

SUPPORTING SOCIAL PLANNING and ACTION in REVELSTOKE

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

Present: Nelli Richardson, Alan Mason, Linda Chell, Mary Kline, Tony Scarcella, Susan Knight, Cathie Thacker, Kelsey Croxall, Melissa Klages, Melodie Kindret, Antoinette Halberstadt, John Yakielashek, Emma Kirkland and Doug Egan.
Staff: Jill Zacharias and Debra Wozniak
Regrets: Anne Cooper, Shirley Berg and Jane McNab.

1. **Call to order** – Chair Nelli Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:35 am and introduced new member Kelsey Croxall from Interior Health.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Antoinette Halberstadt and seconded by Melodie Kindret to adopt the agenda.
Carried

3. **Review of September 28, 2011 Meeting Minutes** – typing corrections were noted.

Motion:

Moved by Linda Chell and seconded by Melodie Kindret to approve the September 28, 2011 meeting minutes as corrected.
Carried

Business Arising from the September 28, 2011 Minutes:

- Jill advised that the motion for Kelsey Croxall's appointment to the committee was approved by Council.
- Jill advised that she did send out the Smoking Ban Bylaw and the draft Cultural Strategy to committee members for their review.
- Linda Chell noted that the Grand Opening for the new high school has been delayed to sometime in November.

4. **Coordinator's Report** – Jill Zacharias reviewed the Coordinator's report for October 2011 and added:

- A description of the activities she has set up for the Age-Friendly Achievements filming crew on October 28.
- Poverty Reduction Strategy committee met October 25 and are looking for more members to participate with two business people, three youth, one single parent and 2 services providers already on board.
- Antoinette Halberstadt mentioned that when the request for support from City Council for the Youth Initiative Committee's funding application to the Columbia Basin Trust that Council questioned the definition of youth being ages 12 – 30 and who would the committee be accountable to if it is not a sub-committee of the Social Action Committee. Discussion followed noting that the youth ages have been established by the federal government and the committee is being sponsored by the Revelstoke Community Foundation. Kelsey Croxall indicated that she would be willing to participate on the Youth Initiative Committee.

- Jill is submitting an application to the Age-Friendly Community Recognition Program, which includes a monetary prize if successful.
- Jill has applied to participate on the Columbia Basin Trust's social grants selection committee and will be interviewed for the position.
- Jill will reconvene stakeholders to review the status of recommendations in the Age-Friendly Plan, in order to prepare an Age-Friendly Grant Application for \$20,000 to continue to address age-friendly planning issues.

5. New Business:

a) Report from Council

- Tony Scarcella reported that Council has appointed three new members to the Health Advisory Committee.
- Antoinette Halberstadt reported that at the meeting held Monday October 24 to review the Community Centre User Fees it was recommended that the existing written policy be revised which states that a user fee be charged. It was noted that not for profit organizations provide an incalculable service to the community and that this be taken into consideration in the fee structure. Tony Scarcella urged that consideration be given to no fees for volunteers and youth user groups. Kerry Dawson will be preparing a revised policy for council to review.
- Victim Services contract has now been signed with Luana Kaleikini. The position is accountable to the RCMP Staff Sergeant.

b) New Ideas/Suggestions

- Antoinette suggested that as she will no longer be a Council representative and that as she is interested in continuing on the committee, perhaps another public at large position could be created.
- Alan Mason encouraged committee members to attend the all candidates forum to ask about the Candidates' views on social issues in the community.

c) Next Meeting Date is 8:30 am. Wednesday, November 23, 2011.

6. Roundtable

Emma Kirkland – Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Dinner is November 5, tickets are still available.

Kelsey Croxall – Public Health will be holding six flu shot clinics starting November 1, most clinics will be at the Seniors Centre.

Cathie Thacker – Revelstoke Employment Skills Centre's new service provider will be WGI effective April 2012. They will be meeting with the new proponents in early November to review the transition of employment services from OC to the WGI.

- Lots of new people visiting the centre lately mostly Europeans and French Canadians.

Tony Scarcella – Attended a meeting on Oct 25th of family members of residential care and noted that there are many concerns regarding the staffing cuts made by Interior Health at Cartier Cottage long-term care facility and subsequent changes in the level of care. It was noted that Julie Lowes is very open to hearing from the community concerning the level of care provided, and this issue will be brought forward at the next Health Care Advisory Committee meeting in November.

Doug Egan – Youth Services has a much nicer space at the new high school.

Melissa Klages – Delivering an Executor Workshop at Okanagan College on October 29.

John Yakielashek – Has witnessed an increase in parents condoning their children’s alcohol use & reiterated that it is okay to set boundaries with teens.

Mary Kline – Okanagan College holding non- profit board development workshops Nov 3 & 5.

- Okanagan College very busy with increased demand/attendance at courses and training classes. Discussion followed regarding the increase in economic activity associated with mining and the federal shipbuilding contract awarded to BC and the noticeable skilled labour shortages around the province, most requiring trades training.

Linda Chell –Early Development Indicators results indicate that Revelstoke is doing very well and maintaining its low vulnerability measures over time.

- Early Childhood Development Strategic Plan is being updated.
- Children’s Charter almost finalized, a gala event is planned for January 12, 2012 to release the Charter and do a community presentation on ECD successes.

Nelli Richardson – Worked with Jill to prepare a New Horizons Grant Application for the Community Response Network, as well as a second stage housing funding application to BC Housing for the Women’s Shelter.

- Sixth annual Women’s Show was very successful generating \$9,015 in receipts for the one-day event. The six-year total funds raised is \$50,671.
- Thank you extended to Antoinette Halberstadt for her interest in social issues and the time and efforts dedicated to the committee.

7. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.

Nelli Richardson, Chair

Revelstoke Community Social Development Committee

Coordinator's Report – October 25th, 2011

1. Communication, support and coordination

- Regional/provincial contacts –

- Eva Hernandez, Kootenay Boundary Community Services Coop, member services – coordinating professional development for non-profits.
- Jennifer Hamilton, Alzheimer's Society of BC – coordinating caregiver workshops & presentation at the Seniors.
- Rosemary Lawrence & Maurice Bridge, BC Seniors Healthy Living Secretariat – coordinating local filming for documentry on age-friendly planning & community projects.

Contacts:

- Sept 28th – PBAC
- Sept 29th – Scott Graham, SPARC BC, telephone meeting
- Sept 29th – CFDC (volunteer)
- Oct 3rd – Youth Initiative Committee meeting
- Oct 4th – Tanya Secord, Kristy DeVuyst, Saddle Club
- Oct 5th – Economic Dev Commission (volunteer)
- Oct 6th – Community Development team, Community Connections
- Oct 11th – Deb Wozniak (review taxfiler data)
- Oct 11th – Volunteer Coordinator Steering Committee
- Oct 11th – Cathy Girling, CC
- Oct 12th – Adelheid Bender, Chamber
- Oct 17th – Nelli Richardson, Women's Shelter
- Oct 18th – 19th – Jennifer Hamilton, Caregiver Workshops
- Oct 19th – Alzheimer's Society talk at the Seniors Centre
- Oct 24th – Early Childhood Dev Committee
- Oct 24th – Community Centre Public meeting
- Oct 25th – Poverty Reduction Strategy Steering Committee meeting

2. Supporting our Seniors

- Volunteer Coordinator programs:

- Transportation program now has 30 registered clients & 10 volunteers. To date there has been an average of 2 out of town rides per month since the program began.
- There are 5 planned computer courses planned for October: Powerpoint tutorials every Monday afternoon, Beginner Power Point, Facebook, Beginner Basics, and Skype.
- Helping Hands programs – The shopping program just recruited a number of new volunteers; we will be meeting with Community Care staff at QVH to review new programs November 2nd.
- The volunteer coordinator has also been working for the seniors centre in a variety of capacities & this aspect of her job is getting very busy.

- Speaker series at the Seniors Centre: In October Jennifer Hamilton came from the Alzheimer's Society of BC to speak on the Early Signs of Dementia, with local RCMP Cst. Guthrie speaking on the Safely Home Program – very successful – over 60 seniors were present for this valuable presentation.

- Jennifer Hamilton also did 2 workshops from the Family Caregivers series – 'Understanding Communication' & 'Understanding Behaviour' – very well attended with

20 participants both days. These workshops were organized in partnership with Tuulikki Tennant & the Caregiver Support Group.

- On October 28th, I am facilitating a day of filming with Maurice Bridge & Rosemary Lawrence from the BC Seniors Healthy Living Secretariat on Age-Friendly Achievements here in Revelstoke. The documentary film will be posted on the BCSeniors.ca website as part of a demonstration toolkit for other municipalities.

3. Youth Initiative Committee (YIC)

- I have been appointed the interim chair for the Youth Initiative Committee until January.
- The Terms of Reference definition of youth was aged 12 to 30 in order to be inclusive of all potential funding sources.
- The Youth Initiative Committee's Expression of Interest for CBT's Community Directed Youth Funds was submitted prior to the October 31st deadline. If Revelstoke is successful, this represents \$100,000 commitment over 4 years for capacity-building for youth in Revelstoke. The EoI included 17 letters of commitment from 'Community Partners', included many community organizations as well as the City of Revelstoke, the Community Foundation, Interior Health, Parks Canada, and the RCMP.

4. Poverty Reduction Strategy

- The steering committee to oversee this project has been struck, and we are currently in the data collective phase of the project.

5. Training for Service Providers

- In addition to the Caregiver workshops, I have been working with the Kootenay Coop and Okanagan College on a 2 part Board Development workshop for non-profits: on Thursday November 3rd a succession planning expert, Linda Fairburn will be presenting, and on Saturday November 5th, Alan Chell will discuss a variety of topics relevant to non-profit boards.

6. Welcome to Revelstoke Guide & Website

- The online version of the Welcome to Revelstoke Guide has been updated & reposted.

7. Other

- I assisted the Women's Shelter Society to submit an application to the Homeless Partnering Strategy for capital funding to purchase a home to be used as second stage housing in our community.
- I met with 2 members of the Selkirk Saddle Club regarding securing funding to support capacity building and a capital project.