

Vibrant Revelstoke – Affordability for All
Minutes of the Leadership Roundtable (LRT) Meeting
Held on September 12, 2019, commencing at 8:30 am
Macpherson Rm, Revelstoke Community Centre

PRESENT:

Name	Role/Action Team
Mayor Gary Sulz	Chair
Stephanie Melnyk	Vice-Chair Measurement
Jill Zacharias	'Backbone' support & logistics Measurement, Shelter, Transit & Transportation
Lisa Cyr	Communications, Measurement & Listening
Greg Hoffart	Shelter
Adrian Giacca	Shelter
Jamie Hobgood	Listening
Tracy Spannier	Early Childhood Development & Childcare
Kevin Dorrius	Transit & Transportation
Noelle Bovon	Income & Employment
Sara Sansom	Community member
Rana Nelson	Neighbourhood Connection

REGRETS:

Melissa Hemphill	Food Insecurity
Ingrid Bron	City, Director of CED

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

Chair, Mayor Sulz called the meeting to order with an acknowledgement of traditional Territories at 8:35 am.

2. Welcome & Introductions

Mayor Sulz welcomed and thanked everyone for their participation. Brief Introductions.

3. Action Team updates

- a. *Food Insecurity* – Jill noted that Melissa sent her regrets, but had provided a brief update via email. The team hasn't been able to meet yet, but Co-Chairs have been chosen and the group decided that in order to maintain the affordability focus, they changed the name of the team to food INsecurity action team.
- b. *Early Childhood Development & Child Care (Tracy)* – Hosted free parent workshop by Vanessa Lapointe on childhood stress and anxiety; partnered with CC food recovery program all summer for universal distribution of free food for all parents participating in their programs; biannual free children's toy & clothing exchange coming up October 19, always looking for volunteers, big event in which hundreds of families participate, coupled with Early Years Fair & Financial Literacy; Rev. Child Care Society (RCCS) provided seasonal work for Early Childhood Dev Educators, filling a gap; ECD + United Way partnered to provide free car seats for families in need; ongoing promotion of Affordable Child Care Benefit to make sure all eligible families in community access;



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ECD continues to deliver ‘barriers to access’ fund to support families; RCCS BoD voted to increase all ECD educator wages to living wage and has set aside a Pro-D Day to support all staff to attend (first time ever) to value both EC professionals and families; RCCS supporting ECD education with 3 student practicums over summer; loss of space at Begbie View, but able to move & renovate space at Farwell School by accessing emergency provincial funds – meant loss of some preschool families due to change in location, but continuation of service; one family child care facility closed over summer; still hard to find after-school child care, and a lot of pressure on infant/toddler spaces.

- c. *Shelter* (Greg) – Hosted 2 meetings of larger group over summer, surveyed members, smaller executive has been meeting weekly to try and come up with strategy to tackle ‘shelter’; stumbling blocks – not sure of credibility with City Planning – thought it would be a ‘quick win’ to gain an understanding of current work going on and how best to work together; thought it would be good to create subgroups based on people’s passion & interest; looking for help – recognize need to maintain momentum; thought to have shorter meetings more often to decrease time & work load; reached out to other builders & developers; need some level of security that the action team work is going to be valued and used; expertise on team could be used to alleviate city work load. (Gary) – connection with staff is vital, with room for thinking outside of the box, will connect Shelter team with OCP consultant. (Rana) – couldn’t make last meeting but can link to Housing Society, as they are focused on the new build. (Gary) – Emergency Shelter needs better engagement process; proper people need to be involved – would like to see a public meeting format where the whole community can provide input, directed staff to address this in a timely manner.
- d. *Income & Employment* (Noelle) – No update as yet. Has been trying to connect with another Co-Chair.
- e. *Neighbourhood Connections* (Rana) – Co-Chairing team with Jamie Slater. Would like to identify ‘neighbourhoods within neighbourhoods’; planning an event to tie into Welcome Week; putting together a list of places where people gather; thinking about connecting trails & planning to speak to Laurie Donato; would like to host neighbourhood parties next summer, accessing funding via Anita Ely (IH); noted that the Big Eddy already hosted a party this summer.
- f. *Transit & Transportation* (Michael) – Team met once over summer. Great news is that Revelstoke has the attention of BC Transit (quick win) – over the next year we have an opportunity to work with BC Transit to improve our transit system, reviewing assets; also opportunity to integrate policy changes into the OCP review; interesting – Revelstoke has the highest ‘load share’ (14.5%) of cycling/cyclists in the province; quick win could be integrating the resort shuttle into the transit system – sees this as key to reconciling transit gap; BC Transit could also be deployed to alleviate downtown parking constraints; looking at tools such as RMI funding.
- g. *Listening* (Jamie) – Core of 8 people so far on the team; big goal is to recruit more bodies, identify and bring specific sectors to the table; other goals: 1. Develop code of ethics 2. Training for interviewers 3. Finding different voices (e.g. homeless people) 4. Collect stories; looking at what kind of (consistent) questions to ask; would like to put a description together for the CI landing page to ‘elevate pitch’ to recruit more listeners.



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- h. *Measurement* (Lisa) – Has been working with measurement team to complete 6 ‘getting to impact’ modules accessed through Tamarack. Will be completing a report on this process by the end of the year to share with group; important for each team to start recording outcomes – discussion on process / google form / web app ‘Story Core’; (Gregg) noted that at the shelter team meeting people wanted to tell their story, which may not be the right place – how to channel the stories so they can be best heard; (Stephanie) noted that a first task of the teams is to identify data that is currently being used to make decisions (what info do we have), and then identify what info do we need or wish we had; job of the measurement team is to weave together numbers & stories, tracing the relevance.
4. **Role of the Leadership Roundtable** - Stephanie provided an overview, including:
- Role of the LRT is to amalgamate all the information coming in, and then to make meaning from it. The actions teams are the ‘what’, the LRT is the ‘why’ – why is this working (or not).
 - Goal of the LRT is to come up with a strategic plan to help guide us over the next year, with bigger outcome of developing a five-year community plan to address affordability for all.
 - Hoping for a synthesis of a common agenda or community aspiration.
 - In another year we hope to organize another ‘big event’ for a big re-group.
 - Jill noted that we have ongoing coaching with Paul Born, Tamarack CAO & ‘thought leader’, with the next call immediately after this meeting – invitation to attend. Sarah expressed interest in joining the coaching session.
5. **Cities Reducing Poverty Conference opportunity** – Jill advised the group that Tamarack’s annual CRP conference is coming up Oct 8-10 in Waterloo, Ontario. Councilor Nicole Cherlet has committed to attending and there is space for one more person. Tamarack will cover accommodations and registration fees, and our funding can cover travel costs. Kevin & Jill noted how valuable it is to attend these conferences. Noelle, Adrian and Lisa expressed interest and will work it out among them who is able to attend.
6. **Next Meeting Date** – THURSDAY OCTOBER 10 at 8:30 am
7. **Adjournment** – 10:00 am
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