

Vibrant Revelstoke – Affordability for All
Minutes of the Leadership Roundtable (LRT) Meeting
 Held on February 13, 2020, commencing at 8:30 am
 Macpherson Rm, Revelstoke Community Centre

PRESENT:

Name	Role/Action Team
Gary Sulz	Chair
Stephanie Melnyk	Vice-Chair Measurement
Jill Zacharias	'Backbone' support & logistics, Communications Measurement, Shelter, Transit & Transportation
Lisa Cyr	Communications, Measurement & Listening
Adrian Giacca	Shelter
Melissa Hemphill	Food Insecurity
Nicole Cherlet	Measurement
Michelle Cole	Listening
Lucie Bergeron	Service Provider / Library

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

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

2. Reflection on developing a community aspiration

Community Aspiration workshop held Monday Feb 3 was well attended

- Word cloud was a good icebreaker
- Some demographics were under-represented – gender disparity (more females)
- This year is about getting people to the table – an exercise in inclusion. Youth, seniors, people with mental health challenges, etc.
- Opportunity to hold focus groups / listening opportunities
- 'Enough' not inspiring
- "Dialogue is to collaboration like water is to fish"
- Continue to hold space on the agenda
- Need to have a way to show people what's actually happening – perhaps use FB page to generate conversation / get input
- Need to continue to understand our privilege
- Meaningful to be aware of time commitment in relation to goals
- 3 reasons to go out to groups: knowledge transfer, information gathering, articulation of common goal – so important to strengthen common voice / diffuse negativity / bring people together
- **Inclusion and connectedness** – kept coming back to this.

Action items: Jill & Lisa will get input from seniors; Lisa & Lucie will connect with Leslie Hogg or Dana Reaume's social justice class to get youth input; Lisa will get input from new immigrants at OC; Lucie suggested to have a Collective Impact presence at the youth wellness fair in May.



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3. Action Team updates

- a. *Education & Literacy* – not present.
- b. *Food Insecurity* – Melissa – Focused on getting input for community aspiration; getting comfortable with ‘just talking’; will be reaching out to Neighbourhood Connections team.
- c. *Early Childhood Development & Child Care* – Jill – reviewed that the HELP researchers will be in town February 25 to do a community presentation on ‘What we have learned from Revelstoke children’ – gave out posters.
- d. *Shelter* – Adrian – two members attended story collection training, 2 members attended community aspiration workshop; BC Housing hosting initial stakeholders meeting regarding development of Mt. Begbie School site on Thursday February 27th; Jill noted that Happipad will be hosting a public information session on February 19th (gave out posters); Jill has met with Marianne Wade and will be submitting an application to the Poverty Reduction funding opportunity to develop a regulatory toolkit to support affordable housing, going to City Council Feb 25 with the application due at the end of the month.
- e. *Income & Employment* – Stephanie – Also getting comfortable with discussion – noted we are in a situation where employers are having trouble finding employees rather than the other way around.
- f. *Transit & Transportation* – Jill reported that the T&T action team participated in an engagement session with BC Transit on the Revelstoke Transit system – 23 people attended and BC Transit was impressed with the level of commitment – next steps are to potentially do a survey to identify latent ridership & what’s good/bad about the current system. Also looking at the mandate of the group.
- g. *Listening Team* – Michelle – Listening team is growing with new members on board; Jamie being in the logistics role has been key to success; technology for uploading stories set up; digging deeper into relationship building; held 3 listening workshops that were developmental in process, hosting another one at the library next week; developing handouts in French & English; developing clear direction with lots of learning along the way; ready to go out into the community – cognizant of people who would be well-placed to gather stories – need to be people who are willing to ‘wear the story collector face’ and interface with technology.

4. Next Meeting Date – THURSDAY March 12 at 8:30 am in Macpherson.

7. Adjournment – 10:00 am – Gary thanked everyone for attending.

