



**Community Development Committee Meeting  
March 1, 2011  
9:30 am – Conference Call**

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**Present:**

**Board Present:** Darlene Beck, Cross Lake – Chair of CDC (via conf. call)  
Noelle Halcrow, Cross Lake – Volunteer (via conf. call)  
Wayne Anderson, Norway House Cree Nation (via conf. call)

**Staff Present:** Tim Johnston, General Manager  
Charlene Grant, Development Officer  
Leann Brown, Development Officer  
Angelica Matiasek, Development Officer  
Kaylee Brabant, Admin. Assistant

**Regrets:** Frances McIvor, Wabowden Community Council  
Danae McCullough, SMD – Volunteer  
Gary Ceppetelli, Thompson – Volunteer  
Michelle Pruder, Development Officer

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 9:40 am by Darlene Beck.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Roll call conducted of committee and staff present.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

One change to agenda noted:

- Remove item 8.1 Community Futures Conference

Two additions to agenda noted:

- 8.4 Ilford Church
- 8.5 TUAS Youth Development Officer

**4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011)**

**MOTION: Moved by Noelle Halcrow to approve previous minutes as circulated. Second by Wayne Anderson.**

**CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

To be discussed under Old Business.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 6.1 February 2011 list of Proposals and Reports
  - One addition to proposals list “3. Proposal submitted to Thompson Neighbourhood Renewal Corp. for funding to support Settlement Services partnership with Diversity Intercultural Training workshop. Request for \$1,005 to support travel for DIT staff to Thompson.”
- 6.2 Steven Fletcher Thompson pre-budget consultation
- 6.3 Letter to Canada Safeway re: boxing of groceries policy

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Tourism North**

CFNCD continues to provide support to the Tourism North (TN) board on a fee-for-service basis. Contract in place July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011, fiscal year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> with funding received from Tourism Secretariat.

Staff to attend Wpg RV Show (March 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>) as RTAs are creating a recreation themed Manitoba displayed.

Wayne indicated he attended the Travel Manitoba partnership presentation held by webinar in February. Webinar outlined several opportunities for communities and tourism entities to partner with Travel MB to maximize on marketing opportunities. For more information contact Charlene or Lindsay Penner at Travel Manitoba.

### **7.2 EDP**

CFNCD has access to an accessible laptop that is available from CFM for entrepreneurs with disabilities. Entrepreneurs can use the laptop if they are looking to do market research, work on a business or need use of a laptop to conduct their business. The laptop currently travels with staff on community visits. If committee members feel it could be made use of in their communities, contact Charlene to arrange for it to be delivered.

March 16<sup>th</sup> CFNCD is host location for a videoconference presentation from Community Futures BC. Topic is entrepreneurs with disabilities that have overcome barriers to operate successful businesses, presenter is Dave Chalk. To register for this free training opportunity contact Kaylee.

### **7.3 TUAS Home Daycare Project**

CFNCD received funding for the 2010/2011 fiscal year to coordinate the TUAS Home Daycare Program. Kaylee began work in January 2011 and currently there are two clients receiving assistance through this program. This program will be complete

March 31<sup>st</sup> and will not continue into fiscal year. Staff will work on final reporting for the project.

#### **7.4 Vision Quest**

Leann continues to be involved in the Vision Quest planning committee. Annual event to happen this year May 17 – 19<sup>th</sup> in Winnipeg. Keynote speakers will include Roberta Jameson (CEO of the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation) and Theoren Fleury (Former NHL All-Star, Stanley Cup Winner and Olympic Gold Medalist).

Registration packages have been circulated by mail and email. If you have not seen information in your community about the event, contact Leann or [www.vqconference.com](http://www.vqconference.com).

#### **7.5 Thompson Skate Park**

Nothing new to report.

#### **7.6 Thompson Newcomer Settlement Services**

Angelica Matiasek continues to work on promotion of this service in Thompson. Currently things are very busy with 35 new clients and 15 returning clients from the past fiscal year.

The TNSS Advisory Committee has asked that CFNCD again host the program in the 2011/2012 year, the application for funding was submitted to the Manitoba Immigrant Integration Program last week.

CFNCD partnered with the Diversity and Intercultural Training Program of Manitoba to develop a workshop for Thompson residents. The aim of the workshop is to reduce racism, foster intercultural communication and increase the community's knowledge on the economic and social benefits of immigration and diversity. Workshop to be held March 17<sup>th</sup> and free to participate in, however there is a maximum number as it is being held in the Thompson Unlimited boardroom, capacity is around 17.

**ACTION: Angelica to forward information on DIT workshop to communities for information.**

#### **7.7 Thicket Portage**

CFNCD staff visited Thicket Portage in February and delivered a basic personal budgeting workshop, as per Council's request. Workshop was well attended (7 participants). This workshop is available to other communities as well, for more information contact any CFNCD staff member.

Leann and Charlene met with Thompson Neighbourhood Renewal Corp. (TNRC) in February as they have recently partnered with SEED Winnipeg to offer a personal budgeting course and matched savings program in Thompson. Discussed bringing the program regional, at this point, the 10-week budgeting training can be made

available regionally. Matched saving program may come in the future. If any communities are interested in a more in-depth training program of this nature, contact Charlene or Leann.

### **7.8 Growing Communities Program**

The Growing Communities program is a funding opportunity for communities in the north central region (up to \$2,500 available per community for community economic development initiatives). Further information can be found on the CFNCD website or by contacting Charlene.

As per last meeting action, discussions have taken place with Thicket Portage Community Council regarding their application and how the CDC could approve if financial request was for items other than operating. Charlene made community visit to Thicket in February when they were holding a recreation strategic planning. A recreation committee has been set up and will resubmit an application based on plans set out by the committee.

### **7.9 Scrap Metal**

No further updates. Can be removed from agenda until further notice.

**ACTON: Remove agenda item 7.9 Scrap Metal.**

### **7.10 Business Planning Workshops**

Funding was received from the Aboriginal Business Service Network (\$5,000) to purchase license and deliver business workshops in the north central region. Business Development team delivered workshops in Gillam (6 participants), Norway House (14 participants) and Nelson House (2 participants). Workshops are also planned for Norway House (second visit), Wabowden and Cross Lake.

It was noted that currently there are a number of workshops that can be made available to communities, delivered by North Central staff. Communities have the choice of which workshop is the best fit for the community.

### **7.11 Community Futures Conference**

CFNCD received official word that we will host the 2011 Manitoba Community Futures Conference in Thompson in September 2011 (20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>). Planning committee to include reps from Community Futures Greenstone and Cedar Lake.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Community Futures Conference**

Remove from Agenda.

### **8.2 Safeway boxes**

At the full board meeting at the beginning of February community members expressed concern regarding Safeway's practice now that plastic bag ban has taken effect in Thompson. Safeway charges \$2 each for boxes and does not offer used fruit and vegetable boxes free of charge.

A letter was drafted and sent to the Thompson Safeway store manager, noting concern has been expressed and asking that the current practice and policy be outlined. The letter suggested a solution for both parties could be worked out. Staff will follow up on letter.

### **8.3 General Computer Training**

Lillian Spence, board member from War Lake had indicated at the full board meeting that general computer training is needed for council members. Staff are looking into options to bring a workshop to the community (possible partnerships with ABSN, YWCA).

Suggestion made to partner with the schools when going into the communities as most have computer labs that could be used.

**ACTION: Charlene to continue working on bringing general computer training to War Lake and any further communities where this is a priority.**

### **8.4 Ilford Church**

CFNCD received call from Reverend Jean Arthurson (Ilford Church) regarding Growing Communities program. This program is beyond what the church requires (church is condemned) and staff are currently working with ANA on infrastructure inventory/audit for the community.

### **8.5 High Speed Internet**

Darlene and Noelle indicated the First Nation in Cross Lake has got highspeed internet up and running. MTS working in partnership with Rogers may also be available in Cross Lake and Norway House as of March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**ACTION: Charlene to contact Donna Wilson (Rogers contact in Thompson) regarding high speed internet in Cross Lake and Norway House.**

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Steven Fletcher pre-budget consultation**

Minister of State Steven Fletcher was in Thompson in January to conduct a pre-budget consultation. CFNCD was in attendance (Charlene and Tim), notes provided in correspondence with meeting package. Housing and Transportation noted as priority themes throughout northern Manitoba.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

The next CDC meeting is set for April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Staff will look at recommendation to have future committee meetings in communities.

**11. ADJOURN**

Meeting at 10:10 am.

ACRONYMS:

CDC – Community Development Committee

DIT – Diversity and Intercultural Training program (Province of Manitoba)

TUAS – Thompson Urban Aboriginal Strategy

CFNCD – Community Futures North Central Development

TN – Tourism North

MB - Manitoba

EDP – Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program

CFM – Community Futures Manitoba

CEO – Chief Executive Officer

ABSN – Aboriginal Business Service Network

TNRC – Thompson Neighbourhood Renewal Corp.

ANA – Aboriginal Northern Affairs

MTS – Manitoba Telephone System