



**Community Development Committee Meeting
September 22, 2009
9:30 am**

Present:

Board Present: Noelle Halcrow, Cross Lake Community Council (via call)
Gary Ceppetelli, Volunteer – Thompson

Staff Present: Tim Johnston, General Manager
Charlene Grant, Development Officer
Leann Brown, Development Officer
Angelica Matiasek, Settlement Services Coordinator
Kiran Roy, TUAS Family Daycare Coordinator
Liz Sousa, Development Officer
Phil Calnitsky, Business Support Officer

Regrets: Darlene Beck, Cross Lake Community Council
Frances McIvor, Wabowden Community Council
Glen Flett, Norway House Community Council
Michelle Pruder, Development Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:35 am.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call conducted of committee and staff present.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Nothing to add to agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (May 19th, 2009)

MOTION: Moved by Noelle Halcrow to approve minutes as presented. Second by Tim Johnston.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Actions to be reviewed under agenda items.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 September 2009 listing of proposals and reports**
For information, a review of reports or proposals submitted in this time period.
- 6.2 CFM Communique (August & September)**
For information
- 6.3 Letter from CFNCD to communities re: Greyhound Manitoba Service**
For information
- 6.4 Letter to Minister Lemieux and Minister Baird re: Manitoba Bayline Rail Service**
For information
- 6.5 VIA Rail Travel Advisory media release, July 9, 2009**
For information
- 6.6 Statement of Opposition to Motor Transport Board, June, 2009**
For information

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Tourism North

CFNCD continues to provide support to the Tourism North board under a Letter of Understanding whereby a rate of \$35 per hour is charged to a maximum of \$10,000. Contract in place July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010. TN is billed on quarterly basis, CFNCD also bills for conference calls, postage, etc above our \$3500 in-kind contribution.

TN board looking at second printing of the Nextstop tour guidebook.

The TN website is constantly updated with events, accommodations, recreation, etc and is becoming a database for tourism in Northern Manitoba.

Tourism North brought the television show “The Hunting Chronicles” to northern Manitoba to tape an episode. Episode featured Flin Flon, Cranberry, Baker’s Narrows and Snow Lake. Crew will come back to make another promotional DVD for the rest of the North.

Travel MB AGM is happening in Winnipeg on September 30th, Charlene to attend as well as two other tourism meetings (RV Show planning and meeting with Tourism Secretariat re: future funding).

7.3 EDP

CFNCD continues to work on the EDP capacity building project funded in the 09/10 fiscal year. \$4,000 provided to revamp CFNCD website and make more accessible. CFNCD is working with a graphic designer (IMG out of Brandon) and plain language consultant (Rob Sarginson from Literacy Partners of MB) on the project.

Reporting has been wrapped up for 2008/2009 marketing project. A new brochure for CFNCD was created as a result of this project, copies of the brochure have been sent to communities and are brought with staff on community visits.

On October 19th CFM is hosting a videoconference workshop on accessibility – how to make your office more accessible and touches on disability awareness. Information will be forwarded to communities regarding this training.

7.4 Thompson Childcare Advisory Committee

TCAC has meeting today to discuss how to work with the City on Phase 4 of the Rec Centre. Hope is to include 40 spaces in Rec Centre as Thompson is 1,745 spaces short. 35 square feet is required per daycare space, 60 is best practices and this is what TCAC is aiming for.

It was noted that UCN is also looking to build a new daycare for it's students needs, the TCAC clients would be general public.

7.5 Childcare Governance Project

CFNCD was contracted by the Childcare Coalition of Manitoba to produce a discussion paper on a new childcare governance model for the Thompson. This document has been completed and was circulated to stakeholders, Liz had a copy available at the meeting and will forward to board members for review.

Laura Finlay will present on behalf of CFNCD at the 20/20 A New Vision for a Child Care System conference in Winnipeg.

7.6 TUAS Home Daycare Project

CFNCD in partnership with the Thompson Urban Aboriginal Strategy is contracted to develop a feasibility study to increase the number of home based childcare services in Thompson. As of August three new licensed home daycares will open as part of the project, creating 13 full time childcare spaces and 2 drop-in spaces. Over the summer, Kiran took time off and Robin Claus was hired as a summer replacement. Robin put together a home daycare handbook that can be used as a resource when starting a home daycare business.

TUAS has funds available for renovations to homes before the daycare opens (\$300 per space for things like a fence or railing, etc). Family Services & Housing has funding available for home daycares once they are open.

7.7 Vision Quest

Leann Brown attended the Vision Quest strategic planning session in July and another meeting in September. The coordinator has been signed and is working on proposals for funding and booking

keynote speakers. The event will happen on May 18 – 20, 2010. This year the hope is to have promotional materials and registration forms available at an earlier date. Approximately 900 delegates attended last year's event.

7.8 Wabowden Community Strategic Action Plan

Charlene Grant and Michelle Pruder to follow up with Frances McIvor re: Council's next steps for Action Plan.

7.9 Thompson Skate Park

CFNCD's commitment to the Skate Park project is ensuring grant requirements are met and final / interim reporting. A number of reports were produced in December. CFNCD works closely with the City of Thompson and Thompson Skate Park Committee on reporting.

Skatepark behind schedule due to weather, pouring of concrete was scheduled to take place Sept. 20th, still in plans to be complete this fall

7.10 Commuter Service

Feasibility study complete, submitted in August 2009. Project will not go forward at this time, timing not good for Inco. Recommendations in report included working with youth (last two years of highschool and into full time training and then employment), reaching out to the remote communities by building in some infrastructure (could include hostel services or temporary housing, a den mother concept), to research feasibility of hostel or camp setting in Thompson.

7.11 Settlement Services

Angelica Matiasek continues to work on the Settlement Services project. A proposal was submitted to the Manitoba Immigrant Integration Program (MB Labour & Immigration) and approved for the 2009/2010 fiscal year with an increase from 20 to 30 hrs per week.

Angelica took some time off this summer and two summer positions were filled in her place – Milly Yupangi and Youssef Hassanien did a great job over the summer.

Angelica currently has 18 clients, the most recent are from Ghana, Mexico and India. Angelica has referred clients to loan programs and finds that housing is a constant issue in that those which are new to the country often have a waiting period before they are eligible for a mortgage and entry level housing in Thompson is minimal.

Angelica and Charlene Grant attended a one-day conference in Winnipeg on September 15th that brought together MIIP staff, MAFRI staff and Settlement workers.

7.12 Rail Service Delivery

CFNCD continues to provide administrative support to the committee taking action on the poor rail service in Northern Manitoba. VIA changed the schedule to reflect wishes of stakeholders in July (proposed by VIA was a twice a week schedule to Churchill {a reduction from three times per week} which could accommodate same day service to Thompson for communities of Pikwitonei and Ilford, however communities decided to support Churchill and stay with the 3-times per week service) has requested that a meeting be called to review schedule.

7.13 Thicket Portage Requests

ACTION: Charlene Grant to follow up with Thicket Portage Council re: Barge project.

7.14 Mineral Science

CFNCD was contracted by Vale Inco to produce a business plan for the Mineral Science expansion at RD Parker Collegiate. This project has been fully funded and construction is set to begin this fall.

ACTION: Remove item 7.14 Mineral Science from agenda.

7.15 Kidnetic Camp

CFNCD with funding from TNRC funded 20 children from Thompson to attend Kidnetic Camp that was run in Thompson over the summer by U of M students. The final report has been submitted and this project is complete.

ACTION: Remove item 7.15 Kidnetic Camp from agenda.

7.16 York Landing Training

CFNCD has been contracted by the York Landing Learning Institute to develop and deliver a curriculum for a Self Employment Training Program. Michelle Pruder is working on this contract and was in York Landing at the time of the CDC meeting. Timeline for project is September to December, Mondays & Tuesdays (300 teaching hours).

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Community Website Project

CFNCD is working with Rob Lavin who is under contract with MB Science, Technology, Energy and Mines on a one-time funding project that will include communities in CFNCD region. CFNCD surveyed communities and Wabowden, Thicket Portage, Cross Lake, Churchill and Split Lake expressed interest.. \$4,000 will be allocated to each community to update or build a new website,

money will flow through CFNCD. Funding could be used to create local employment (either a youth or local web designer)

8.2 Greyhound

Greyhound Canada gave notice that it planned to drop its MB operations completely as of Oct. 2nd if the gov't didn't step in and provide a subsidy.

Tim Johnston spoke to Minister Lemieux's office (Infrastructure and Transportation - MB) for an update and to note concerns and stress that the Thompson to Cross Lake, Thompson to Gillam and Thompson to Winnipeg routes are profitable.

As of Sept. 17th Greyhound stated they would NOT be halting operations as of Oct. 2nd and are in talks with the provincial gov't.

CFNCD also attended a Motor Transport Board hearing to oppose the Snow Lake reduction, past reductions on granted due to lobby efforts

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Chair Position

Darlene Beck has indicated that she will be unable to participate in Community Development Committee meetings due to illness for the next few months. Committee will look at having an interim Chairperson step in, in Darlene's absence at next meeting.

9.2 Staffing

Liz Sousa is will be taking a leave from CFNCD to work for the Province as Childcare Coordinator. Tim will take request to the Executive, term is October 1st to March 31st.

Kiran Roy's last day with CFNCD is September 23rd, she has taken a position teaching at UCN.

10. NEXT MEETING

To be decided, Charlene to survey committee.

11. ADJOURN

Meeting at 10:40 am.

ACRONYMS:

CFNCD – Community Futures North Central Development
EDP – Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program
CFM – Community Futures Manitoba
TCAC – Thompson Childcare Advisory Committee
TUAS - Thompson Urban Aboriginal Strategy
UCN – University College of the North
MAFRI – Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives
MIIP – Manitoba Immigrant Integration Program
TNRC – Thompson Neighbourhood Renewal Corp.

