



**Community Development Committee Meeting
May 27, 2008
9:30 am**

Present:

Board Present: Gary Ceppetelli, Volunteer - Thompson
Darlene Beck, Cross Lake Community Council (conf. call)
Dennis Dwyer, Volunteer – Wabowden (conf. call)
Frances McIvor, Wabowden Community Council
Noelle Halcrow, CDO - CLCC (conf. call)

Staff Present: Tim Johnston, Manager
Charlene Grant, Development Officer
Leslie Tucker, Development Officer
Leann Brown, Development Officer
Laura Finlay, Development Officer

Guest: Hilda

Regrets: Wayne Anderson, Norway House Cree Nation
Tanya Noseworthy, Development Officer – Daycare

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:40 am by Gary Ceppetelli.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call conducted of committee and staff present. Leslie Tucker introduced Hilda, who is a guest visiting Canada from the Soloman Islands as part of a Rotary vocational research exchange.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Two additions to agenda under New Business:

8.1 Tec Voc

8.2 Via Rail

**MOTION: Moved by Darlene Beck to accept agenda as amended.
Second by Dennis Dwyer.**

CARRIED

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (April 22, 2008)**

MOTION: Moved by Dennis Dwyer to accept minutes as presented. Second by Darlene Beck.

CARRIED

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Actions to be reviewed under Old Business.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

6.1 **May 2008 listing of proposals and reports**

For information, a review of reports or proposals submitted in this time period. One correction under proposals – remove “Thompson Lions Club” from Thomas Sill Foundation listing.

6.2 **Letter to Wabowden Community Council**

For information, letter from Leslie Tucker to Frances McIvor at Wabowden Community Council re: Community Development Plan timeframe.

6.3 **Letter to Women’s Enterprise Centre**

For information, letter sent to the Women’s Enterprise Centre from Glen Flett. Letter notes disappointment that complimentary bus transportation is provided to delegates attending the *Lessons In Growth: A Forum for Women Entrepreneurs* from Brandon and Dauphin and not Northern Manitoba.

ACTION: Tim Johnston to check with Tamy Burton whether or not CFNCD has rec’d a response from the Women’s Enterprise Centre re: letter sent May 15, 2008.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

7.1 **Tourism North**

Charlene Grant reported on Tourism North:

A project idea was proposed which would connect local snowmobile trails to make a regional trail system, this project is on the back-burner as a great deal of funding would be required to connect the north. A recreational snowmobiling economic impact study is being completed by the University of Manitoba, they are first interviewing businesses and then individual snowmobilers. CFNCD is assisting U of M to encourage participation with the survey.

Before the regional connection is made, tweaking trail system in Thompson is necessary. Charlene working with Thompson Unlimited and Thompson Trailbreakers on project to review legal road crossings and current trails.

The Tourism North AGM is held in June, at this time CFNCD will determine if role will again be coordinator with Tourism North.

The following information on Celebrate Manitoba was not reported in the meeting but provided as an update when minutes were circulated. CFNCD worked with Thompson Unlimited to ensure the north is represented in Travel MB's Celebrate Manitoba campaign. Celebrate MB is province-wide campaign. Entrants can register online or call-in to radio stations to win one of 40 trips throughout the province and/or the grand prize trip to Churchill. In the northern region there are five trips: Thompson, Bakers Narrows, Wabowden, Lynn Lake and Moak Lodge.

7.2 Junior Achievement

Leann Brown reported that CFNCD is getting closer to meeting the 80 targeted JA workshops that need to have been delivered to meet the 2007/08 contract with JA MB. All staff have been pulled in, in order to meet the deadline. In the coming weeks presentations will be made in Split Lake, Wabowden, Thompson and possibly the Thompson Boys and Girls Club. Programs can be delivered outside of the school setting as long as there is an education component to the program.

Darlene Beck invited CFNCD to the Cross Lake Family Campout that takes place this July 15 – 22.

7.3 Spirit Way

CFNCD had previously received funding from the Youth Employment Strategy fund to cover time associated with admin assistance provided by staff to the Spirit Way committee. Funding ran until March 31st. CFNCD continues to provide assistance as needed, however Thompson Unlimited has a Community Development student for the summer who is interested in assisting with Spirit Way. CFNCD expects a gradual shift from CFNCD to Thompson Unlimited as Spirit Way becomes more and more of a marketing committee for Thompson.

7.4 EDP

All tasks for the 2007/08 capacity building project (videoconference training and networking meetings) have been completed, Charlene Grant produced and submitted the final report, all monies have been rec'd. All targets were met for this project.

CFNCD 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 fall.

The Community Development Committee had previously discussed having an EDP resource binder for each community, Charlene reported that CFM is in the process of putting all the resources from

the binder online, this is expected to be completed by the end of September.

7.5 Daycare Project

Laura Finlay reported on the Daycare project:

The playhouse fundraising campaign was extended, tickets are still available for sale.

The daycare committee is producing a newsletter updating the public and stakeholders on progress.

Committee is looking at UCN as a potential partner. UCN is looking to employ a coordinator to develop a childcare facility on the UCN campus.

CFNCD's contract for funding to employ a daycare coordinator ends July 31st, at which time CFNCD's role will change from coordinator to a resource.

7.6 Vision Quest

Leann Brown reported on Vision Quest:

- The conference was held May 13 – 15 in Winnipeg, was well attended, expected to be the largest delegation yet with over 500 attending the Gala.
- Still some problems experienced with the registration process, some problems with gala tickets.
- Speakers/Performers included Adam Beach, ReddNation, Elvis and the kick off event included a casino night.
- There were no crafters from the North Central region at Vision Quest even though a free table was offered and a lot of promotion was done.
- The Vision Quest Strategic Planning session will be held in August.

7.7 Community Surveys

Committee decided to change name of Wabowden Community Development Plan to Wabowden Community Strategic Action Plan as Wabowden already has a Development Plan.

Leslie Tucker prepared a draft timeline for the project which was included in the package under correspondence. Leslie Tucker will attend the next Wabowden Community Council meeting to discuss options with the Council.

Project to be completed by fiscal year end.

ACTION: Leslie Tucker to attend next Wabowden Council meeting.

ACTION: Change agenda item 7.7 to Community Strategic Action Plan.

7.8 Thompson Skate Park

CFNCD is working with the Thompson Skate Park Committee and the City of Thompson on fund development to build a permanent skate park in Thompson. Leslie Tucker provides project management support to the project.

Community Places has indicated they will not be funding the Skate Park, the \$50,000 request has been denied. At this point an alternative plan for funding needs to be researched. One option the committee is looking at is completing 50% of the construction this year and 50% next year.

The geotechnical test has been done and needs to be read and sent to the architect.

7.9 Commuter Service

No new information to report, CFNCD will continue to attend planning meetings and assist where needed.

7.10 Settlement Services

CFNCD recently completed Phase One of the Settlement Services project. CFNCD worked with an advisory committee 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. Final reporting has been submitted to Manitoba Immigration Integration Program (MIIP) and all monies have been rec'd to CFNCD.

CFNCD has committed to taking on Phase Two of the project. A proposal will be prepared and submitted to MIIP for funds to cover all costs associated with housing a Settlement Services coordinator.

ACTION: Charlene Grant to prepare Phase Two proposal for Settlement Services.

7.11 Proposal Writing Workshops

CFNCD submitted a proposal to MCTT for funding to deliver proposal writing workshops. Several messages were left with various contacts at MCTT regarding the pending project, no response rec'd to CFNCD therefore no contract has been signed and direction from management has been to remove agenda item.

ACTION: Remove agenda item 7.11 Proposal Writing Workshops from the agenda.

7.12 Business Directory

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

sent out to businesses in Northern Affairs communities, response has been good. Deadline to submit surveys is Friday.

7.13 Developing Aboriginal Volunteer Base

CFNCD received 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/training has taken place in Cross Lake and Norway House and will take place in Wabowden and Thicket Portage in the fall. Included in community visits are a presentation by Volunteer Manitoba on the value of volunteering, training on how to deliver Junior Achievement programs and business development presentations.

The Norway House visit was a success with 14 people attending the JA training and several referrals made for the SEA and ABC programs. Wayne Anderson and Tony Scribe were great resources in Norway House.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Tec Voc

Leslie Tucker and Liz Sousa attended the Northeast Tech Voc Educational Consortium meeting on the 25th of April at the School District of Mystery Lake board room. This was a meeting of individuals, businesses, not-for-profit groups and gov't sectors to meet to discuss the shortage of trades people in Northern Manitoba and steps that could be taken. The hope is that more industrial readiness training can be offered in the north.

8.2 Via Rail

A representative of Via Rail will be in Thompson on May 28th to meet with communities on the unexpected change in schedule that recently took place, wait time, safety concerns and communication issues. CFNCD was approached by Aboriginal Northern Affairs and an invitation was extended to attend May 28th meeting. Tim Johnston and Laura Finlay will attend the meeting to determine what role CFNCD will play.

Hudson Bay Rail Line / Via Rail has received funding from the gov't to update rail lines.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business

12. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on June 13th at 3:00 pm.

13. ADJOURN

MOTION: Moved by Dennis Dwyer to adjourn meeting at 10:50 am.