from Streets for All says they do what they do because it feels good to actively do something which benefits everyone. Whether they ride a bike or just breath the air, everyone wins when our air is cleaner and our streets are safer. One of the most rewarding parts of working for the organization is supporting children so they can ride their bicycles on our streets again - when this happens, the smiles are infectious and the empowerment is uplifting!

Streets for All has partnered with the Williams Lake Film Club, Canadian Mental Health Association, BGC Williams Lake and the Williams Lake Cycling Club for events and hope to continue to build partnerships across the community.

They will be taking part in a number of events in May leading up to Spring Go By Bike Week, and plan to attend the Bike Rodeo, where children learn some skills and get their helmets and bikes checked. In addition, they plan to attend the Children's Festival and lead an Elder College course.

In June, the organization is very busy with Go By Bikes Week events. Check out their Facebook page and Instagram for more information. They are also available through email for newsletters and upcoming events: streetsforallwl@gmail.com.

Community Meetings



MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2024

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

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

NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING

March 25, 2024
11:30 - 1:00

Zoom link will be available in the March 22nd newsletter



COMMUNITY MEETING DATES 2024

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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