



**Community Development Committee Meeting  
February 24, 2009  
9:30 am**

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**Present:**

**Board Present:** Darlene Beck, Cross Lake Community Council (via call)  
Noelle Halcrow, Cross Lake Community Council (via call)  
Frances McIvor, Wabowden Community Council

**Staff Present:** Tim Johnston, Manager  
Charlene Grant, Development Officer  
Leann Brown, Development Officer  
Angelica Matiasek, Settlement Services Coordinator  
Kiran Roy, TUAS Family Daycare Coordinator

**Regrets:** Gary Ceppetelli, Volunteer – Thompson  
Wayne Anderson, Norway House Cree Nation  
Michelle Pruder, Development Officer  
Liz Sousa, Development Officer

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 9:43 am by Committee Chairperson, Darlene Beck.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Roll call conducted of committee and staff present.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Frances McIvor to accept agenda as amended. Second by Noelle Halcrow.

**CARRIED**

**4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009)**

**MOTION:** Moved by Noelle Halcrow to approve minutes as presented. Second by Frances McIvor.

**CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Actions to be reviewed under agenda items.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **6.1 January – February 2009 listing of proposals and reports**

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

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Tourism North**

Tourism North's *Nextstop* publication (a trip guide planner, mile-by-mile listing of attractions, events, communities that are drive-to accessible in Northern Manitoba) has been printed and delivered to CFNCD. Copies of the booklet have been sent to communities, delivered to hotels and visitor centres (via Travel Manitoba). It can be used as a tourism promotional tool.

CFNCD sent an invoice for service to Tourism North for September to December time period and rec'd payment in the amount of \$2,312.50. Next billing period is January to March 31<sup>st</sup> and April to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **7.2 Spirit Way**

Tara Ellingson continues to assist the committee with some administrative support (ie minute taking, meeting organization, etc.), nothing further to report.

### **7.3 EDP**

CFNCD continues to work on the two EDP capacity building projects funded in the 08/09 fiscal year.

The 2009/2010 intake for this fund was on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and CFNCD submitted a proposal for a project titled *Accessibility Marketing Project*. Funding was requested to cover staff time and all resources required to market any accessibility programs there are, even if they are not CFNCD programs – to businesses and individuals in our region. The request was for \$4,000.00, CFM contacted CFNCD this week with amendments to the proposed budget (staff time moved to in-kind) and is willing to fund \$2,000.00 for Meetings, Meeting Room, Travel, Advertising and Administration fees.

### **7.4 Thompson Childcare Advisory Committee**

The Thompson Child Care Advisory has gone through some rapid changes. Recently, Angela Haase has resigned as Chair, The committee is looking at opening a trust account with the City of Thompson, UCN has joined the committee as they move forward. The committee is meeting again in the next 2 weeks.

### **7.5 Childcare Governance Project**

The childcare sector has a significant economic and social impact in Manitoba. Good quality and available childcare is an essential

service. It allows parents to work, increasing family income and reducing poverty. Childcare services allow employers to recruit and retain staff. Childcare Governance Discussion Paper is due March 31<sup>st</sup> – CFNCD is working with the Childcare Coalition of Manitoba to develop a new governance model for childcare that includes community consultations to identify strategies on how to improve services, waiting lists and availability of spaces.

#### **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. This initiative increases participation in the labour market and entrepreneurship for Aboriginal women. There is an upcoming workshop on March 17<sup>th</sup> - The Business of Childcare, and CFNCD is working with UCN to offer a Health and Safety Course for people interested in home based child care.

#### **7.7 Vision Quest**

Leann Brown reported on Vision Quest:

- Vision Quest 2009 is taking place May 11 – 13, 2009.
- Board is finalizing conference agenda
- This year board has experienced a cash flow problem. CFNCD provided a loan of \$5,000 which will be repaid in the next fiscal year (April).
- ABC is offering sponsorship of \$100,000.00

**ACTION: Leann Brown to forward exhibitor information packages to communities.**

**ACTION: Darlene Beck to find out whether or not Cross Lake is interested in having a booth at the Vision Quest trade show.**

#### **7.8 Wabowden Community Strategic Action Plan**

Frances Mclvor provided Michelle Pruder with the surveys that were completed in Wabowden. Michelle will use this to set out an action plan for the community.

**ACTION: Charlene Grant / Michelle Pruder to set up a meeting with Frances Mclvor to go over the Wabowden 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.

#### **7.10 Commuter Service**

Murray Harvey of The Pas approached CFNCD to put together a feasibility study on a Northern Manitoba Commuter Employment

Project. Project involves daily commuting from two communities for training and then work. Two streams include major industry (Vale Inco) and hospitality (Burntwood Hotel). The hospitality portion is coming together, a meeting with the communities, the potential trainers and potential employers is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The trades portion is a little more difficult as the potential employer (Vale Inco) now has a hiring freeze and may not be looking to participate.

#### **7.11 Settlement Services**

Angelica Matiasek continues to work on the Settlement Services project, she is now seeing clients who are new to Thompson and need support. Angelica sent regrets to the meeting as she is attending a workshop in Winnipeg set up by the province for Settlement Services workers.

#### **7.12 Developing Aboriginal Volunteer Base**

Charlene Grant, Michelle Pruder and Nomi Khan visited Thicket Portage on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Purpose of visit was to meet with council and community members to promote CFNCD services and to do volunteer training in the school. A number of requests for service came out of this visit (discussed under 8.1 Thicket Portage Requests).

A visit will also be planned for Wabowden, which will wrap up the project.

#### **7.13 Rail Service Delivery**

CFNCD continues to provide administrative support to the committee taking action on the poor rail service in Northern Manitoba. CFNCD set up meetings between Thompson MLA Steve Ashton, MP Nikki Ashton and the committee which will take place on February 27<sup>th</sup> at Thompson City Council Chambers.

#### **7.15 Mineral Science**

Vale Inco contracted CFNCD to research a mineral sciences project expansion at RD Parker Collegiate. This was a fee-for-service project and the business plan for the expansion has been completed.

**ACTION: Remove agenda item 7.15 Mineral Science from agenda.**

#### **7.15 RFP – Commuter Employment Option**

Spoke to under agenda item 7.10 Commuter Service. Suggested that from this point on agenda item 7.10 change to Commuter Employment Project.

### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **8.1 Thicket Portage Requests**

Thicket Portage Council has requested that CFNCD assist in preparing a proposal to the province for use of a barge that sits in South Indian Lake. The barge would be used by Thicket as a means of getting vehicles across in the summer months and would alleviate problem of unreliable unreliable rail service in the summer. Direction from management and board is to pursue this opportunity.

Thicket has also asked for assistance in obtaining recreation supplies and an increase in hours for the Recreation Director. Council has been asked to provide a wish-list of supplies. Suggestion to have Council contact Sam Antilla.

**ACTION: Charlene Grant and Michelle Pruder to follow up on barge information gathering.**

**ACTON: Charlene Grant and Michelle Pruder to follow up with Thicket Portage Council on rec supplies request.**

**ACTION: Charlene Grant to contact Rich Danis at Manitoba Highways to obtain a copy of the 20/20 report.**

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

The next Community Development Committee is scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

**11. ADJOURN**

Meeting at 10:15 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