



**Community Development Committee Meeting  
January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014, 1:30 pm  
CFNCD Boardroom / Conference Call**

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**Present:**

**Board:** Darlene Beck, Incorporated Community of Cross Lake  
Frances McIvor, Incorporated Community of Wabowden  
Jennifer Massan, Town of Churchill  
Gary Ceppetelli, City of Thompson – Volunteer

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

**Regrets:** Brenda Davidson, SMD – Volunteer

1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
Meeting called to order at 1:41 am by Darlene Beck.
2. **ROLL CALL**  
Roll call conducted of committee and staff present.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
**MOTION: Moved by Frances McIvor to approve agenda. Second by Jennifer Massan.**  
**CARRIED**
4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (October 2013)**  
**MOTION: Moved by Jennifer Massan to approve meeting minutes. Second by Frances McIvor.**  
**CARRIED**
5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**  
Actions to be reviewed in Old Business.
6. **ATTACHMENTS**  
To be reviewed in Old Business:
  - January 2014 List of Reports and Proposals
  - October 2013 Meeting Minutes

- Manitoba Heavy Construction Association – Course Agenda and Overivew
- Celebrating Abilities Save the Date

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Tourism North**

CFNCD (Charlene) continues to act as coordinator on fee for service basis (current contract ends March 31<sup>st</sup>).

Tourism North is looking at restructuring and opening up membership to municipalities and individuals (Currently just CFs, Thompson and The Pas), the board is currently reviewing bylaws and has requested advice from Law North.

Tourism North is revamping the regional guide, plan is to draft an RFP and review submissions. Format will change, instead of being organized by geography it will be organized by category and follow Travel MB's new brand.

### **7.2 EDP**

CFNCD has partnered with several organizations both local and provincial (lead is Community Living Manitoba) to bring a 3-day event to northern MB in October 2014 focused on accessibility and inclusion of persons with disabilities. A save-the-date for the event is included in the meeting package. The Society for Manitobans with Disabilities Northern Regional office and Juniper Centre are local partners.

The Just Watch Me video contest is underway (coordinated by Susan Bater from CFM) and CFNCD is encouraging EDP clients to submit. Cash and Prizes are rewarded to first place as well as promotion of the business throughout and following the contest. Contact Leann or Charlene for more information on the contest.

CFNCD has current project (with funding coming from CFM) on deaf awareness campaign and needs assessment, set to wrap up as per March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. A workshop in Flin Flon is being planned and will focus on hearing loss and include a presentation by the MB Chapter of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association. CFNCD is working with CF Greenstone and SMD – Northern Region on this project.

### **7.3 Vision Quest**

Vision Quest will take place May 13-15, 2014 in Wpg at the Convention Centre, CFNCD continues to be a planning partner. Keynotes scheduled for this year include Michelle Thrush, Stephan Richard and Don Burnstick. Registration is open online – [www.vqconferences.com](http://www.vqconferences.com). CFNCD can offer a northern artist or crafter a free booth to display and sell artwork at the trade show, contact Leann for more info.

#### **7.4 Settlement Services**

The Settlement Services program funding has transitioned from the Province of MB to Citizenship and Immigration Canada as of November 1<sup>st</sup> without interruption. Changes to program delivery include service to clients going through provincial nominee program no longer are eligible for service (now eligible are Permanent Residents and Refugees). It was noted that because of this change, client worked has slowed down.

In addition to regular client work, Angelica is working on a needs assessment for northern MB, current focus is The Pas, determining whether service is needed there on an ongoing basis. A trip to The Pas will be scheduled in the next month.

A winter event for clients will be held in March, as will a workshop on how to start a business.

#### **7.5 Churchill Northern Studies Centre**

CFNCD's role in the CNSC strategic plan has been completed, item can be removed from agenda.

**ACTION: Remove item 7.5 Churchill Northern Studies Centre from the agenda.**

#### **7.6 TEDWG (Thompson Economic Diversification Working Group)**

Item can be removed from agenda.

**ACTION: Remove item 7.6 TEDWG from agenda.**

#### **7.7 Rail Communication Meeting**

CFNCD has tried to coordinate a meeting between communities, OmniTrax and VIA Rail. There has not been a great desire on behalf of OmniTrax and Via to meet. Tim has a lunch scheduled Mike Ogborn, the understanding to-date is that Crude Oil trial is planned to take place in the winter, Jennifer Massan noted that Churchill would like to see it happen in the summer.

#### **7.8 Aboriginal Accord**

CFNCD 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. The Thompson Urban Aboriginal Strategy Multi-Sectoral meeting took place January 21<sup>st</sup> and was attended by a number of organizations in Thompson. Participants rotated between groups: Women & Children, Culture, Education & Training, Housing and Youth to identify project opportunities and discuss successes and challenges with past projects.

#### **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 Skills Link Funding**

CFNCD submitted an application in April to the federal Skills Link program through Service Canada with the objective in mind to secure funding to develop a Youth Development Officer position and the Employment Options Program, which would aim to promote job training, skills and entrepreneurship as an option for northern Manitoba and Aboriginal youth. CFNCD was notified in September that the application was not approved.

**ACTION: Remove item 7.10 Skills Link Funding from agenda.**

#### **7.11 Youth Entrepreneurship Program**

CFNCD submitted an application to the ABSN to work with a group of youth on a project which investigates entrepreneurship as an option. Funding was approved in the amount of \$5,000. The project is being carried out by Michelle with support from Tara in the area of promotion. Classes began in November with a group of youth that will look at planning and operating a real business. The business chosen is called “One Stop Pop Up Shop”, where the project participants sell arts and crafts on consignment. Project is based in Thompson with the intention of piloting and transferring to other communities in the future. Norway House has indicated an interest in a similar program.

#### **7.12 Partners 4 Growth**

CFNCD in partnership with Thompson Unlimited, CEDF, MKO and KTC prepared a survey of Thompson and area investigating the gaps in goods and services. CFNCD assisted by soliciting survey responses from Wabowden, Pikwitonei, Thicket Portage and contacts in Thompson. Survey developed on survey monkey was also emailed to CFNCD board to complete and forward to any others in community. Funding in the amount of \$8000 was received to carry out this project. Thompson Unlimited is the lead proponent. Deadline to have surveys completed, analyzed and results shared is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

#### **7.13 Churchill Snowmobile Trail**

A group of snowmobilers in Thompson and Gillam (via the snowmobile clubs) have recently been trying to research what it would take to connect Thompson to Churchill via groomed, insured trails (ie SnoMan). Tourism North has identified winter tourism as a

focus and has offered to assist in research. Jennifer suggested contacting Kelly Turcotte and the Canadian Rangers to discuss this idea as there is a groomed trail used for the dog races that may be an option to share.

#### **7.14 MB Heavy Construction Association *Expo North***

CFNCD participated in stakeholder meetings to determine the need for this event in northern MB and to identify potential workshop topics and participants. The event is scheduled to take place in February 2014 in Thompson at the TRCC. CFNCD is a sponsor of the event and contributed \$1,000.

CFNCD entered into an agreement with the Northern MB Sector Council to coordinate travel and registration for 30 participants coming to this event sponsored by the Province. Tamy Burton is coordinating, CFNCD will be paid on a fee-for-service basis.

#### **7.15 Rotary Park**

The Rotary Park Development Association has requested that CFNCD assist with their next phase of development at Rotary Park. This phase will include the creation of an inclusive play trail. CFNCD's role would be to apply for funding to support the next phase as the RPDA is not a registered charity and does not qualify. The CDC agreed to recommend to the Executive Committee that CFNCD should assist with this next phase. An application was submitted to Neighbourhoods Alive for funding in the amount of \$20,000.

#### **7.16 Enterprise Facilitation**

The Thompson Chamber of Commerce is pursuing the set up of an Enterprise Facilitation coordinator in Thompson. This is a result of Ernesto Sorelli being a keynote speaker at last year's Vision Quest where a number of organizations from Thompson met with Sorelli. The Thompson Chamber then brought Sorelli to Thompson to do a public session. The Chamber had asked CFNCD for a financial contribution towards bringing Sorelli to Thompson. CFNCD had requested further discussion as it was felt that similar services are already being offered by CFNCD, CEDF, etc. Feedback on next steps has been requested from the Chamber.

### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **8.1 Multicultural Centre Garden Project**

The Multicultural Centre is interested in starting a community garden project and has requested CFNCD's assistance in applying for grant dollars as they are not a registered non-profit or have a charitable number. They have applied for a few grants and if approved would like to flow through CFNCD.

### **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

## 9.1 Community Roundtable Discussion

### Thompson (Gary):

- The City is piloting community safety officers, officers now have the ability to enforce provincial statutes. Working with addictions & mental health workers.
- City administers the homeless strategy in kind of Thompson Housing agency. Direct funds to homeless shelter and then RFP remaining funds committed to seniors housing project with Lions Club being the lead.
- A future goal for the City is a trades facility built adjacent to UCN where trades training can be provided. Request for support from committee to the Province to see construction of the new building (Tim).

### Jennifer (Churchill)

- Asked why there was no office in Churchill, Tim noted CFNCD does not have satellite offices, it would come down to a budget issues. Wasn't aware of any CFs that had satellite offices. Noted that staff are available to come into Churchill throughout the year for project work or planning meetings. Also can utilize Adobe Connect / Skype software.

**ACTION: Tara to ensure there is information on CFNCD available at the Town office and Churchill Chamber building.**

### Cross Lake (Darlene)

- Setting up a computer course. 8 women January 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Two youth interns, 12-week course
- Updating website
- Cadet building done

### Wabowden (Frances)

- Arena work started
- Lots of waterbreaks
- New club 101

## 10. NEXT MEETING

The CDC was scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 9:30 am.

## 11. ADJOURN

Meeting at 2:30 pm.