

Vibrant Revelstoke – Affordability for All
Minutes of the Leadership Roundtable (LRT) Meeting
 Held on November 14, 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
Sara Sansom	Business
Adrian Giacca	Shelter
Lynne Loepky	Shelter
Jamie Hobgood	Listening
Angie Macleod	Listening / Shelter
Melissa Hemphill	Food Insecurity
Lucie Bergeron	Shelter/Literacy
Koreen Morrone	Education & Literacy
Mary Kline	Education & Literacy
Nicole Cherlet	Measurement
Connie Brothers	Transit & Transportation
Kevin Dorrius	Transit & Transportation

REGRETS: Tracy Spanner, Early Childhood Development & Child Care
 Noelle Bovon, Income & Employment

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 everyone. No introductions necessary.

3. Cities Reducing Poverty Summit – reporting back

Nicole & Adrian reviewed highlights of the Summit held in Waterloo last month. Were able to attend different speakers/workshops + Nicole presented at the Collective Impact workshop. Also connected with others in the BC/Columbia Basin region. Highlights included:

- Importance of building connections across the country & in our own communities – work moves at the speed of trust; note that people who commute to Revelstoke (e.g. from Malakwa) are still part of our community
- Change in governments elsewhere has had huge impacts on the ground in communities – e.g. Alberta & Ontario have experienced major setbacks. Underscored importance of building resilience
- Participated in a lot of cool exercises



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- Nicole attended a visualizing data workshop – simple is best / know your audience
- Important to set the stage prior to community conversations / setting the stage through land acknowledgement
- Adrian – something as complex as poverty can be daunting – so important to understand or work towards “under what circumstances can this be possible”
- 4 forms of capital – social, economic, natural, human

4. Reflection on developing a common agenda

Stephanie encouraged everyone to keep their ears open for common threads as we proceed. We've been hearing how important things like connection, diversity, inclusion & sustainability are but it is juxtaposed with “nimby-ism”. What is authentic diversity? Not just cultural but economic. Evidence of along with community change, ‘people succumbing to greed’ and related impacts. We want people to thrive – or be able to thrive – in our community.

- Agreement to keep space on the agenda for this each meeting. We are looking for something that is overarching but specific, meaningful to everyone, fundamental to community change.

5. Reflection on the 12 month work plan – identification of milestones

Stephanie reviewed key milestones going forward – goal is to collate info in the next year and present a 5-year plan at the next ‘big event’ to be held next September 2020. Discussion around recruiting community members and glitches in the mail chimp system. Will be reviewing the one-year plan at the next coaching call with Paul Born.

Action Team updates

- a. *Education & Literacy* – Koreen reported that she has started to visit the Food Bank to start building relationships to promote financial literacy education & awareness; Hosted ‘Free Money Fair’ at the biannual free Children’s Toy & Clothing Exchange – connected with 25 people re: CLB etc. Completed 2 days of financial literacy presentations to OC’s Experience Works class; started putting financial literacy guides out in more public places and they are being taken.
- b. *Food Insecurity* – Melissa reported that it feels like they’ve lost momentum a little. There’s a feeling like we already have a lot of good food-based programs. Participated in food insecurity survey (as part of a larger project) – interviewed 19 people, which was very eye opening and impactful, and has initiated a review of how food programming/ social justice programs are delivered at Community Connections. For example, for some people the only food they eat all month is the food they get at the food bank. One family had only \$70/month left after covering other mandatory costs for living in Revelstoke; updated / promoting free low cost food guide. See <http://community-connections.ca/food-resource-guide/>
- c. *Early Childhood Development & Child Care* – Jill reported (for Tracy) that EDI Wave 7 (final year) results will be released on November 20th which is National Child Day – this day is celebrated in Canada in recognition of our country’s commitment to upholding the rights of the child. 2019 marks the 30th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, important to consider impacts of all our decisions on rights of children; also notes that the ‘barriers to access’ funding is experiencing pressure/small budget needs careful management to support families.



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- d. *Shelter* – Adrian struggling a little with being overwhelmed at the complexity of tackling shelter. Hosted ‘Let’s Talk Housing’ event last night, which was very well attended. Icebreaker exercise changed whole dynamic. Great ideas & lots of info to go through. Will be hosting other events like it. Angie & the Listening team have been collecting stories for winter shelter meeting.
- e. *Neighbourhood Connections* – Rana reported that they haven’t had a meeting since September, struggling a little with capacity. Next meeting December 5th, partnering with Soupalicious – instead of name tags, will have which neighbourhood you live in.
- f. *Transit & Transportation* – Connie reported that she is the new Chair of the team, since Michael Coulsen is moving. Understand that key organizations have control over transportation systems in our community (City, Everything Revelstoke, BC Transit) and that it will be important to work with / in these systems. Meeting tomorrow. Also participated in a conference call with Tamarack – similar issues across the country.
- g. *Listening* – Jamie reported that they are developing processes/forms/respect for privacy system to use moving forward. Will have a table at the Volunteer Fair. Building a group of 20-30 listeners to train. Important to be sensitive. Have collected several stories. Creating engagement cards. Important for us all to have ears on the ground to connect with listeners. Two types of stories – people experiencing poverty + service providers have stories too.
- h. *Measurement* – Lisa has been working on the Getting to Impact report. VF Foundation funding supporting a small contract to do this work. Discussion around ensuring people are completing the outcomes diary and the live google data program that can populate reports automatically.

Gary noted that it’s great to see measureables already. Revelstoke is humanity...

- 6. **Next Meeting Date** – THURSDAY December 12th at 8:30 am
- 7. **Adjournment** – 9:50 am

