



**Community Development Committee Meeting
March 25, 2008
9:30 am**

Present:

Board Present: Darlene Beck, Cross Lake Community Council (conf. call)
Frances Mclvor, Wabowden Community Council (conf. call)
Wayne Anderson, Norway House Cree Nation (conf. call)

Staff Present: Tim Johnston, Manager
Charlene Grant, Development Officer
Leslie Tucker, Development Officer
Tanya Noseworthy, Development Officer – Daycare
Leann Brown, Development Officer

Regrets: Dennis Dwyer, Volunteer – Wabowden (conf. call)
Gary Ceppetelli, Volunteer - Thompson

Absent: Jim Chornoby, Ilford Community Council
Glen Flett, Norway House Community Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:37 am by Leslie Tucker.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call conducted of committee and staff present.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Frances Mclvor to accept agenda. Second by
Wayne Anderson.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (January 15, 2008)

MOTION: Moved by Darlene Beck to accept minutes as presented.
Second by Frances Mclvor.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Actions to be reviewed under Old Business.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Proposals & Reports February 2008

For information, a review of reports or proposals submitted in this time period. Three additions:

1. CFNCD on behalf of Thompson Skate Park Committee submitted a proposal to the Ronald McDonald Charity requesting funding in the amount of \$10,000 in March 2008.
2. CFNCD on behalf of Thompson Skate Park Committee submitted a proposal to the Manitoba Community Services Council requesting funding in the amount of \$25,000 in March 2008.
3. CFNCD on behalf of Thompson Skate Park Committee submitted a proposal to Neighbourhoods Alive! requesting funding in the amount of \$60,000 in March 2008.

6.2 EDP Workshop information

For information, contact Charlene Grant for further info.

6.3 Travel Manitoba – Customer Assurance Plan

For information only.

6.4 Travel Manitoba letter to Spirit Way Inc.

Spirit Way Inc. nominated for a Travel Manitoba award in the category of Product Development.

6.5 Manitoba Community Services Council letter to Spirit Way Inc.

Letter noting what is required in final report for funding given to Spirit Way Inc.

6.6 Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation First Nations Housing Science Fair

For information only.

6.7 Manitoba Aboriginal Northern Affairs letter re: volunteer training in communities

For information only.

6.8 CFNCD WD 2008/09 Operating Plan – Goals and Objectives

Goals and Objectives as submitted to WD January 31st, 2008, for information only.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Tourism North

Charlene Grant and Tim Johnston to attend the Tourism North planning session that is being held in Thompson in April. At planning session CFNCD's role with Tourism North will be reviewed.

7.2 Junior Achievement

Leann Brown reported that 70 of the targeted 80 workshops have been scheduled for the 2007/08 year. Of this 70, 18 are to be delivered by Community Futures Northwest. Leann is not confident that all of targeted 18 will be delivered but will follow up with Jaime from CFNW.

Workshops have recently been delivered in Cross Lake and travel is planned for Norway House, Wabowden, York Landing and Oxford House.

Leann continues to promote the RBC scholarship to school contacts.

7.3 Spirit Way

Charlene Grant noted at this time CFNCD receives funding from the Youth Employment Strategy fund to cover time associated with admin assistance provided by staff to the Spirit Way committee. Funding runs until March 31st. Direction from management has been to continue providing assistance until project completion.

Spirit Way Inc. plans to produce another 10 wolves this summer and have them placed from Winnipeg to Churchill as a promotion to encourage Manitobans to travel within the province.

ACTION: Charlene Grant to forward information on this summer's Wolves Along the Way project to CFNCD communities.

7.4 EDP

One more videoconference workshops will be held as part of the 2007/08 capacity building project. Disability Sensitivity Training workshop originally scheduled for February 20th, 2008 has been rescheduled for Friday, April 11th, 2008. The last workshop (ASL Deaf Culture) was well attended and registrations for the final workshop are up.

CFNCD will submitted a proposal to Community Futures Manitoba for funding in the amount of \$4,000 to market the EDP loan fund. Funding has been approved and work will begin on this project in the 08/09 fiscal year.

Committee discussed having an EDP resource binder for each community, whether it is a hard copy or an electronic copy.

ACTION: Charlene Grant to look into EDP resource binder project.

7.5 Daycare Project

Tanya Noseworthy noted her focus is on fundraising for the daycare project. At present \$79,000 has been raised to construct a new daycare facility in Thompson.

Playhouse that is being raffled off is being displayed at City Centre Mall.

Committee is meeting with UCN re: possible partnership.

Tanya is meeting with Liz to start working on the business plan.

7.6 Vision Quest

Leann Brown noted that the last meeting for Vision Quest (annual aboriginal economic development conference) was held last Monday in Winnipeg.

Some updates:

- Delegates and tradeshow participants are now able to register online
- The Radison is the new host hotel
- The youth program has changed and will include Junior Achievement, choosing a career path and Red Nation
- Each CF has one table at trade show that is provided free of charge. Leann will work with our region's crafters and fill table.
- Carlos Hall was a SEA client of Leslie Tucker's and won the provincial Aboriginal Business Service Network business plan competition. He will win \$5,000, which will be presented at this year's Vision Quest.
- First night of Vision Quest to include Casino Night
- Technology room will be included in this year's Vision Quest
- Registrations have gone up about \$25 each this year
- Youth are now required to show identification in order to receive youth rate

The CFNCD Board is to get in touch with Tamy Burton if interested in attending Vision Quest.

ACTION: Leann Brown to write letter to ANA re: funding for youth to attend Vision Quest, cc to Community Development Committee.

ACTION: Tamy Burton to send memos to CFNCD Board Members re: attending Vision Quest.

7.7 Community Surveys

One short term activity included in the WD Operating Plan for 2008/09 is to work with one community to complete a Community Development Plan. Wabowden has been selected as this community and has noted Frances McIvor as the contact.

Charles Nyabeze of Aboriginal Northern Affairs is also completing community survey's in Wabowden. CFNCD will meet with Charles to share information.

Leslie Tucker has developed terms of reference for Wabowden Community Plan. Staff needs to meet with the Council to discuss timeline and best way to gain information from the community.

ACTION: Frances Mclvor to add CFNCD to April 8th Wabowden Community Council agenda.

ACTION: Frances Mclvor to provide Leslie Tucker with Wabowden phone directory / Emergency Response Plan.

ACTION: Community Development staff to meet with Charles Nyabeze re: Community Development Plan for Wabowden.

7.8 Skate Park

CFNCD is working with the Thompson Skate Park Committee and the City of Thompson on fund development. Three proposals were submitted in March 2008 (as noted in correspondence). Leslie Tucker provides project management support 5 hours a week to the project.

The City of Thompson has committed to completing a "Master Plan" conceptual drawing. This plan integrates the skate park into an outdoor recreational facility that includes a playground, tennis and basketball courts and baseball fields and / or soccer pitches.

7.9 Commuter Service

A committee was struck to discuss the feasibility of a commuter service bringing workers into Thompson from the communities of Split Lake, Wabowden and Nelson House for work. Committee has been meeting monthly. It was decided that this summer a pilot commuter project will focus on youth.

7.10 Settlement Services

CFNCD is working with an advisory committee (players from Thompson City Council, MCTT, Thompson Immigrant Women's Association, Ma-Mow-We-Tak Friendship Centre and Multi Cultural Centre) on phase one of a two-phase Settlement Services project. The phase one funding comes from the Manitoba Immigration Integration Program in the amount of \$5,595 for CFNCD to conduct a community wide assessment of service organizations and their activities to find out what the direct services need is with residents who are new to the City (whether from outside of the country or from Northern MB).

Phase Two will include securing funding from the Province for a Settlement Services coordinator and finding a host organization.

7.11 Proposal Writing Workshops

CFNCD submitted a proposal to MCTT to deliver proposal writing workshops in six communities in north central region. Some challenges have been experienced in getting in touch with MCTT contact. Proposal is now outdated and needs some revamping. CFNCD will continue to pursue.

7.12 Business Directory

CFNCD has a contract with ANA to create a directory of all businesses in ANA/CFNCD communities. Work ongoing.

7.13 WED Operating Plan

Tim Johnston spoke to WD's new focus:

Direction given at December's CF Manager's Meeting noted WD's focus is now on loans and that CF's will shift back into traditional role of lenders and move away from the Community Development side of things. The 2008/09 Operating Plan (submitted January 31st) reflects this and notes only two community development initiatives and one Community Development Plan.

CFNCD has submitted a letter to WD indicating CFNCD has trouble with moving away from the Community Development work as the importance of CD work ensures communities are able to sustain development.

CFNCD's main focus will be lending but will also continue to work in Community Development, as per the submitted Operating Plan. It was noted that the Operating Plan must be accepted by WD.

CFNCD was chosen as one of ten CFs chosen to participate in a national review of CFs (there are 90 CFs in Canada). The direction coming from WD has been to stress the CD side of things and a group of 10-12 people from the North Central region will be selected for a focus group.

ACTION: CFNCD staff to look into updating a powerpoint presentation that could be used a visual promotional tool for the organization.

7.14 Northern Sector Council

The Northern Sector Council is a consortium of industries (mining energy, forestry) with funding from provincial government working together to address needs of the industry (ex: skilled labour). An officer is employed on a contract basis in Flin Flon and the NSC would like to have an officer in Thompson. Having the position based at CFNCD was explored, but decision was made to house position at Inco. This position will provide support to the three sectors as well as providing training to the end of northerners gaining employment in the three noted sectors.

7.15 Developing Aboriginal Volunteer Base

CFNCD is receiving funding from Aboriginal Northern Affairs to carry out the "Developing the Aboriginal Volunteer Base" project. This project was developed to increase volunteer numbers in the north. Presentations take place in four communities (Cross Lake, Norway House, Wabowden and Thicket Portage). Included is a presentation by Volunteer Manitoba on the value of volunteering,

training on how to deliver Junior Achievement programs and business development presentations.

The first community visit was to Cross Lake on March 19th and 20th. Charlene Grant noted that the visit was a successful due to CLCC's and the Community Development Officer Noelle Halcrow's involvement. CFNCD and CLCC worked together to plan and promote the opportunity to the community and all together approximately 25 people participated. It was suggested by Darlene Beck to send thank you letters and follow up information to those that participated in the event.

The next community the presentations are planned for is Norway House. Charlene Grant will work with Wayne Anderson to plan and promote this event over the next month.

ACTION: Charlene Grant to send thank you letters and follow up information to Cross Lake participants.

ACTION: Charlene Grant to work with Wayne Anderson to plan and promote the volunteer training / business development presentations in Norway House.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

11. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business

12. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on April 22nd at 9:30 am.

13. ADJOURN

MOTION: Moved by Darlene Beck to adjourn meeting at 10:55 am.