

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
Jamie Hobgood	Listening
Tracy Spanner	Early Childhood Development & Child Care
Connie Brothers	Transit & Transportation
Nicole Cherlet	CI Planning, Communications, City Council
Adrian Giacca	Shelter
Mary Kline	Neighbourhood Connections
Lucie Bergeron	Member at large, ORL
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. Reflection on the past year – results from the Action Team worksheets

Tracy – Early Childhood Development and Child Care

- Positive that the ECDC has been able to continue despite loss of core funding
- Child Care Society \$10/day prototype and Inclusion project – both provincial pilots where they are able to give feedback to the province
- Clothing & Toy exchange
- SD19 partnership – Changing results for young children – relationships between ECE's & kindergarten teachers
- Pandemic exposed child care as an essential service and economic driver – could result in systems change; way we work with families changed dramatically – when we already have relationships in place it's good but difficult to form a trusting relationship online.
- Access to technology fraught with issues around equity
- Actionable items – concerns about maintaining child care; trying to think about operating in ways that make sense. Currently no access to subs if a child care provider is sick.
- Need to promote better understanding of child care e.g. lots of offers of capital funding, but can't have space without ECE staff.
- Important to deepen understanding of impacts and changes in next 6 months.
- 5 year visioning felt unattainable – City has important role; need to ensure that children are at the centre of planning.



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Jamie – Listening Team

- Listening processes are in place; story collection is ongoing; able to purchase 20 Red Apple gift cards for honorariums
- Great crew – Simon Hunt has joined
- Pandemic – paused face to face story collection – focus of story collection has moved from housing to all aspects of affordability
- Taha built website / landing page for the team – visit <https://www.notion.so/Revelstoke-s-Listening-Team-Home-989d18443a6546abbb0c19eb8f2af368>
- 5 year goal is to have a workable data set that will help point valuable work in the right direction

Lisa – Neighbourhood Connections

- Able to brainstorm a lot of ideas about bringing people together
- Met twice
- Importance of community
- Hoping to have an event on July 1st – kick off day – highlight via eating together on your street – hoping to link it up with spend it Revy campaign – take out – coupled with get to know your neighbour on your street – ways of giving to your pod
- Daily Revy hour – ways to build up Revelstoke spirit, pride, finding ways to give back to the community .
- Success – getting off the ground
- Biggest vulnerability – deterioration of mental health as a whole; MCFD / hospitals not getting calls / increase in fear major barrier to connection – awkwardness around interpersonal connections (associated with risk)
- Setting up a neighbourhood advisory committee – how developments are impacted each neighbourhood / via OCP. Needs partnerships.
- Build up Revy spirits

Connie – Transit & Transportation

- Had an enthusiastic group but struggling with how to get involved, how do we find our role & communicate – seems dependent on City and BC Transit
- Role for team – we could get the information, get and provide broad-based community input – hoping we can use the team - ties into engineering and planning.
- OCP process continues – BC Transit put on hold for a year – so now we have a whole year let's do the engagement piece thoroughly
- Don't want to shut it down
- Get people's experiences of riding the transit system – lived experience
- Can we use their (BC Transit's) survey for our own engagement processes?
- **Action Item:** Ingrid will find out what we can do to own some of this process & bring it back to City Planning and Engineering

Stephanie – Income & Employment

- Amazing discussions around perceptions of income and scarcity
- Shame – lots of variations
- Pandemic – opened up a lot of opportunity – elevated discussions around basic income / CERB – but many people have struggled from pandemic – need more information on how the pandemic has impacted – we need to do this by engaging more people and getting more



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people involved in the discussion – but don't want to pressure people to participate

- Pandemic – leveler of income
- Sara – this is a time that we need to be talking about income – mental health aspect of this is huge – need to create a safe space for employers to talk about mental health vs. bottom line – connecting with staff.
- Survey part of the Recovery Task Force – roll it out through City's processes
- What about this fall when the benefit runs out – how do we get folks back to work through feelings of discomfort and safety – how can we support people for when the benefit runs out?
- Employer's concerns can't pay people as much as the CERB
- If we can't afford to pay people for these jobs, why do we have the jobs in the first place? Hard sell.
- Back to work – considerations around child care; wage subsidy programs, safety, trust, etc.
- Doing business will never be the same.

Adrian – Shelter

- Haven't been having any meetings, but completed the work sheet via email
- Alan Mason has been working with the housing society and provided an update – hoping to start building in August (24 one bedroom units); has been identifying social housing needs with various agencies (seniors, Community Connections, Women's Shelter) for 420 Downie St. Next step will be to assess how this will address overall housing needs.
- Go to <https://letstalkhousingbc.ca/420-Downie> for updates
- BC Housing Stakeholder engagement session June 10th.
- Pandemic exposed how crowded housing situation potential to become epicentres of disease - very difficult to control
- City creating affordable housing fund with RMI funds
- Action team – very little support from planning department – need more capacity to tell us exactly what we can do. Enthusiasm and talent but don't know where. Ingrid – make sure we need to communicate about that.
- Planting idea in the community – relationships between landlords and tenants to help us transition to fall.

3. Looking forward

Gary – noted that he is a strong advocate of this group going forward – need to better achieve how we can integrate Collective Impact into the work of the City but also have it be a valued part of the community.

Lisa – pointed out that a key part of resilience is community and community-building – the more we can create a strong, connected community the better. Really fortunate to already have this process going. We are in a good position.

Gary - huge proponent of volunteerism – tradition that we have to keep going, not difficult to keep engaged. Don't want to abandon any of the collective impact process. As long as we are committed, City hall will make it happen. We have come so far. Discussion can help move us forward.



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4. **Next Meeting Date** – Doodle poll.

5. **Adjournment** – 10:05 am

