



**Community Development Committee Meeting  
October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
CFNCD Boardroom / Conference Call**

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**Present:**

**Board Present:** Frances Mclvor, Wabowden Community Council  
Noelle Halcrow, Cross Lake – Volunteer  
Brenda Davidson, SMD - Volunteer

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

**Regrets:** Gary Cepettelli, Thompson – Volunteer  
Darlene Beck, Incorporated Community of Cross Lake

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 9:45 pm by Leann Brown.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Roll call conducted of committee and staff present.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Frances Mclvor to approve agenda. Second by Brenda Davidson.

**CARRIED**

**4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (September, 2012)**

**MOTION:** Moved by Frances Mclvor 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:

- Support letter re: Aboriginal Art Centre for Northern Manitoba Inc.: CFNCD provided a support letter and noted CFNCD would

be interested in partnering to offer presentations on the programs and services provided by CFNCD to entrepreneurs.

- Service Provider Luncheon Notes
- Vision Quest newsletter
- Dragon's Quest information
- Artist, Crafter & Small Business Expo info
- Thompson Regional Identity survey

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Tourism North**

Tasks continue as CFNCD continues to be contracted to carry out coordinator duties for Tourism North. Responding to enquiring from the website for tourism packages.

The golf project is now complete and final report is being compiled. Tourism North would like to continue with golf passport next summer, would also like to look at other opportunities to carry similar project (ie targeting snowmobilers and stamping at trails, restaurants, hotels, etc.).

Charlene to attend the upcoming Wolf Conference (Oct. 23 & 24<sup>th</sup> in Thompson).

### **7.2 EDP**

CFNCD partnered with Community Futures Manitoba, the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities, the Canadian Mental Health Association (Thompson) and the Province to present a one-day conference (What's in Your Future?) on resources for entrepreneurs with disabilities as well as a service provider luncheon on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approximately 10 service providers attended the luncheon sponsored by CFM. The purpose was to network and be in a position to refer clients to the best suited program based on client needs.

Afternoon presentations (on EDP program, CFM mentoring program, marketAbilities, SMD programs, Registered Disability Savings Plan) were attended by 33 participants. 3 participants were deaf or hard of hearing and use ASL, 2 ASL interpreters were brought in from Winnipeg for the event.

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 in was noted for the *What's in Your Future* presentations (approximately \$3,000). Susan Bater and Brenda Davidson have began discussions with ECCOE (non-profit organization, provides interpreting services) to utilize ASL students doing practicum placement. CFNCD to assist in strategy.

### **7.3 Vision Quest**

The Vision Quest newsletter was circulated via email and was included in the meeting package, it has highlights from last May's event. The planning for next year's event is underway, Leann attended meeting in September. The Vision Quest AGM will be held in November in Winnipeg, Leann and possibly Tim to attend.

A new twist on the ABSN business plan competition is it will be structured as "Dragon's Quest", finalists will be asked to present their plan to a panel in front of an audience. The winner will be announced at the banquet, winner receives \$5,000 toward their business.

Frances McIvor suggested Wab Kinew as a keynote, Leann indicated the planning committee is trying to incorporate in some manner – workshop, keynote or MC.

#### **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 123 clients).

In September, the regional Settlement Services coordinator – Sara Graham Leon visited Thompson for annual update visit. A conference call was attended by Angelica, Charlene and Sara to look at funding for next fiscal year, at this point funding is status quo with it coming from the province in the 2013/2014 fiscal year.

Angelica travelled to Winnipeg in to attend a professional development day with the settlement workers from across the province. Approximately 250 people were in attendance, it was an opportunity to network with others.

Angelica will take vacation and time away from CFNCD beginning November 17 and returning following the Christmas break. Clients will be notified in advance and in urgent situations referred to a partnering settlement program.

#### **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.

#### **7.6 Churchill Northern Studies Centre**

CFNCD assisted the CNSC with a strategic planning session in early February. The purpose of the planning session is to set priorities for a 5-year plan to guide the Centre in becoming self-sufficient. Prior to the session CFNCD conducted a survey of CNSC staff and board to gauge SWOT and input for the session. The results of the survey and planning session were compiled into a draft Strategic Action Plan. No further update.

### **7.7 Rotary Park**

CFNCD assisted the Rotary Park Development Association by partnering to submit a grant application (as they are not a registered charity or non-profit organization) to Neighborhoods Alive!. Request was for \$100,000, funding was approved in the amount of \$20,000. CFNCD is responsible for cash flow and for some reporting in partnership with the Rotary Park group. \$20,000 was allocated for concrete work, this is complete. Charlene will work with Rotary Park group on reporting, due in November.

### **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 developing 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).

The sub committee looking at fostering a local and regional identify will continue to meet over the next few months and hold focus groups to look at how Thompson is viewed by residents and visitors and put a strategy in motion focused on "place" branding rather than focusing around a service. CFNCD board and committees are encouraged to fill out the survey that is circulating and to encourage others to do the same, it was included in the meeting package. Angelica indicated that she will work with RePlan to coordinate a focus group with newcomers to Thompson.

Leann and Charlene participated in an interview last week regarding the retooling of Thompson Unlimited. Tim and Leann have participated on the sub committee looking at the future of economic development in Thompson.

Ec Dev, Housing, Education & Training and Regional Identity meetings will take place next week, CFNCD staff to attend.

### **7.9 Rail Communication Meeting**

Charlene indicated she has been in touch with VIA Rail and OmniTrax regarding a communication meeting. VIA (Micheal Woelcke) has indicated they are not willing to have a communication meeting in November, they would look at January or February. A written update was requested and VIA indicated there was nothing new to report.

Frances McIvor noted that there were some concerns regarding the train stopping in communities, VIA had indicated the train would not stop unless there was pre-notice. Fishermen have said that when the train sees the trucks they do stop even without pre-notice.

Frances thought it was working well but would follow up with community.

The Thompson Tourism Committee is looking at sending a letter to VIA regarding the state of the train station in Thompson, schedule and customer service concerns.

Charlene has requested OmniTrax provide a written update on the maintenance progress and next year's plans.

**7.10 Youth Development Officer**

Can be removed from agenda as the project was not funded and has not moved forward.

**ACTION: Remove agenda item 7.10 Youth Development Officer from agenda.**

**7.11 Aboriginal Accord**

Tim noted that the City of Thompson has asked organizations if they would like a copy of the accord. Charlene to get in touch with City to get a copy.

Charlene to attend the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**7.12 Business Directory**

CFNCD is looking at creating a business directory on the website of past clients and businesses that have received support.

**ACTION: Leann / Tara to gather business listings.**

**ACTION: Charlene to contact IMG regarding changes to the website.**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1 Artist, Crafter & Small Business Expo**

CFNCD is coordinating the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Artist, Crafter & Small Business Expo on November 3. Event to take place at the St. Joseph's Hall in Thompson, tables are free for exhibitors and is free for public to attend. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and currently there are about 25 registered out of 38 possible spots. About two-thirds of the registrants are new this year.

CFNCD does take out a special event status license so exhibitors do not have a have a business license to participate. This year on registration forms exhibitors were asked to indicate whether or not they have a license and most do. A hobby license is \$28 for the year, the City of Thompson has been asked to attend the event to answer questions about licensing and fines, etc.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

**9.1 Community Roundtable Discussion**

Cross Lake:

- Election coming up
- Housing meetings held (ANA, MB Housing, community)

Thompson:

- Sunday shopping bylaw passed. Sunday shopping hours have now extended 9:00 am – 6:00 pm.

Wabowden:

- Roads that were set up as logging roads are now being blocked off, petitions are circulating to keep the roads as is. If there is a liability issue the community would like the province to post signs enter at own risk, etc.
- Election coming up, 3 running for mayor position.

SMD:

- ASL class running now, Beginner I and II beginning in January.
- Continue with children's case coordination & community awareness
- TSEP is up and running, new employment development specialist in place (Shareryar Quershi)

**9.2 Meeting Schedule**

Committee made the decision to move to holding Community Development Committee meetings every second month.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

The next CDC meeting was tentatively scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 9:30 am via conference call.

**11. ADJOURN**

Meeting at 10:28 am.