

Vibrant Revelstoke – Affordability for All
Minutes of the Leadership Roundtable (LRT) Meeting
 Held on June 11th, 2020, commencing at 8:30 am
 Via Zoom Meetings

PRESENT:

Name	Role/Action Team
Mayor Gary Sulz	Chair, City Council
Stephanie Melnyk	Co-Chair, Income & Employment
Jill Zacharias	'Backbone' support & logistics, Communication Measurement, Shelter, Transit & Transportation
Lisa Cyr	Communications, Listening, Measurement, Neighbourhood Connections
Jamie Hobgood	Listening
Nicole Cherlet	CI Planning, Communications, City Council
Melissa Hemphill	CI Planning, Food Insecurity
Adrian Giacca	Shelter
Sara Sansom	Member at large, Business
Ingrid Bron	Director, City CED
Simon Hunt	Member at large, Community

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

Chair Gary Sulz called the meeting to order with an acknowledgement of traditional territories at 8:34 am

2. Tree of Social Resiliency

- Jill and Simon introduced the concept of the 'Tree' as an asset map and vehicle for engagement and collaboration. Discussion about the Recovery Task Force initiative and surveys. Great opportunity for Collective Impact LRT and Action Teams to engage in survey promotion. Ingrid noted that they were hoping to tie the survey in to mask distribution. Simon noted that we'll be looking for ambassadors to help provide face to face options e.g. radio, farmer's market, door to door – important to engage the entire community. Now we are working on gathering social sector info – Mel interested in timelines and results so far. Ingrid noted we may have to push back the deadline for the social sector survey to ensure high completion rates.
- Important to connect results with Listening team data – adding a story to the numbers.
- Important to strengthen link with revelstokelife.ca website – part of communications plan.

3. Updates

Adrian – Shelter – Hasn't hosted a meeting since January – losing focus and direction, feels like it's been hard to lead and inspire. Group needing Action. Unsure of vision / mission. But feels the team has a huge amount of capacity to take on a project e.g. experimental project on city land. Now, they are 'stakeholders' with 'no stake'. No connection with the City (Planning & Development Services).

- Jill noted that the Transit & Transportation team feeling the same way.
- Gary noted that staff has been directed to focus on specific action-orientated tasks/ no



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time. But we want to be able to move forward in a way that works for everyone.

Suggested Adrian communicate with him – doesn't want anyone left by the wayside.

- Nicole noted that collective impact is integrated into most reports at City Council now. Great to see the buy-in. Hopefully we can regain momentum in the fall.
- Ingrid noted that she is meeting with BC Transit this afternoon & they are hoping to re-start engagement. Nicole suggested the T&T Action Team connect with the Environmental Advisory Committee re: Trails strategy.

Lisa – Neighbourhood Connections – Revitalized during pandemic. Growing slowly. Front Yard Feast rained out on July 1st, but others have occurred since. Lisa hosted one in her own neighbourhood, with unexpected success – people were connecting beyond the 'usual suspects'. Street contact list going. Now feels safer to ask for help. Hoping to get one more in before the end of summer. Trying to think of fall, connect with recovery work.

- Gary encouraged us all to work in our neighbourhoods – keep it simple and achievable. Lisa noted that it felt really needed. Felt like people were starving for that. Great place for survey distribution.
- **Action: Create a one-pager 'toolkit' on how to host a neighbourhood party – keep it simple and easy to do, bring out positivity.**

Sara – Met with **Income and Employment Action** Team. Discussion around how no one can plan for the future. Having a healthy debate on basic income. Tough because employers can't give a lot of security right now. Great time to be having discussions on new ways of doing things.

- Ingrid noted that the Recovery Task Force has an Income and Employment committee – a great link to meld the two groups, without taxing people's energy.

Jamie – Listening – Met in July, slowing down over summer. Flagging gloomy days ahead. Will be having a review and another workshop in the fall to continue to train listeners.

Melissa – Food Insecurity – Met in June. Pandemic exposed massive food insecurity and added spotlight and awareness of importance of food security in our lives – new and deeper response needed. Pandemic has created a situation where everyone has experienced food insecurity that has nothing to do with dollars in pockets, but lack of food on shelves. Not over. Tons of new gardens in town. But so much is out of our control. So dependent on local food prices. Not a lot of local solutions but a lot of work going on at provincial and federal levels. Push to open up land for food production. Recognition of how vulnerable we are. Lots of temporary foreign workers that work in food system. Noted that the food bank line up shows disproportionate number of 'brown faces'.

- Applying for funds to develop new outreach centre. Need to get into the new building before winter. Trying to improve what CC has to offer.

Simon – Important to keep affordability dialogue going throughout recovery efforts.

Jill – Tamarack will be putting out a new '10 Guide' to showcase ideas, stories and resources for engaging the whole community through COVID-19 to build a community plan and work together



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for collective impact. Revelstoke's early response will be highlighted as an example.

Ingrid – CED Department restructuring – trying to recreate the department to be able to better respond and improve capacity. Jill's contract will not be renewed.

Nicole – Has decided to sell her business. Can't do both that and City Council.

4. **Next Meeting Date** – September 10th 8:30 am
5. **Adjournment** – 9:50 am

