



# Social Planning Council

Williams Lake and Area

*Many Voices - One Table - Shared Goals*



Hello everyone and happy fall!

It's one of my favorite times of year with the changing leaves and crisp mornings, but it is also proving to be a busy season.

First, I want to bring your attention to our Social Planning Council Facebook page. If you are not already following



it, please do as I will be using it to share our members events, updates, and pages. As well, we will be sharing information about the Social Planning Council and the work we are doing.

<https://www.facebook.com/SocialPlanningCouncilWilliamsLake/>

A quick update about the newsletter – we are changing publication dates to the first and third Thursdays of the month. If you have something you'd like to be included in the newsletter, please send it to [info@wlspsc.ca](mailto:info@wlspsc.ca) by the first or third Monday of the month.

You will see that I have added a Member Spotlight section to feature an organization or board member once a month. The goal of this section is to help us get to know each other and give everyone a chance to get their organization in the spotlight. I will also feature this on the Facebook page as well; watch for my email communication to make this happen for you .

Lastly, your annual membership renewal invoices were emailed out earlier this week with a deadline for payment before November 27th (AGM). Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing everyone a happy season, and I look forward to connecting with you at our next meeting.

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**Next Meeting:** September 25, 2023, 11:30-1:00

Zoom meeting,  
audio only

Zoom meeting  
with video



Looking forward to connecting with everyone next week at the Community Meeting.

**Date:** September 25, 2023

**Time:** 11:30 - 1:00

**Location:** Zoom

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

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbst3WMDIe>

## September's Guest Speaker

At our Community meeting, we will be joined by Hayley Guichon. Hayley is the Jordan's Principle Coordinator located at Denisiqi Services Society.

Jordan's Principle is a law within Canada named in memory of Jordan River Anderson. Jordan's Principle provides First Nations children on/off-reserve, status/non-status the products/supports/services they need. Areas covered are education, health, social and cultural.



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## Member Spotlight

### Fraser Basin Council

"The Fraser Basin Council (FBC) is a charitable non-profit organization that brings people together to advance sustainability in the Fraser River Basin and throughout BC. Established in 1997, FBC is a collaboration of four orders of government (federal, provincial, local and First Nations) along with those from the private sector and civil society. We work with people in multiple sectors, helping them find collaborative solutions to today's issues through a commitment to the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainability. Our focus is on healthy water and watersheds, action on climate change and air quality and strong, resilient communities and regions."

In the Cariboo-Chilcotin office, Jane Wellburn and Bettina Johnson continue to work on some of FBC's long-standing initiatives, supporting grasslands ecosystem restoration in the Chilcotin and salmon habitat restoration in the Horsefly Watershed, as well as a broad spectrum of local and provincial projects that support the organizational mandate. Both are excited to connect with area residents and groups to strengthen relationships and work meaningfully towards sustainability.

Check them out!

<https://www.fraserbasin.bc.ca/ccr.html>



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## Community Events

Everyone Welcome

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS



# ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Every Child Matters™

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

WILLIAMS LAKE, BC STAMPEDE GROUNDS  
SEPTEMBER 27 - 30, 2023

## FEATURING

Check out our website and social media for a full schedule of events  
[orangeshirtday.org](http://orangeshirtday.org)

- INDIAN RELAY RACES (S)
- WAGON RIDES
- WITNESS BLANKET ARCHIVES
- TRUTH TELLING
- OPENING CEREMONY
- SACRED FIRE
- FOOD TRUCKS
- VENDORS
- FACE PAINTING & CRAFTS & MUCH MORE

ORANGE SHIRT SOCIETY



Free

PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 30TH  
FOR THE FIRST  
800 GUESTS

Health & Wellness Supports Available

**WILLIAMS LAKE** **CARIBOO MEMORIAL**

# Harvest Nutrition Fun Run

Celebrate the fall harvest and experience healthy eating options by enjoying a fun scavenger hunt along a 5km route through Williams Lake. This is an excellent family opportunity for exercise and nutrition education.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24, 2023 CMRC PARKING LOT 11 AM - 12:30 PM

Snacks and refreshments at 12pm. Bring your own water bottle.

Sponsored by: Interior Health, FRESH CO, save on foods



CMHA Cariboo Chilcotin would like to invite you to our

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

New Members Welcome!

Thursday, October 19th, 2023  
In-person at 2:00 pm

CMHA Cariboo Chilcotin-Main Office  
201, 35 Second Avenue South  
(2nd floor of the BMO building)

Reflecting on collective impacts in the past year





## Look Who's Hiring

An advertisement for Maranatha Minis Daycare. On the left, a collage of four photos shows children playing with toys, a teacher interacting with a child, and children holding colorful letters. On the right, a graphic features a yellow paper airplane with children on it, flying towards a dashed line. The text reads: "WE ARE HIRING! Maranatha Minis Daycare is a newly licensed daycare in Williams Lake, B.C. We are looking to hire full time, part-time, and on-call ECEs and ECEAs. Email your resume to [maranathaminisdaycare@wlmcs.org](mailto:maranathaminisdaycare@wlmcs.org)".

# HELP WANTED

FOR OUR FOSTERING  
LITERACY PROGRAM



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## Resources

**Hiring people with disabilities  
is good for your business!**



**Diverse and inclusive workplaces are:**

**2x** more likely to meet or exceed financial targets

**6x** more likely to effectively anticipate change

**6x** more likely to be agile and innovative

\*Presidents Group

**Contact us to connect with this talent pool today!**

Canada



BRITISH  
COLUMBIA

This program is funded by the Government of Canada  
and the Province of British Columbia.



## Are You a Parent, Adoptive Parent, Kinship Parent, or Foster Parent?

Is your pre-teen or teen struggling with depression, anxiety, or other intense emotional difficulties? Are they getting into trouble or having severe behavioural difficulties?



is an evidence-based 10-week attachment-based program that helps parents support youth ages 8-18 years, delivered **in-person**

[www.connectattachmentprograms.org](http://www.connectattachmentprograms.org)

**Starting Tuesday, Oct 3, 2023**

CMHA Cariboo Chilcotin

Dinner provided!

For more info, contact:



Dana Hamblin

250-305-4487



## HERE'S WHAT'S COMING

September Community Meeting Agenda

**Date:** September 25, 2023

**Time:** 11:30 am – 1:00 pm    **Location:** Zoom

**Chair:** Shannon Thom    **Minutes:** Liane Nunn

### 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'xelc people.

Review & Approve Agenda for September 25, 2023

Review & Approve Minutes for July 24, 2023

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

Guest Speaker(s): Hayley Guichon, Denisiqi Services Society – Jordan's Principle

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

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

# HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED

July Community Meeting Minutes

Community Members Meeting Agenda - Draft

**Date:** July 24, 2023

**Time:** 11:30 am – 1:00 pm **Location:** Zoom

**Chair:** Shannon Thom

**Minutes:** Liane Nunn

**Present:** Shannon Thom (Chair), Bree Odd, Liane Nunn, Laurie Walters, Sherry Yolkman, Silvia Seibert-Dubray, Marnie Brenner, Heather Silvester, Wylie Bystedt, Brianna van de Wijngaard, Stacey Miranda, Anne Burrill (guest speaker)

**Regrets:** Larry Stranberg, Rosanna McGregor, Pat Biblow, Amy Carson, Tammy Deusy, Katie Matuschewski, Jenna Seymour

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## Review & Approve Agenda for July 24, 2023

Motion **Sherry Yonkman** Seconded by **Silvia Seibert-Dubrey** Carried

## Review & Approve Minutes for June 26, 2023

Motion **Silvia Seibert-Dubray** Seconded by **Wylie Bystedt** Carried

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

**Liane Nunn Introduction:** Laurie Walters

## Guest Speaker(s): Anne Burrill (Urban Matters), Extreme Heat Mapping

- Why it is important to understand Extreme Heat
  - Experiencing more frequent and severe heat waves
  - Seeing 2.5 times more warm summer days
- Resource: Climate Atlas of Canada, [Very Hot Days \(+30°C\) | Canada | Climate Atlas of Canada](#)
- Health Impacts
  - Heat is now the leading cause of weather-related deaths in Canada
  - Has direct and indirect health impacts
- Extreme Heat Response Plan
  - Provides guidance and protocol for responding to an extreme heat event
  - Focus on minimizing the negative impacts of high temperatures
  - Local government can activate an EOC
- City of WL Strategies
  - Extreme Heat Response Committee
  - Planning and Communications
  - Activation of EOC and ESS response when required
  - Long term mitigation strategies
- Triggers and Criteria, WL (Northeast Region)
  - Heat Warning, Level One
    - Two days or more of 29 degrees
    - Nighttime does not fall below 14 degrees
  - Extreme Heat, Level Two
    - Forecast indicates daily temps will increase consecutively for 3 days or more
- Long Term Strategies
  - Increase tree canopy and shade in urban areas
  - Heat protection for residential
  - Improve organizational heat preparedness for community partners

## Questions

- Shannon Thom – the provincial government is to distribute 8000 air conditioning units; do you know how they are planning to make the decision as to who receives them?
  - Anne – It will be managed through BC Hydro; they will do something like the BC Hydro Rebate process
- Laurie – thinking ahead as community stakeholders – is there someone spearheading this and leading the charge on the committee?
  - Anne – Beth has been spearheading, but once the plan is approved it will transfer to Evan Dean
- Laurie – any information or communications to pass onto our members, and where to find it?
  - Anne – From Beth or Evan. They are leading this and have produced some communication materials
  - [Heat Alert Response Protocol | Williams Lake, BC - Official Website](#)

**Lightning Round - Share an Organizational Update, a Challenge, or a Success**  
**Stacey Miranda, City of Williams Lake**

- Creating more family entertainment at Kiwanis Park: July 30<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup> hosting a slip and slide party along with the spray park
- Youth Night Out August 5<sup>th</sup> – Maze Runner Theme
- Rec Cross Babysitter Course – August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

**Silvia Seibert-Dubray, City of Williams Lake:**

- Hosting a 'Build a Cooling Kit' workshop for seniors at the senior's center – August 3<sup>rd</sup>
- There is a new staff sergeant, creating a full senior staff of RCMP

**Sherry Yonkman, Downtown Business Improvement Association (BIA):**

- Art Walk Grand opening August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Farmer's Market
- Working on building a Community Clean Team

**Marnie Brenner – Interior Health (IH):**

- DIY Cool Kits for extreme heat
  - BC Community Response Network is hosting the event next week
  - Building kits and sharing information
  - Building a Cooling Kit - Seniors Centre, respond to Eva Navrot 778-412-1853. Date: August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30
- Focus on extreme heat planning

**Madi Rushton – Canadian Mental Health Associations:**

- No big updates, continuing to support the community
- Now certified to provide safe talk and suicide prevent presentations

**Heather Silvester, Canadian Mental Health Associations Cariboo Chilcotin Branch:**

- Lots of positions are available: <https://cariboo.cmha.bc.ca/careers/>
- Rolling out psychological Health and Safety in the workplace
  - Currently it is optional to be a part of this, but recommends organizations to review the information and read about the benefits of putting a committee together

**Laurie Walters, Social Planning Council (SPC):**

- SPC has received funding to do a Poverty Anti-Stigma video
  - This will launch the Thrive Re-ignite project and provide education and awareness for poverty reduction
- Reminder there is no August community meeting
- Newsletter is going out on Thursday, please send any information to Liane

**Hannah Diether, Central Interior Rural Division of Family Practice:**

- Maternity clinic opened at the CMHA in mid-July. Offers primary care, patients can self-refer
- Will send Liane a poster for the newsletter

**Brianna van de Wijngaard, The Central Cariboo Community Food Hub:**

- Collected just under \$900 worth of local food diverted from the farmer's markets and distributed to partner organizations

**Bree Odd**

- BCSS is still looking for an educator, please get ahold of the interior manager for more information
- Finishing up SPC work in the rest of July
- Providing a workshop to TRU students in September

**Shannon Thom, Horton Ventures (d.ba. WorkBC Centre Williams Lake):**

- Hired two new people, lots of training

**Meeting Adjourned: 12:35pm**

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## Important Dates

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

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## Become a Social Planning Council Member!

Social Planning Council is a member-supported organization. Your membership fees are critical to supporting our work connecting, collaborating, and bringing our

community together for a better quality of life for all.

For more info contact [info@wlspc.ca](mailto:info@wlspc.ca)

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