



**Community Development Committee Meeting
May 21st, 2013
CFNCD Boardroom / Conference Call**

Present:

Board: Frances McIvor, Incorporated Community of Wabowden
Gary Ceppetelli, City of Thompson – Volunteer
Darlene Beck, Incorporated Community of Cross Lake
Brenda Davidson, SMD – Volunteer

Staff: Tim Johnston, General Manager
Charlene Grant, Development Officer
Angelica Matiasek, Development Officer

Regrets: Leann Brown, Development Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:35 am.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call conducted of committee and staff present.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Two additions to the agenda:

8.3 Partner 4 Growth

8.4 Churchill Snowmobile Trail

MOTION: Moved by Gary Ceppetelli to approve agenda as amended.

Second by Brenda Davidson.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (March 2013)

MOTION: Moved by Gary Ceppetelli to approve meeting minutes.

Second by Brenda Davidson.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Actions to be reviewed in Old Business.

6. ATTACHMENTS

To be reviewed in Old Business:

- May 2013 List of Reports and Proposals
- May 2013 Meeting Minutes

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Tourism North

RRTI annual report completed and submitted to MB Tourism Secretariat. Funding was also approved for Tourism North to complete a 2-day strategic planning session. Session is scheduled for May 29th and 30th in Thompson. Jason Denbow has been contracted to facilitate. Following the SPS the Tourism North AGM will be held and will be open to general public.

7.2 EDP

Deaf awareness events were held the afternoon and evening of April 29th. Interpreters were brought in to Thompson via SMD and the MarketAbilities fund. The afternoon session, including a demonstration of the telehealth unit at the Northern Region Health Authority was filled very quickly and was attended via videoconference by the communities of Pukatawagon, Norway House, Nelson House, Flin Flon and The Pas and in person Thompson.

CFNCD, looking to move forward with a Deaf community needs assessment and planning strategy with SMD applied for funding from Community Futures Manitoba in the amount of \$8,000.

7.3 Vision Quest

The 17th annual Vision Quest conference happened May 14, 15, 16, 2013 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. In attendance representing CFNCD were Leann, Tim, Darlene and Jim Chornoby. Ernesto Sorelli was a keynote speaking on Enterprise Facilitation. A private meeting was coordinated with the City of Thompson, Thompson Chamber of Commerce, CEDF, MKO, Vale, TNRC and CFNCD to look at bringing Enterprise Facilitation to Thompson. The Chamber of Commerce has asked that CFNCD contribute \$2,000 to the cost of bringing someone from Ernesto's team to Thompson. CFNCD has responded that we could look at as matching if other partners come to the table. A follow up meeting has been requested.

7.4 Settlement Services

CFNCD submitted a proposal to the Province of MB at the end of February to continue to house the Thompson Newcomer Settlement Services Project (TNSS). Proposal amount was \$78,000 to cover wages, office expenses, program costs, etc. This year funding will flow from the Province, next year change will take place

where Federal Gov't holds the program dollars. A new online reporting system has been introduced and has been very time consuming. Some changes to the program that will be coming in the next fiscal year include Temporary Foreign Workers will not have access to all services.

Angelica and Charlene met with the new board of the Thompson Multi Cultural Centre, they have requested that CFNCD partner on a community garden project. Volunteers rent space for \$50 and land is donated by Hydro (Hydro line just behind Eastwood area). It was suggested TMCC submit a letter outlining request to the CFNCD board for consideration.

Angelica is again assisting the Thompson Culture Club in planning the Canada Festivities – this year will again include a Folklorama element.

7.5 Churchill Northern Studies Centre

CFNCD's role in the CNSC strategic plan has been completed, CFNCD has offered to assist in accessing funding for the business plan if necessary or what skills we could bring to the planning stage. It was suggested at the meeting to put in a request to partner with business students from UofM or UCN.

7.6 TEDWG (Thompson Economic Diversification Working Group)

This process is winding down, a final meeting with stakeholders will be coordinated in the near future. The Development Plan and Zoning by-law will go to Council on June 10. Action Plans have been distributed. Thompson Unlimited is the holder of the plans. If anyone has not had a chance to review the plans they can contact Charlene for a copy.

7.7 Rail Communication Meeting

CFNCD will try to coordinate a meeting between communities, OmniTrax and VIA Rail.

ACTION: Tim Johnston to communicate with Brad Chase at Omnitrax re: rail communication meeting.

7.8 Aboriginal Accord

CFNCD now participates as a partner in the City of Thompson Aboriginal Accord meetings, held quarterly. Purpose of meetings and accord is to enhance partnerships with Aboriginal people, communities, organizations and work together as a collective group. Each partner sets goals for the year and notes successes in the annual progress update, circulated to community members in June at the National Aboriginal Day celebrations. The next meeting scheduled for May. CFNCD's goals and successes for the year:

GOAL:

#1. CFNCD will continue to foster positive relationships amongst the three types of communities in our region - First Nation, Aboriginal Northern Affairs and Urban Industrial communities.

#2. CFNCD intends to continue to be the delivery agent of the Aboriginal Business Development Program in northern MB for the purpose of assisting First Nation, Metis and Inuit people in small business start up and expansion.

SUCCESS:

#1. CFNCD was a partner in presenting the 2012 Vision Quest Aboriginal economic development conference featuring Waneek Horn-Miller and Eric Schweig. CFNCD coordinated Tourism North efforts in 2012, producing the 3rd annual regional guide which features First Nations communities who welcome visitors in the region. CFNCD has a long history of project coordination and planning initiatives in the region.

#2. CFNCD has successfully administered the Aboriginal Business Development Program for 15 years. Over this time, \$5 million has been invested in Aboriginally owned businesses. 2012/2013 was a transition year whereby the program shifted from a federal to an organization-based delivery model.

CFNCD hopes to distribute annual progress update at the full board meeting in June as well as schedule a presentation on the Accord. Frances McIvor will participate in the Grand Entry at National Aboriginal Day this year.

7.9 Business Directory

CFNCD is looking at creating a business directory on the website of past clients and businesses that have received support. Letters have gone to current and past clients to ask if they would like to be included in a directory. A quote has been received from the web designer to make the change to the website, cost is approximately \$1,000.

ACTION: Leann / Tara to gather business listings.

7.10 MTEC Training

CFNCD assisted the Manitoba Tourism Education Council in promoting some upcoming workshops that are being held in Thompson, we have also provided the CFNCD boardroom as an in-kind contribution for one week (classroom setting). Charlene worked with Luanne Christenson on this. About 20 people participated in the sessions held at CFNCD the last week of March, topics included management, conflict resolution and front line customer service. Training was offered free of charge.

ACTION: Item can be removed from agenda.

7.11 Business Planning Workshop

CFNCD partnered again with Entrepreneurship Manitoba to promote and coordinate the annual 3-day Business Planning Workshop in Thompson. Workshop took place near the end of March and was well attended. 23 registered for the workshop. Changes may be coming to the Province and Small Business Development Branch where there starts to be a fee for attending the workshop.

7.12 Skills Link Funding

Skills Link is an opportunity for funding through the federal government for youth employment and entrepreneurship projects. CFNCD submitted a proposal and application to support the Youth Development Officer / Employment Options Program (in 3 communities in our region).

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Aboriginal Business Service Network Proposal

CFNCD submitted a proposal to the ABSN through Community Futures Manitoba for funding in the amount of \$5,000 to coordinate a youth entrepreneurship training program.

8.2 Youth Build Placement

CFNCD and the Northern MB Sector Council are currently hosting a student placement through the Thompson Boys and Girls Club. A student will join us for 6 weeks throughout May and June and assist in the Community Development area.

8.3 Partners 4 Growth

Partners 4 Growth is a new provincial funding opportunity, offering regions an opportunity to identify and pursue economic development opportunities based on identified regional strategic advantages. It is intended to assist communities and regions to strengthen or diversify economic activity. The deadline to submit applications is May 31st. CFNCD is looking to partner with Thompson Unlimited on a project.

8.4 Churchill Snowmobile Trail

The Thompson Trailbreakers have requested CFNCD's assistance in looking at connecting Thompson to Churchill via groomed, insured snowmobile trails. Charlene has contacted Steve Ashton's office to request a meeting to discuss.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Community Roundtable Discussion

Thompson (Gary):

- The Association of Manitoba Municipalities will have their regional meetings in Thompson coming up.

- The City is establishing an extreme cold weather policy re: homelessness.

SMD (Brenda):

- SMD working with CFNCD on Deaf community needs assessment and community awareness.
- SMD continues to do children and adult caseloads and has case facilitation for Flin Flon and The Pas back in their care. Previously someone from Parkland area was attending every few months, good to have it back in northern care.

Cross Lake (Darlene)

- Cadet Grad is set for June 8th.
- Plans for family camp are underway. This year dates are July 9-16.

10. NEXT MEETING

A full board meeting will be taking place in June in Thompson, Tamy Burton will be in touch with the board with details.

The CDC will break for summer and next meeting will be set for September 2013.

11. ADJOURN

Meeting at 10:10 am.