

SUPPORTING SOCIAL PLANNING and ACTION in REVELSTOKE

Social Development Committee Meeting Minutes 8:30 a.m. Wednesday January 26, 2011

Present: Nelli Richardson, Antoinette Halberstadt, Mary Kline, Susan Knight, Ann-Marie Gill, Cathie Thacker, Shirley Berg, Linda Chell and John Yakielashek
Staff: Jill Zacharias, Alan Mason, Debra Wozniak
Regrets: Jane McNab, Anne Cooper, Tony Scarcella, Melissa Klages, Melody Kindret, Steve Bailey and Cathy Girling

1. **Call to order** – Chair Nelli Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Addition: Item 6 – Youth Services

Motion:

Moved by Linda Chell and seconded by Antoinette Halberstadt to adopt the revised agenda.

Carried

3. **Correspondence**

Referral from City Council regarding the Paul Yuzyk Award for Multiculturalism was reviewed.

4. **Approval of November 24, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Revisions: Item 7 Roundtable corrections were made to Cathy Girling report regarding accreditation and Antoinette Halberstadt discussion about the Late Night – Great Night program.

Motion

Moved by John Yakielashek and seconded by Shirley Berg that the Minutes of November 24, 2010 be approved as revised.

Carried

Business Arising from the November 24, 2010 Minutes:

- Transit – Alan Mason reported that an extra 1500 hours of service was approved by BC Transit of which 900 hours has been allocated for the HandyDart service. The remaining hours will be allocated to provide increased service with priorities being the hospital and community centre. However, until BC Transit also provides an additional bus, improvements to the transit service cannot be implemented. It is hoped that Revelstoke will receive an additional bus in September/October.
- Service Canada Remote Access office – discussion deferred until next meeting when Cathy Girling is present to report on this topic.
- Jill explained that the delay in getting the recommendations from the last meeting minutes to Council was that staff is concerned about tracking expedited excerpts and the full meeting minutes which are submitted to Council at a later date. Jill suggested that the committee try expediting approval of meeting minutes utilizing doodle email to track member approvals so that complete minutes can be signed by the Chair and submitted to Council in a timely fashion.

Motion

Moved by Antoinette Halberstadt and seconded by Linda Chell

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS to City Council that expedited excerpts from Committee Meeting Minutes are allowed to be submitted for time sensitive recommendations to City Council.

Carried

- 5. Coordinator's Report** – Jill Zacharias reviewed the Coordinator's report for December 2010 and January 2011 and noted the following:
- The Seniors Volunteer Coordinator position has been extended to the end of June and hours of work adjusted to cover the extra weeks.
 - The Welcome to Revelstoke guide will be translated into 3 languages. A Newcomer's Website will be launched this spring and hopefully will be linked to the City's website.
 - Jill will be working closely with OC on the Youth Action Plan.
 - Antoinette Halberstadt reported that the website redevelopment budget is very small and will be geared to implementing high traffic web pages as a first priority. Jill noted that 30% of the Social Development Committee website hits are sourced through the City of Revelstoke website.
 - Jill will circulate the updated CDAP for feedback.
 - Jill presented the Social Development Committee activities to City Council yesterday.
 - Jill will be following up with the school on implementation of their substance use committee and the direction they will be taking.
- 6. New Business:**
- a) Report from Council – Antoinette reported:
- A proposed budget recommendation has been submitted to reduce the social coordinator's funding from \$50,000 to \$25,000. Discussion followed. Agreed that Nelli present to City Council the benefits to the community of having the social development coordinator. Nelli will confirm by email the date of her presentation to City Council.

Motion

Moved by Antoinette Halberstadt and seconded by Linda Chell

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS to City Council that full funding for the Social Development Coordinator's position be maintained.

Carried

- Other proposed budget cuts were mentioned as they pertain to the social fabric of the community. The draft budget will go through a public review process. Antoinette will circulate the January 11 memorandum regarding proposed 5% and 10% budget reduction scenarios.
 - She will continue to push forward on courthouse improvements and Beruschi Park washrooms.
 - The public workshop for the Parks & Rec Plan, and Transportation Master Plan is January 31. There will be a staffed display during the week as well. Jill will circulate information on public input for these master plans.
- b) Youth Services – John Yakielashek reported that he is investigating the opportunity for a place to host a youth drop in centre idea. Discussion followed with suggestions for possible venues and venue utilization.
- c) New Ideas/Suggestions:

- BC Living Wage Program– assists in calculating the living wage in communities for a family with two young children. Antoinette Halberstadt will investigate the cost of having an analysis prepared for Revelstoke.

d) Meeting Dates

A revised meeting schedule was discussed.

Motion:

Moved by Linda Chell and seconded by John Yakielashek that the committee meeting dates be as follows:

- February 23
- No Meeting In March Due To Spring Break
- April 27
- May 25
- June 22
- No Meetings In July & August
- September 28
- October 26
- November 23
- No Meeting In December

Carried

7. Roundtable

Linda Chell – Early Childhood Development Committee had initiated planning for playground equipment upgrades at Williamsons Lake and had met with key stakeholders, including the City. The initiative was in response to a request from the Williamsons Lake contractor and the concern that the current playground does not meet existing safety standards. However, they were informed that the City will be focussing on playground site plans this year and a partnership would not be possible at this time. Instead, the ECD will focus on upgrading the Columbia Park School playground for preschool children.

- Carousel of Nations celebration February 5, 2011 from 4 – 7 pm

- Family Literacy Day is tomorrow, January 27 and the photo contest ends January 31.

Antoinette Halberstadt – There are ongoing discussions about making progress towards an emergency shelter for homeless persons.

Mary Kline - Multicultural Society being formed with first meeting being held February 1, 2011 at the Revelstoke Museum at 7 pm

Cathy Thacker – There will be budget cuts coming April 1 that may impact some employment services.

Debra Wozniak – The CBT Community Initiatives call for 2011 project submissions closes February 14.

8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

Nelli Richardson, Chair

Revelstoke Community Social Development Committee Coordinator's Report – January 26th, 2011

1. Communication, support and coordination

- **Directory of Social Services** – October update completed and distributed.
- **Website** – Updated home page at the end of November (see attached).
- **Communication** – Presentation to Rotary, Seniors Health Fair participation

Contacts:

- Nov 25th – UBC/IH focus group – service providers (Moberly Manor)
- Nov 26th – UBC/IH focus group – high mobility adults (Seniors Centre)
- Nov 29th – Transit Service Review stakeholder meeting
- Nov 29th – Agnes & Troy, The Cabin (Safe Bar Program)
- Nov 29th – Early Childhood Development Committee
- Nov 30th – CFDC executive (volunteer)
- Nov 30th – RCMP Drug & Alcohol presentation at the high school
- Dec 2nd – Kerry Dawson, Director Parks, Rec & Culture (CDAP)
- Dec 6th – John Guenther, Planning (CDAP etc)
- Dec 7th – Volunteer Coordinator Steering committee
- Dec 7th – Mary Kline & Megan Shandro, OC, (Welcome Guide, etc)
- Dec 8th – Jacquie Olsen, RCMP (CDAP)
- Dec 8th – Cathie Thacker, RESC (CDAP)
- Dec 9th – Linda Chell, Tracy Spanner, Children, Literacy (CDAP)
- Dec 9th – CFDC (volunteer)
- Dec 10th – Alan Mason (CDAP)
- Dec 13th – Cathy Girling, CC (CDAP)
- Dec 15th – Mary Kline, OC (CDAP)
- Dec 20th – 31st - OFF
- Jan 6th – Patti Larson, CC (CDAP)
- Jan 10th – Health Care Advisory Committee
- Jan 11th – Volunteer Coordinator Steering Committee
- Jan 11th – Jim Barmby – OC Regional Dean (CDAP)
- Jan 12th – RLAC
- Jan 13th – Mary Kline & Megan Shandro, OC, Welcome Guide
- Jan 14th – Julie Lowes, IH (CDAP)
- Jan 18th – CFDC executive (volunteer)
- Jan 19th – Youth Engagement Workshop
- Jan 21st – CEEP
- Jan 24th – Alan Mason, Nelli Richardson
- Jan 24th – Youth Initiative Committee
- Jan 24th – Early Childhood Development Committee
- Jan 25th – Presentation to Council

2. Supporting our Seniors

- Volunteer Coordinator programs: *Transportation* – 14 clients and 5 drivers registered with the program. No in-town drives to date; no out-of-town drives since early December but it was expected that no one would have medical appointments booked over Christmas holidays. *Good Morning Program* – 2 clients registered who would like regular calls. Unfortunately the one volunteer we have for this program isn't working out. Jean has been doing the calls. Word still getting out about these programs. *Computer Classes* – another session about to begin, one-to-one continues. Classes draw on expertise of instructor & interests of seniors. We are working on funding options to carry out the coordinator position for another year as the programs are just building momentum. The Transportation Contingency fund has received \$2,425.00 in donations to date.

- Grit Box Pilot Project: Grit boxes have been in place since early winter – community feedback will be elicited in February.
- UBC/IH research project to study mobility for rural dwelling older adults – focus groups November 25 (service providers, low-mobility adults), & November 26 (high mobility adults 65+) took place & went very well despite weather challenges. I will be receiving this report when it is released in the spring.

3. Substance Use Strategy

- Harm Reduction Strategy – Funding was obtained through the Community Health Foundation to purchase the secure wall-mounted sharps disposal units and a number of sharps collection units; public works will contribute installation of the units & regular collection of the sharps; public health will ensure proper disposal of the sharps as biohazard waste.
- Safe Bar Program – I met with most bar owners in December, but have not had time to pursue it further.
- I will be doing a presentation to the school board in February (Youth Drug Survey results etc).

4. Youth Initiative

- Youth Engagement Workshop held January 19th was very successful. There were 20 participants, including 2 who traveled all the way from Vernon for the workshop. The presenter, Katie Shaw, from BC Healthy Communities, traveled from Victoria & was excellent. Funding contributors included an in-kind contribution from BC Healthy Communities, CFDC, and the CBT sponsorship program. As well, a small registration fee was charged to help cover costs.
- BC Healthy Community Youth Engagement Facilitator expressed interest in continuing to work with Revelstoke to build capacity for youth in the community.
- Okanagan College received funding to do a comprehensive Youth Action Plan. The consultants have already started working on the plan, and attended the workshop, which was a great start to the project. The Youth Initiative Committee will act as the steering committee for the action plan and target for completion is the end of June.

5. WICWP – Phase 2 funding

- The Welcome to Revelstoke Guide has gone to the publishers! I have worked fairly extensively on the project in partnership with OC, and I think it will be a very useful publication & everything we had hoped it would be. I will have copies for everyone by the next meeting.

6. CDAP Update

- I have been working hard on completing the Draft to go out to workshop participants by January 28th, including interviews with key sector representatives. The strategic planning session is scheduled for February 10th, invitations have gone out to Mayor & Council, senior staff, CFDC, the Chamber of Commerce, and my social sector mailing list. So far I have over 30 registrants for the planning session. The final report is due by the end of February. Community goals and objectives have been meshed with the City's OCP and recent master plans. The final report will be integrated into a comprehensive update of the entire CDAP this year, which will include a community survey.

7. RCSDC Social Development Coordinator 2010/11 WORKPLAN

Second Quarter Hours – Oct 15th, 2010 to Jan 14th, 2011

Date	Task	Social Dev	Other Grants CBT – CDAP	Total
Oct 15th 2010	Fielding emails/reviewing materials (1.5 hrs/day)	13.5		
	Substance Use Strategy (Youth Initiative, Safe Bar Program, Harm Reduction Strategy)	15.0		
	WICWP (Welcome to Revelstoke Guide)	8.5		
	Presentations – Rotary (including prep time)	2.5		
	Meeting with sector members & groups (OC – Mary Kline, Megan Shandro, Youth Initiative Committee, CEEP, ECD, Sarah Newton, CFDC, Service Canada Rep)	6.0		45.5
Nov /10				
	Fielding emails/reviewing materials (1.5 hrs/day)	31.5		
	Steering Committee meeting (including prep time)	5.0		
	Substance use Strategy (Youth Initiative, Safe Bar Program, Harm Reduction Strategy)	21.5		
	Seniors planning (volunteer coordinator steering committee & support, Older Adult Mobility Focus Groups)	6.0		
	WICWP (Welcome Guide – content writing, editing, gathering photos etc)	18.0		
	Meeting with sector members & groups (Health Care Advisory, Seniors committee, Seniors Health Fair, CFDC, RSS, CBT youth focus groups, John Devitt/Gregg, Multicultural Society, Town Hall, Joel Asher, Emma Kirkland, OC – Mary Kline, Megan Shandro, Steven Hui, John Teed, Darren K, Anne-Marie Gill, Transit Committee, The Cabin owners, ECD, RSS)	20.0		102
Dec /10				
	Fielding emails, reviewing material (1.5 hrs/day)	18.0		
	WICWP (Welcome guide)	4.5		
	Substance Use Strategy (Youth Initiative, Safe Bar Program, Harm Reduction Strategy)	8.0		
	Seniors Planning (volunteer coordinator steering committee & support)	2.0		
	CDAP update – Initial data collection & sector interviews (Kerry Dawson, John Guenther, Mary Kline, Jacquie Olsen, Cathie Thacker, Linda Chell, Tracy Spannier, Alan Mason, Cathy Girling)		16.5	
	December 20 th to 31 st - Holidays			49
To Jan 14th				
	Fielding emails, reviewing materials (1.5 hrs/day)	15.0		
	Substance Use Strategy – Youth Initiative, Harm Reduction Strategy	8.5		
	Seniors planning (volunteer coordinator steering committee meeting, support)	2.0		
	WICWP (Welcome Guide – Final editing)	3.0		
	CDAP Update - Initial data collection & sector interviews (Patti Larson, Jim Barmby, Julie Lowes)	10.0	3.0	
	Meeting with sector members & groups (Health Care Advisory, RLAC)	3.5		45
	TOTAL HOURS	222	19.5	241.5

SAFER CLINIC & COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FOOD BANK BOTH CELEBRATE 10TH ANNIVERSARY THIS FALL

The SAFER Clinic (Sexual Awareness for Everyone in Revelstoke) is a drop-in clinic that offers free, confidential sexual health counselling, affordable contraception, and testing. Initially, the need for sexual health information and medical care was identified predominantly for teens but now the clinic serves people of all ages.

Community Connections Food Bank provides 'full-on' weekly food distribution as well as the Christmas Hamper program. Initially, this program served primarily residents on income assistance but now distributes to seniors, disabled people, single people and the working poor - families where both parents work but can't earn enough to feed their children nutritious food.

Although serving different clientele for very different reasons, striking similarities underscore their success:

- A service gap was identified and, through sheer dedication, a social sector program was created to meet the need.
- Community partners came together and strong community support has been maintained over time.
- Grassroots volunteer contributions are critical; volunteers are drawn from the clientele served, building both individual and organizational capacity.
- Dedicated staff has meant stability, continuity and service excellence.

For the SAFER Clinic, providing services has led to less unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections in the community, while the Food Bank helps countless households meet one of the most basic human needs. Congratulations!

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN BERUSCHI PARK (with photo)

For many years, a top priority for the Early Childhood Development Committee has been contributing to playground upgrades in community parks in Revelstoke. This fall, new playground equipment was installed in Beruschi Park in downtown Revelstoke, completely revitalizing an otherwise empty neighbourhood park. The playground represents a successful community partnership between the Early Childhood Development Committee and the City of Revelstoke. The project was funded by Children First, Success by 6, Columbia Basin Trust and the City of Revelstoke.

The playground has been an instant success - a big draw for families and children of all ages. Other community playgrounds that have benefited from Early Childhood Development Committee partnerships have included three phases of revitalization to Queen Elizabeth Park on Ninth St East and Farwell Park on First St West in lower town.