

SUPPORTING SOCIAL PLANNING and ACTION in REVELSTOKE

Social Development Committee Meeting Minutes 8:30 a.m. Wednesday September 2, 2009

Present: Nelli Richardson, John Yakielashek, Anne Cooper, Tony Scarcella, Brian Sumner, Cathy Girling, Lory Borges, Antoinette Halberstadt, Jane McNab, Steve Bailey, Susan Knight, Cathie Thacker and Alan Mason
Staff: Jill Zacharias and Debra Wozniak
Regrets: Melodie Kindret, Mary Kline, Linda Chell, and Melissa Klages.

1. **Call to order** – Chair Nelli Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion

Moved by Antoinette Halberstadt and seconded by Lory Borges that the Agenda be approved. **Carried**

3. **Approval of June 24, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

Motion

Moved by Antoinette Halberstadt and seconded by John Yakielashek that the Minutes of June 24, 2009 be approved. **Carried**

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- i) City run Rec-Programs Discounts –Tony Scarcella advised that the proposal was approved by City Council and will include free pool passes, public skating and skate rentals, and a 50% subsidy for all city-run rec programs.
- ii) Support for Single Men – no update
- iii) Health Care Advisory Committee - Jill & Nelli met with Julie Lowes (Manager, Interior Health, Revelstoke Health Services). A Terms of Reference for the committee was developed, and subsequently approved by City Council. It will be stand-alone committee of council and the process of setting up the committee has been initiated.

4. **Community Living Update**

John Yakielashek reported that MCFD is taking back services to children with special needs so MCFD can be a single point of entry for children and families. Services for adults with special needs with remain with CLBC. Hoping that qualifying criteria will be changed, to include, for example, children with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. The transition in Revelstoke should be relatively seamless as families are already being well served by service providers and those programs should not change.

5. **Neighbourhoods of Learning Update**

Anne Cooper advised that she cannot make a public announcement yet. Several proposals were received and sorted through by the Board of Trustees. Their selection of projects was presented by Anne to the provincial government which were very well received. In June the Deputy Minister responded that the project was approved. Planning proceeded and partners approached to complete architectural works for the extra 1300 m². Revelstoke has also received approval for two new kindergarten classrooms (one for expansion from 1/2 day to full day classes and one for anticipated 4 yr old class). It is hopeful that the Minister will sign off on the project in the next couple weeks when a formal announcement can be made. Anne will provide details of full day kindergarten classes at October meeting.

6. **Coordinator's Report** – Jill Zacharias reviewed the Coordinator's report.
- Jill will post the 2009/10 Workplan on the website (acronyms explained or removed).
 - Learning Initiatives for Northern & Rural (LIRN) BC workshop outlines distributed for committee feedback on content. Hoping to host the event in October. 2 workshops – one in evening & one during the day.

7. **New Business:**

- Protocol for Sexual Assault – Victims' Services, Paul Carter, has brought forward the need to develop a community-wide protocol to more effectively deliver services to, and support, victims of sexual assault. There is now a Registered Nurse in the community with experience and training in sexual assault cases. Nelli will take the lead to re-establish a committee to move forward with this project.
- Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 8:30 am.

6. **Round table**

Jill on behalf of Mary Kline – Experience Works for Older Workers program offered at Okanagan College is full and will begin Sept 8th. There are students on the waiting list and they may run a second program.

Cathy Girling - Community Connections waiting to review provincial budget details that may impact their services. Working on a project to assist brain injury clients to access services.

Tony Scarcella – Extended appreciation from City Council on the committee's work and welcomed everyone back for a second term.

Cathie Thacker - Revelstoke Employment Services Centre has new part time Employment Assistant and full-time Employment Facilitator for Youth positions now in place. Website www.resc.ca has been redesigned.

Antoinette Halberstadt – Expressed concern about conflicting stories on the status of the ambulance station. Asked that the Sexual Assault Committee consider paramedics role in protocol development.

Steve Bailey – Revelstoke Mountain Resort considering an adaptive ski program (for skiers with disabilities) and competition for upcoming season.

Alan Mason – BC Housing initiative for seniors independent living rental units: Following consultation with Moberly & Mt. Begbie Manor residents and other stakeholders the plan (if funding is available and the projects can be undertaken without too many obstacles), is to demolish the existing vacant wing at Moberly this fall and install 6 – 8 units in the spring, and to install 16 units at Mt. Begbie Manor site.

Brian Sumner – Emergency Housing subcommittee of the Community Housing Society will be meeting today to determine a plan for this winter.

John Yakielashek – September 8 will be the launch of a 'Busted for Good Behaviour' reward program to promote positive relationships between the RCMP and community youth. He is also organizing a Community Run Event on September 26. Noted that the community has a great resource in Brian Sumner whose experience could be tapped into for community workshop delivery. Discussion followed regarding the implementation of a Social Sector Monthly Speaker Series – Cathy Girling to forward information on Vernon program.

Jane McNab – Happy to report that she was finally able to participate in the Columbia Basin Trust's Social Advisory Committee in July. She is actively participating on their web-forum to comment on project funding proposals.

Nelli Richardson – Women and Children's Services have been hit with the loss of this stand-alone Ministry portfolio as well as funding cuts. As of August 1st, the Women's Shelter

services contract has been transferred to BC Housing. A concern is that during economic downturns, family violence escalates.

7. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Nelli Richardson, Chair

Revelstoke Community Social Development Committee Coordinator's Report – Sept 2nd, 2009

1. Communication, support and coordination

- **Website** updated first week of July – completed projects up front & centre (Age-Friendly Plan, CDAP update, 08/09 year end report, new photos, awards etc.)
- **Regional communication**
 - o Email correspondence with Anne Burrill, Manager of Social Development, Williams' Lake
 - o Nial Helgasson, IH Population Health – has been sharing the Age-Friendly Plan with other communities & reported the report has also been referred to him by several colleagues. Kamloops is hosting an Age-Friendly Planning event & have asked me to participate.
- **Contacts:**
- June 25th – Seniors' Planning Steering Committee
- June 26th – Ross McPhee
- June 26th – Doug Egan & Kyla Vaughan (CC) – with Lory – Drug Strategy funding opp
- June 30th – Economic Development Commission
- July 2nd – Cathy Girling (Seniors' Resource Guide)
- July 6th – Fred & Helen Schraeder (Seniors' Resource Guide)
- July 8th – Shannon Robinson (Graphic designer for Resource Guide)
- July 9th, 28th – Lory Borges, Substance Use Strategy planning
- July 9th – (Volunteer) – interviewed homecoming committee
- July 13th – 17th – Holidays
- July 21st & 30th – Julie Lowes/Nelli – Health Care Committee
- July 23rd – Jane McNab – CBT Social Committee feedback
- July 28th – David Raven – interested in both Health Care Advisory Committee & Substance Use planning (as associate member), suggested presentations to Council committee of the whole in April & October to augment biannual presentations to council
- July 29th – Teleconference with Eric Kowalski & Heather Deegon of Interior Health Population Health Division re: LIRN BC event
- August 6th – Parks Canada Management Plan review session
- August 12th – Mauro Morrone – CPR EAP
- August 17th – 28th – Holidays
- August 31st – OCP Implementation committee
- August 31st – Substance Use Strategy steering committee

2. Contract renewal, 09/10 Workplan

- A new contract was signed in July, expires July 2010
- 09/10 Workplan enclosed

3. Supporting our Seniors

- Revelstoke Seniors' Resource Guide project is well underway. Local artist Shannon Robinson is doing the graphic design and layout; researched & obtained a number of quotes for printing and decided to go with Premier Printing in Winnipeg. Timeline for completion is the end of September 09.
- We will also continue to host workshops at the Seniors' Centre this fall: Falls prevention & mobility aids; Financial security/how to identify scams; Problem substance use prevention (pharmaceuticals).

4. Substance Use Strategy

- Will be completed in partnership with Lory Borges, IH School-based Prevention
- Steering committee formed: Mauro Morrone (CPR EAP), Paul Carter (Victims' Services), Kyla Vaughan (CC), Inamarie Opperman (MCFD), Mike Hooker (SD19), Bertha Stone (IH Mental Health & Addictions), Jacquie Olsen (RCMP), Steven Hui (Pharmacist), Dr. Sarah Brown (Selkirk Medical), Antoinette Halberstadt (City Council/Paramedic).
- Planning outline complete. Community consultation will include focus groups, stakeholder & youth surveys, and speaker series. Strategy will be completed by June 2010.
- Please note this project will take up quite a bit of my time in the next 10 months.

5. LIRN BC

- Application was successful & most likely the event will take place sometime in October. Looks like it will be a 2 part event (evening + next morning) with one part being the Social Determinants of Health, and the other, Managing Change (specific to resort municipalities).

6. 4rth Quarter Hours

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