

## **Revelstoke Community Social Development Committee Social Development Coordinator 2013-14 Year End Report**

### **Supporting the Social Sector**

- ❖ Coordinated & reported to 8 Social Development Committee meetings.
- ❖ Distributed information relevant to the social sector on a daily basis via email list (52 contacts).
- ❖ Met with a variety of social sector representatives on a regular basis to track & respond to social sector opportunities and challenges (55 contacts to June 15<sup>th</sup>, average 9 per month).
- ❖ Provided support for new and established social sector groups:
  - Currently working with new Safe Spaces Committee to build supports for LGBTQ community.
  - Assisted Multicultural Society to develop budget, workplan & process for hiring first-ever coordinator; supported hiring process.
  - Supported Youth Advisory Committee with a number of funding applications.
  - Supported RLAC with Financial Literacy funding application.
  - Provided resources to Community Housing Society (Emergency Shelter Feasibility Study).
  - Provided resources for Food Security Strategy development.
- ❖ Maintained and updated [www.revelstokesocialdevelopment.org](http://www.revelstokesocialdevelopment.org)
- ❖ Maintained and updated [www.welcometorevelstoke.org](http://www.welcometorevelstoke.org)
- ❖ Updated the Directory of Social Services for Revelstoke & Area (July 2013).
- ❖ Coordinated learning events & training for the social sector both independently & in conjunction with regional bodies:
  - Coordinated or supported 11 learning events.
- ❖ Provided social development updates to City Council and other community groups:
  - 3 delegations to City Council (Nov, April, June); met with Lyle Huntley and Tim Palmer on request.
  - Presentations to Rotary & Chamber of Commerce (May); regular updates to CFDC.
- ❖ Attended regular meetings of 14 social sector committees.
- ❖ Shared information regionally & provincially on a variety of social planning topics:
  - Responded to 43 enquiries from external agencies on social planning activities in Revelstoke.
  - Provided input to CBT's Social Strategic Plan (2014-2019).
  - Sept – Presented in Golden to City Council & also to reps from a variety of agencies in Golden.
  - Oct – Presented to a BC Healthy Communities provincial webinar on “Leading Healthy Communities”.
  - Oct - Attended CBT Symposium in Creston.
  - Nov – Presented in Salmo to a regional group on Revelstoke Youth Initiative;
  - Nov - Poverty Reduction Strategy featured as a ‘success story’ on PlanH website.
  - April – Revelstoke Healthy Community project featured as a ‘success story’ on PlanH website & IH e-newsletter.
  - April - Presented to Poverty Reduction Workshop in Nelson.
  - March to present – contributed to national Municipal Monitor on Poverty Reduction (based in Toronto).
  - May – CBC Radio Interview on Youth Drug Survey.
  - May to June – Provided input to Regional Social Planning Framework group based in Nelson.
- ❖ Supported planning and action on community-wide social priorities (see below).

### **Levering City resources**

- ❖ **\$49,762** in external funding acquired this year, supporting 3 youth- and 2 poverty reduction-related projects (this does not include acquiring ongoing funding for Welcome Week).

### **Social Planning**

- ❖ Provided input/editing to Poverty Reduction Action Plan (Oct 2013).
- ❖ Completed the Revelstoke Healthy Community Project scan and action plan (March 2014).
- ❖ Completed the Revelstoke Youth Drug Survey Final Report (March 2014).

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### **Poverty Reduction**

- ❖ Coordinated “Building Shared Prosperity” Poverty Reduction Workshop in partnership with SPARC BC.
- ❖ Provided input/edited Poverty Reduction Action Plan.
- ❖ Established Poverty Reduction Working Group as a subcommittee of SDC, coordinate regular meetings & continue to recruit new members on an ongoing basis.
- ❖ Presented Emergency Shelter Feasibility Study project rationale to Housing Society; provided resources/data to consultant doing the study.
- ❖ Acquired funding for a 2 year Financial Literacy project in partnership with CBAL.
- ❖ Acquired funding to implement a Youth Access Fund to decrease financial barriers for youth participation in sports, rec & culture.
- ❖ Contributed to Caledon Institute of Social Policy’s Municipal Monitor on Poverty Reduction (linking in to initiatives across Canada), includes tracking local initiatives from a variety of sectors (ongoing).
- ❖ Presented on Poverty Reduction in Nelson at a regional forum.
- ❖ Presented on Poverty Reduction to Chamber lunch and Rotary.
- ❖ Provided resources to consultants working on Food Security Strategy.

### **Problem Substance Use**

- ❖ Primary focus has been youth, working with the Youth Mental Health & Substance Use Committee – a subcommittee of the Youth Advisory Committee – to support and add capacity to a variety of initiatives.
- ❖ Administered the Youth Drug Survey at RSS in Nov 2013, presented results to RSS parents at parent-teacher night & a presentation in Feb 2014; presented results to RSS Staff, Arrow Heights & Columbia Park Elementary; presented results to Youth at RSS Wellness Fair; produced a Final Report comparing 2009 & 2013 results.

### **Youth Initiative**

- ❖ Provided ongoing support and mentorship to Youth Liaison, assisting to direct and provide input to her work plan.
- ❖ Attended and prepared minutes for Youth Advisory Committee meetings.
- ❖ Provided grant-writing and project development support, and input to Youth Action Plan update.
- ❖ Attended Youth Initiative Committee planning sessions.
- ❖ Fulfilled all reporting requirements associated with CBT Community Directed Youth Funds.

### **Supporting our Seniors**

- ❖ Continued to provide ongoing support Seniors Association and Seniors Volunteer Coordinator.
- ❖ Coordinated 2 learning events for Seniors at the Seniors Centre.
- ❖ Compiled a seniors profile & community assessment for IH team for application to bring the Ministry of Health’s “Better at Home” program to Revelstoke (application was unsuccessful).
- ❖ Developed wording for Age-Friendly plaque for new bus shelter area at the Seniors Centre & reviewed with Seniors.

### **Welcoming Communities**

- ❖ Coordinated 2013 “Welcome Week – Connecting Newcomers & the Community”, and secured ongoing funding for this annual event (from RAA).

### **Mental Health Awareness**

- ❖ Partnered with CMHA to successfully deliver ‘Knowledge is Power’ series (2013/14) to promote awareness of mental health issues and access to resources, including coordinating 4 learning events for a variety of groups (teachers, elementary schools, early childhood, seniors)

### **Healthy Communities**

- ❖ Completed “The Revelstoke Healthy Community Project” (2014), including photography exhibit.