



**Community Development Committee Meeting
May 22nd, 2012
CFNCD Boardroom / Conference Call**

Present:

Board Present: Darlene Beck, Incorporated Community of Cross Lake
Noelle Halcrow, Cross Lake – Volunteer
Gary Cepetelli, Thompson – Volunteer
Brenda Davidson, SMD

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

Regrets: Frances McIvor, Wabowden Community Council
Leann Brown, Development Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:30 pm by Darlene Beck.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call conducted of committee and staff present. Brenda was welcomed to the committee.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Gary Ceppetelli to approve agenda. Second by Noelle Halcrow.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (March, 2012)

MOTION: Moved by Gary Ceppetelli to approve meeting minutes. Second by Noelle Halcrow.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Charlene Grant reviewed actions from previous minutes.

6. ATTACHMENTS

No Attachments

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Tourism North

Nextstop tourism guide: The 3rd edition has been designed, will be printed in time for summer tourism season.

AGM: The Tourism North AGM will happen in Snow Lake on June 6th, 2012 along with a strategic planning session. The annual operating plan will be put together with information coming out of planning session.

Manitoba Tourism Awards: CFNCD nominated the Thompson Trailbreakers for a tourism award in the category of Product Development for the work they've recently done on the trail system. CFNCD nominated the Churchill Northern Studies Centre in the category of Sustainable Tourism.

7.2 EDP

Brenda Davidson has joined the Community Development Committee representing the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities.

CFNCD partnered with the Canadian Mental Health Association on the Victoria Maxwell presentations as a part of Mental Health Week. A funding proposal was submitted to and approved by Community Futures Manitoba in the amount of \$3,060.00 (\$2,500 presenter speaking fees, \$250 signage, \$310 CFNCD admin). Presentations on CFNCD programs and services were given at the May 6th and 7th presentations. Victoria Maxwell is a speaker whose presentation focuses on overcoming mental health barriers. She is a success story of a CF in BC and spoke very highly of Community Futures programming in her presentation.

It was noted that CFNCD has various loan programs and support for entrepreneurs looking to start or expand a business. There is also an annual opportunity to work on a capacity building project, with potential for up to \$4,000 in funding per approved project (through Community Futures Manitoba).

ACTION: Charlene to set up conference call with Susan Bater and Brenda Davidson to go over Accessible Laptop software.

7.3 Vision Quest

Vision Quest happened May 15 – 17th, 2012 in Winnipeg. Tim and Leann attended on behalf of CFNCD. Noelle attended.

ACTION: Leann to provide article for next newsletter on Vision Quest, will be circulated to committee in lieu of today's report.

7.4 Thompson Skate Park

Some dollars remain in CFNCD's Skatepark account (approximately \$7,500). The Committee has disbanded and decision by CFNCD is to transfer the funds to the City of Thompson

for the Skatepark signage and any other remaining development. Actions to be addressed before next meeting.

ACTION: Leann to contact Dan Brown and CIBC re: cheque signage and account closure.

ACTION: Charlene to draft letter to City of Thompson outlining what funds are for.

7.5 Settlement Services

The application for program funding from the province for the 2012/2013 year was submitted and approved. Funding basically status quo. CFNCD received notice that the Settlement Service program will be taken over by the federal government. This fiscal year the province will continue to coordinate, however next year funding application will go to the federal government. It may mean changes for the Provincial Nominee Program.

Currently there are 190 Settlement Services clients.

Angelica has been involved in the committee coordinating the Folklorama events in Thompson as part of the Canada Day celebrations. Funding applications have gone in to Vale and TNRC. The plan is for presentations from four countries, most likely at the new Thompson Regional Recreation Centre.

There is a new provincial Coordinator, Sarah Graham Leon has replaced Pam McConnell.

7.6 Growing Communities Program

To date no applications have been approved for the 2012/2013 fiscal year.

ACTION: Charlene to advertise Growing Communities Program.

7.7 Churchill Northern Studies Centre

CFNCD (Tim, Michelle, Charlene) assisted the CNSC with strategic planning. CFNCD coordinated pre-session questionnaires with the CNSC board & staff as well as a two-day strategic planning session in February. The information gathered from the session and questionnaires has been compiled into a draft strategic plan. The draft was provided to CNSC in March. CFNCD will continue to work with the CNSC to finalize the plan.

7.8 Rotary Park

The Rotary Park Development Association requested support from CFNCD by way of partnership in submitting a grant application as they are not a registered charity or non-profit organization. CFNCD partnered to submit an application to Neighborhoods Alive! for \$100,000 towards the Splash Pad project in Rotary Park. Funding was approved in the amount of \$20,000. CFNCD will be

responsible for cash flow and some reporting along with the Rotary Park group.

Gary noted that the City is working with the Rotary Park group. Construction for underground works will begin shortly. The goal of mid to late July as a completion date is what the group has in mind.

7.9 TEDWG (Thompson Economic Diversification Working Group)

On June 7, 2012, the City of Thompson and Vale will host a Public Open House to give an update and share the work of the Thompson Economic Diversification Working Group. The 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 Working Group's primary purpose is to develop an Economic Diversification Plan for the City of Thompson and the broader region. To create the environment necessary to foster economic diversification, the Working Group has been advancing a number of key priorities. These include, Alternative Justice, Housing, Education + Training, Fostering a Local and Regional Identity and Economic Development. In addition to these priorities, work is also being undertaken to update the City's District Development Plan and Zoning By-Law and to create a Thompson and Region Infrastructure Plan. These documents will play a key role in supporting economic diversification. The Public Open House will provide residents with the opportunity to learn more about all these important initiatives and to give input and feedback.

The Open House will take place from 4:00 – 9:00 pm at St. Joseph's Ukrainian Hall in Thompson. Presentations will happen at 7:00 pm.

ACTION: Charlene to circulate Open House invite to Community Development Committee and full board.

7.10 Churchill Summit

CFNCD attended a sustainability summit in Churchill at the end of March (Charlene). Tim attended on behalf of City of Thompson and CFNCD, Gary attended on behalf of City.

Attendance was high, approximately 80-100 people in attendance, lots of representation from the Province. The 3-day event including some visioning and brainstorming, some information on where Churchill currently is with the focus being on the Sustainability Framework that was put together. The focus of diversification surrounded being shipment of goods and looking as a resupply point for the Nunavut area. Omnitrax was in attendance and has been involved in strategic planning.

This was a good opportunity for CFNCD to promote what we do and offer support. There were several opportunities to speak to

participants about a role for CFNCD in the future. Churchill is looking to put an economic development officer into place, CFNCD would likely have a close relationship with that position.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Business Planning Workshop

From May 1st – 3rd, 2012 CFNCD in partnership with The Province of Manitoba Small Business Development Branch held a 3 Day Business Planning Workshop at The Burntwood Hotel.

The event was originally scheduled for November 2011, however the lack of registrants postponed the event. This workshop had excellent participation with 26 people registering from all over Northern Manitoba. Participants in attendance were from Thompson, Nelson House, Split Lake, Oxford House and Brochet. Topics covered information on: Business Plans, Accounting, Taxation, Licenses & Permits, Financial Assistance Program and Marketing & Sales. All participants in attendance will receive a certificate that is required in some provincial lending programs.

CFNCD partners with The Province of Manitoba Small Business Development Branch to hold this event on an annual basis.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Community Roundtable Discussion

Cross Lake:

- Cadet graduation coming up, 70 graduates. Some guests coming from Ottawa.
- The cadet building is under construction (completion scheduled for mid June). Building is a drill hall with kitchen.
- This year will be the annual campouts 10th year (July 10th – 15th), expecting 1200 campers. There is a Mennonite volunteer group coming, about 30 volunteers.
- Council purchased a loader, sweeper and plow. Are looking at training programs now. Cross Lake doesn't have MB Highways yard, equipment was necessary.
- Census was not accurate, numbers were 326, the Council redid and numbers were 452.

Thompson:

- Census noted an over 600 person drop for City of Thompson population from 2006. It's hard to believe that this is actually the case considering our vacancy rate for housing is at or near 0%, it was noted that census is a challenge. The City of Thompson has retained a consultant to draft a proposal to Stats Can to relook at the population count.
- MacLean Park is currently under construction, the project includes a naturalized pond and water feature, retaining walls, amphitheatre, pathways and landscaping.

- The Thompson Regional Community Centre is nearing completion ahead of schedule. The City is now working on getting the final occupancy permit. Hoping to move the Rec Dept. in the next week or so and start programming.
- National Aboriginal Day (June 21) celebrations will move to Centennial Park due to MacLean Park construction.
- UCN construction is proceeding well.
- City will continue ring road to open the area on the east side of the TRCC.

SMD:

- Brenda was hired in April as a the Supervisor of the Northern Regional Office.
- There is currently an open position (TSEP Thompson Supported Employment Program).
- Current programs: children's program (case coordination), adults programs (neurological, Voc Rehab, Retraining for Employment), there is funding available for entrepreneurship, MarketAbilities program, Employee Volunteer program sets up employees who need experience as volunteers with employers. Potential for some permanent paid employment as a result of participation.

9.2 CFNCD Board Meeting and AGM

The CFNCD AGM is scheduled for Friday June 8th at 5:30 pm at the Burntwood Hotel with supper to follow. The board meeting is scheduled for 9:00 am on Saturday, June 9th. Board should RSVP to Tamy Burton (tburton@northcentraldevelopment.ca) or Tara Ellingson (ncd@northcentraldevelopment.ca).

10. NEXT MEETING

The next CDC meeting was scheduled for September 18th, 2012.

11. ADJOURN

Meeting at 10:20 am.