



**Community Development Committee Meeting
January 15, 2013
CFNCD Boardroom / Conference Call**

Present:

Board Present: Frances McIvor, Wabowden Community Council
Noelle Halcrow, Cross Lake – Volunteer
Brenda Davidson, SMD – Volunteer
Darlene Beck, Incorporated Community of Cross Lake
Noelle Halcrow, Incorporated Community of Cross Lake
Gary Cepettelli, Thompson – Volunteer

Staff Present: Charlene Grant, Development Officer
Angelica Matiasek, Development Officer
Leann Brown, Development Officer

Regrets: Tim Johnston, General Manager

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Meeting called to order at 1:37 pm by Darlene Beck.
2. **ROLL CALL**
Roll call conducted of committee and staff present.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
MOTION: Moved by Gary Cepettelli to approve agenda. Second by Noelle Halcrow.
CARRIED
4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (October, 2012)**
MOTION: Moved by Gary Cepettelli to approve meeting minutes. Second by Noelle Halcrow.
CARRIED
5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
Actions to be reviewed in Old Business.
6. **ATTACHMENTS**
To be reviewed in Old Business:
 - January 2013 List of Reports and Proposals
 - October 2012 Meeting Minutes

- Wolf Conference Summary
- Thompson Tourism Snapshot
- Things to Do Project
- December 2012 Thompson Aboriginal Accord meeting minutes
- Artist, Crafter and Small Business Expo survey results

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Tourism North

CFNCD participates in TU's Thompson Tourism Committee, TU has recently underwent retooling, for now commitment to continue with Tourism as a focus remains. TTC presented a snapshot of tourism to Thompson City Council in early December, CFNCD assisted in gathering stats for the snapshot.

Charlene attended the Wolf Conference in Thompson in October. Conference was organized by Spirit Way with assistance from TU. Attendance was 98 from 5 different countries. The agenda was very full with lots of wolf research presentations. A summary of the conference was included in meeting package.

Tourism North has completed the golf passport project and has made a decision to move forward with the passport concept into a year two with a focus on winter recreation.

Any communities that have events coming up are asked to get in touch with Charlene as there are several opportunities to market events free of charge that CFNCD can assist with.

Tourism North is putting together a *Things to Do* public area display project. Communities can buy in, regional marketing tool will be created and displayed throughout the north.

7.2 EDP

Currently there are no certified ASL interpreters in the north, there has been an identified need in the school, justice and gov't areas. The high cost of bringing interpreters into the north for one-offs was noted during the *What's in Your Future* presentations CFNCD partnered to host in October 2012 (approximately \$3,000 for one day). Susan Bater (CFM) and Brenda Davidson (SMD, CFNCD volunteer) have began discussions with ECCOE (non-profit organization, provides interpreting services) and Red River College to utilize ASL students doing practicum placement. CFNCD to assist in strategy, which should include a survey of the Deaf community re: type of need, looking into the new provincial accessibility legislation and how northern MB fits in and a community awareness plan. Brenda has a School of Social Work student placement that can be utilized for the project.

The *Just Watch Me* video contest launched in December, is a partnership between MB and SK CFA's. Contest invites successful entrepreneurs with disabilities to share their stories in video format for a chance to win up to \$1000 in cash and prizes. Information on

the CFNCD website and facebook page. CFNCD will help to promote and contact clients directly to encourage participation.

7.3 Vision Quest

The 2011/2012 Vision Quest AGM and a board meeting was held in late November, was attended by Leann. Currently the planning committee is revisiting bylaws and polices and making amendments to create clearer terms. Planning Committee has met with the graphic designer and a look for the conference has been selected. Ernesto Sorelli, author of Ripples from the Zambezi and founder of the Sorelli Institute of Enterprise Facilitation and Economic Development is a possible keynote, not confirmed at time of meeting but looking positive. Mr. Sorelli's would present on his philosophy of Enterprise Facilitation with a focus on Aboriginal communities. Actor Tantoo Cardinal is another keynote. The next meeting will take place in early February. Vision Quest 2-13 will happen May 14, 15, 16.

7.4 Settlement Services

CFNCD continues to house the Thompson Newcomer Settlement Services Project (TNSS). This project is fully funded by the Manitoba Immigrant Integration Program. Angelica is busy seeing several clients daily (currently 124 clients).

Angelica took vacation and time away from CFNCD beginning November 17 and returned following the Christmas break. Clients were notified in advance and in urgent situations referred to a partnering settlement program.

The next TNSS Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled in February. The 2013/2014 proposal is due February 28.

7.5 Growing Communities Program

To date no applications have been approved for the 2012/2013 fiscal year. This is the third and final year for this program. Future programming will be discussed at full board meeting. Charlene will create a summary of the project for the board meeting.

7.6 Churchill Northern Studies Centre

CFNCD assisted the CNSC with a strategic planning session in early February 2012. The purpose of the planning session was to set priorities for a 5-year plan to guide the Centre in becoming self-sufficient. Out of this session (and including information gathered to survey of CNSC staff and board), 6 main goals were identified. Brief working groups were structured to identify actions to reach the goals and identify responsibility of carrying out the actions. The next step is the business plan. 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 U of M or UCN.

7.7 Rotary Park

CFNCD completed all commitments with final reporting in November 2012. Holdback was received from the Province and forwarded on to RPDA in November. CFNCD continues to keep in touch with RPDA members on grant opportunities and to keep informed of next phases of the project.

CFNCD hosted the director of MB Community Services Council on a tour of the Skatepark and Splash Pad in December.

This project is now complete and can be removed from agenda.

ACTION: Remove agenda item 7.7 Rotary Park from agenda.

7.8 TEDWG (Thompson Economic Diversification Working Group)

The Thompson Economic Diversification Working Group was launched in May 2011 as a result of Vale's November 2010 announcement to transition to a mining and milling operation by 2015. The purpose of TEDWG being to develop an economic diversification plan for the City of Thompson and the broader region. The process is now in final stages and reports have been completed in the different areas (Alternative Justice, Housing, Education + Training, Economic Development – retooling of Thompson Unlimited). During this process the City also created a new Asset Management Framework, Thompson and Planing District Development Plan and Zoning By-law. These documents can be used as a guide for planning.

The sub committee looking at fostering a local and regional identify will continue to meet with the intention of a new brand for the City complete by June. Charlene participates on this committee.

7.9 Rail Communication Meeting

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

ACTION: Charlene to coordinate rail communication meeting.

7.11 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. Next meeting scheduled for March. Annual progress updates are circulated to members and the community. December meeting minutes included in meeting package.

7.12 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.

7.12 Artist, Crafter & Small Business Expo

CFNCD coordinated the 4th annual Artist, Crafter & Small Business Expo on November 3, 2012 at the St. Joseph's Hall in Thompson. Tables were free for exhibitors and admission was again free. Leann reported that this was a good year for the Expo, with the largest participation (35 exhibitors). 62% of exhibitors were first time participants. Exhibitors were from Thompson, Split Lake, Nelson House and Snow Lake. One challenge was that there was a social the night before the Expo, therefore set up could not happen the night before as in the past. When staff arrived to do set up the janitor was still cleaning and had been there since 2:00 am.

An exhibitor evaluation survey was completed by all who participated and results were included in the meeting package. Feedback was positive surrounding the event itself (time, organization, date, etc). There were some concerns expressed with cleanliness of the hall (in particular the washrooms).

ACTION: Item 7.12 Artist, Crafter & Small Business Expo is complete and can be removed from agenda.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Community Roundtable Discussion

Thompson (Gary):

- City is still pursuing the Thompson and Area Roundtable, would mirror the old Northern & Area Roundtable. Currently setting up a terms of reference.
- The City is establishing an extreme cold weather policy re: homelessness.
- City is still meeting with the province re: Cadet Program

Wabowden (Frances):

- Frances is no longer on Council but will remain as the CFNCD rep. Frances has plans to attend Wabowden Council meetings bi-annually to update on CFNCD.
- Water Treatment Plant is a go.

SMD (Brenda):

- TSEP (Thompson Supported Employment Program) program has been redeveloped, currently number of participants has

doubled. A new employment development specialist has been hired and is connecting with the business community and is working with folks looking to enter or re-enter the workforce. Assistance can be very basic (ie going over hygiene, developing cover letters and interview skills) to job coaching.

- Some vocational assessments are set to happen in March
- SMD continues to do children and adult caseloads.

Cross Lake (Darlene)

- Interest in looking at a commuter program with Snow Lake. Wondering if ANA is planning another youth commuter program between Nelson House, Split Lake, Wabowden and Thompson.
- Noelle is in final year of Community Development program, may not graduate with the class due to maternity leave. 22 students participated, 8 are left. Students are from The Pas, OCN, Fisher River and Cross Lake.
- Kapapenows Fishing Derby will take place February 2nd, tickets are \$125.
- Darlene thanked CFNCD (Tim and Leann) for assistance provided to Trust Fund. CFNCD is a partner to provide advice for business planning and loans.
- Election took place, Bob Smith is the new Mayor.
- Michelle and Leann are planning a trip to Cross Lake near the end of January to work with clients on business planning.
- Darlene will be away the month of February on vacation.

ACTION: Charlene to follow up with ANA to see if commuter program will happen again this year.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next CDC meeting was scheduled for March 19th, 2013 at 9:30 am via conference call.

11. ADJOURN

Meeting at 10:50 am.