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Social Planning Council

Williams Lake and Area

Many Voices - One Table - Shared Goals



Hello everyone,

A short and sweet newsletter has come your way, highlighting the meeting minutes from last week. Thank you everyone who joined us, and for sharing the amazing work you're doing.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe October.



HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED

September Community Meeting Minutes

Community Members Meeting Minutes

Date: September 25, 2023

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Chair: Shannon Thom

Minutes: Liane Nunn

Present: Shannon Thom, Liane Nunn, Laurie Walters, Madi Rushton, Bettina Johnson, Hayley Guichon, Darlene Doucette, Kylie Thomas, Hannah Diether, Pat Biblow, Stacey Miranda, Rosanna McGregor

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 September 25, 2023

Motion: Pat Biblow

Seconded by Rosanna McGregor

Carried

Review & Approve Minutes for July 24, 2023

Motion: Madi Rushton

Seconded by Pat Biblow

Carried

Member Introductions: Members shared their name and the organization.

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

- 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.
- Jordan was born with complex medical needs, couldn't breathe on his own, couldn't walk or talk. Due to high medical needs, he spent the first couple years of his life in hospital. When given approval to leave hospital, there were many necessary medical needs. The federal and provincial government would not take ownership to cover these needs. Jordan ended up not being able to leave hospital and dying at the age of 5. This triggered the start of Jordan's Principle.
- After Canadian Gov. agreed to implement Jordan's Principle, they restricted everything for eligibility so not even Jordan would qualify. It is an ongoing fight with the Canadian Government.

- Four Pillars of Support include:
 - Education
 - Health
 - Social
 - Cultural
- Eligibility – for on/off reserve for First Nations children, status or not status.
- From birth up to the age of 19
- Some approval examples: School supplies, tutoring, technology, clothing, two personal vehicles, rent subsidizing, day care fees, group applications, housing applications, renovations on reserves such as making the housing wheelchair accessible.
- No amount cap or limit to how much you can apply for in a year.
- How to apply – in person at Denisiqi Services Society. More information in the brochure provided in the newsletter. (see below)
- Questions
 - Laurie Walters – can you please provide an example of what a group application would be:
 - Horse programs, one-on-one ECE worker, back to school supplies, winter clothing.
 - Group Applications fall under two categories:
 - Non-specific – on reserve
 - Specific – off reserve, more information required for everyone involved. Names, quotes, letters.
 - Shannon Thom – if a time sensitive application is submitted and items were purchased during processing will they be reimbursed?
 - Yes
 - Shannon Thom - If a youth is coming up to the age of 19, and the delay process carries on past their 19th birthday, will they still be approved for the application submitted before turning 19?
 - Yes, it will be honored.

Lightning Round - Share an Organizational Update, a Challenge, or a Success

Hayley Guichon, Denisiqi

- Client Programs have started as well as hockey.
- Family Wellness Program coming up.
- Orange Shirt Day coloring contest this week – activity pages are on their Facebook page.

Laurie Walters, Social Planning Council

- AGM is coming up in November via Zoom. Link will be in the newsletter one week prior and it will follow same format as the monthly community meetings.
- Membership renewals have been mailed out and payment is due before AGM.
- Revive Thrive campaign for poverty education and awareness campaign.

Liane Nunn, Social Planning Council

- Creating an anti-poverty education and awareness video with the help of community members
- Creative workshops will be in October. Plan to start filming beginning of November.
- A Call-to-Action campaign to encourage organizations and individuals to step up in the fight against poverty.

Bettina Johnson, Fraser Basin Council

- FBC is focused on sustainability and bringing people together, a lot of the projects have been regional throughout the province.
- We have the capacity to support work that is ongoing in the Williams Lake community. Focusing on connecting and reaching out.
- Multiple focus areas in FBC, one of them is sustainable community and resiliency.

Darlene Doucette, Royal Purple

- Purple Thursday – Brain Injury Awareness and Prevention. Third Thursday of October to recognize the intersection between interpersonal violence and brain injury.
- Collecting care items for care bags to give to women's shelters. Williams Lake has 50 care bags for the women's shelter.
- Hosting a breakfast event to recognize people who work with victims of domestic violence or brain injury.
- Bigger event in Saskatchewan, guest speaker is Anna Maria Tremonti, via Zoom
 - canadianroyalpurple.org
- Williams Lake is putting out Purple Thursday posters, asking individuals to show support on October 19th by wearing purple.

Hannah Deither, Central Interior Rural Division of Family Practice –

- Two more primary care providers leaving the community. Long term care is struggling, so changes will be coming. Hoping to have some providers come to the region in fall 2024.
- Working on UPCC (urgent primary care centre) for Williams Lake. Opening a physical space.
- Question: Laurie Walters – Asking for an update on the maternity clinic
 - Maternity clinic opened in CMH in July. Four providers, self-referral.

Madi Rushton, Canadian Mental Health Associations

- Promoting workshops in the community for ASSIST and getting Safe Talk into the schools.
- CONNECT Parent Attachment program starting October 3rd. Open to any parents that need support to discuss difficulties their having with teens/pre-teens.
- Housing for homeless, open to anyone needing support. Homeless outreach working is working to help those in need.
- AGM October 19th, 2:00pm.

Pat Biblow, Thompson Rivers University

- Welcome to new Academic Director- Kylie Thomas

- Student scholarship and awareness fundraising Gala on October 14th.
 - Aaron Pritchett performing.
 - Winter programs(trades) – currently taking applications.
 - Question: Shannon Thom – Is the Witness Blanket on display?
 - Not yet, it is still in Forth Smith. A notice will be sent out when it is on campus. The event on the 28th has been cancelled. They extended the time we can have it until January. An event/viewing will be planned for October/November.

Rosanna McGregor, Cariboo Friendship Society

- Aboriginal Housing Management Association – funder for social housing.
 - We've endorsed an Indigenous Collaborative Housing Incorporation. Received 280M to start the collaborative work in our communities, provincially and federally.
 - Indigenous homelessness and complex care sites – pilot programs, keen to watch them for modeling.
 - Interior Health anti-racism training module review committee – 24 hours of training – looking at it to role out as a pilot at CMH.
- Question: Darlene Doucette – who is the contract in regard to donations for women shelter
 - Rosanna – admin@cfswl.ca

Meeting Adjourned: 12:35

Move to adjourn Rosanna McGregor.

Jordan's Principle Brochure

Jordan could not talk, yet people around the world heard his message. Jordan could not breathe on his own and yet he has given the breath of life to other children. Jordan could not walk but he has taken steps that governments are now just learning to follow.

-- Dr. Cindy Blackstock, Executive Director
First Nations Child & Family Caring Society



All children deserve the chance to get the care they need.

That's Jordan's legacy.



Where to find a Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator

Address
240B North Mackenzie Avenue
Williams Lake, B.C. V2G 1N6

Phone
250-392-8500

E-mail
jordansprinciple@denisigi.org

Website
www.denisigi.org

Denisigi Services Society



Helping First Nation children flourish

Jordan's Story

Jordan's Principle is a legal rule named in memory of Jordan River Anderson, a First Nations child from Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba. Born with complex medical needs, Jordan spent more than two years unnecessarily in hospital, waiting to leave, while the Province of Manitoba and the federal government argued over who should pay for his at home care—care that would have been paid for immediately had Jordan not been First Nations. Jordan died in the hospital at the age of five years old, never having spent a day in a family home.

With the support of their community of Norway House Cree Nation and others, Jordan's family gifted his name to the creation of child-first principle to ensure First Nations children could access the services they need without denial, delay, or disruption.

-- The Caring Society



What is Jordan's Principle?

Jordan's Principle ensures there is substantive equality and no gaps in publicly-funded health, social and education programs, services and supports for First Nations children.

Recognizes that First Nation children may need government services to ensure:

- substantive equality in the provision of services to the child;
- culturally appropriate services to the child; and/or
- to safeguard the best interests of the child.



Who can access Jordan's Principle?

A child from birth up until their 19th birthday in British Columbia can access Jordan's Principle, if they permanently reside in Canada and if the child meets one of the following criteria:

- is registered or eligible to be registered under the Indian Act
- has one parent or guardian who is registered or eligible to be registered under the Indian Act
- is recognized by their Nation for the purposes of Jordan's Principle
- is ordinarily resident on reserve

How to apply

- Contact a Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator at Denisigi Services Society
- Jordan's Principle Enhanced Service Coordination Hub for BC
 - Website: jordansprinciplehubbc.ca
- ISC BC Region Focal Point
 - 778-951-0718
 - Email: principedejordanbc-bc@jordansprinciple@sac-isc.gc.ca
- Contact the Jordan's Principle Call Centre 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at
 - 1-855-JP-CHILD
 - Email: aadnc.infopubs.aandc@canada.ca

 Indigenous Services Canada Services aux Autochtones Canada

Community Events

CANADIAN ROYAL PURPLE SOCIETY AND
THE SASKATCHEWAN BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION
PROUDLY PRESENTS



PURPLE THURSDAY

An intimate evening with award winning journalist:

Anna Maria Tremonti 

Thursday Oct 19, 2023
TCU Place | Saskatoon

Tickets for in-person and on Zoom include admission to the full day (9am to 4pm) symposium on the Intersection of Intimate Partner Violence and Brain Injury at TCU Place on October 19, 2023 as well as the evening event with Anna Maria Tremonti.

For your convenience, a block of rooms has been reserved for Oct 18th & 19th, 2023 at **The Hilton Garden Inn Hotel & The Holiday Inn Downtown Saskatoon.** When calling to make your reservation, please mention the **The Saskatchewan Brain Injury Association** in order to receive a discounted rate.





www.brainlove.ca | www.canadianroyalpurplesociety.org
PURPLE THURSDAY is the 3rd THURSDAY in October!



CMHA Cariboo Chilcotin would like to invite you to our

New Members Welcome!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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



A Night under the Stars

2023 Scholarship & Awards Fundraising Gala

14589

Red Cross Babysitters Course



This Nationally Recognized Course teaches participants about the rights and responsibilities of babysitting, as well as injury prevention and emergency action.



October 7-8
12:30-4pm
Ages 11 - 15

Cariboo Memorial Recreation Centre
Gibraltar Dressing Room
\$60



Resources

Fall anti-racism groups with Awakenings Anti-Racism

1. Awakening Reconciliation: anti-racism foundations for thriving in community

- 8-session small group experience; 2 hours/session; \$400
- Awakening Reconciliation is for all who would like to understand the forces at play with respect to racism in their workplaces, communities, and country, and who are looking for tools and group strategies to help be part of the solution, to be leaders on the path of reconciliation. This is serious work – and yet, sharing space and open hearts with others who desire a better world gives rise to joy and the fulfillment of being in community. This process is not based on shame and blame (a concern cited by some folks surrounding anti-racism work), but rather rooted in growth and transformation. See attached flyer for more information.

- includes grounding practices, experiential exercises, full group and small group discussions, and about 2 hours preparation per session

2. Book Study: Desmond Cole's "The Skin We're In: A Year of Black Resistance and Power"

- six 2-hour sessions; \$250
- using this book, we will explore racism in the Canadian context and highlight patterns that occur in our own community, organizations, and personal lives.
- issues include immigration, police in schools, police brutality, the foster system, and the media
- grounding practices and body awareness from respected guides, such as Resmaa Menakem, Dr. Amanda Kemp, and Rachel Ricketts

3. Book Study: Robin DiAngelo's "White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism"

- six 2-hour sessions; \$250
- this is another key work in the field of anti-racism. Though written in the American context, the basic principles hold true for cross-racial interactions and responses here in Canada.
- effective anti-racism practice needs a high degree of self-reflection and honesty. "White Fragility" is an effective tool for this task.
- grounding practices and body awareness

All groups will start the week of October 23rd. (Specific time and date determined collectively by those who register.)

Registration deadline is Sunday, October 10th (you may still be able to join after this date if there is space, but would miss out on day/ time selection)

If cost is a barrier, contact me to discuss pricing options. No one will be turned away.

All groups are limited to a maximum of 8 people online, 10 in-person. The small group atmosphere gives support, encouragement, and builds communities.

Groups could be either in-person in Williams Lake, or online - depending on who registers.

Register by email (margaret-anne@awakenings-anti-racism.com) or phone (778-267-9234).

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

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

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