



**Community Development Committee Meeting  
January 20, 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)  
Gary Ceppetelli, Volunteer – Thompson

**Staff Present:** Charlene Grant, Development Officer  
Leann Brown, Development Officer  
Liz Sousa, Development Officer  
Kiran Roy, TUAS Family Daycare Coordinator

**Regrets:** Wayne Anderson, Norway House Cree Nation  
Frances McIvor, Wabowden Community Council  
Tim Johnston, Manager  
Michelle Pruder, Development Officer  
Angelica Matiasek, Settlement Services Coordinator

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 9:45 am by Committee Chairperson, Darlene Beck.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Roll call conducted of committee and staff present.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

One addition to the agenda:

9.1 Small Business Tax Workshop

**4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008)**

Tabled.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Actions to be reviewed under agenda items.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**6.1 January 2009 listing of proposals and reports**

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

**6.2 Letter rec'd from Minister of Aboriginal Northern Affairs**

Letter indicating support is provided to CFNCD in the amount of \$12, 240.00 for the Northern Manitoba Commuter Employment pilot project.

**6.3 Letter sent to Volker Beckmann**

Letter indicating CFNCD will continue to support the Spirit Way project as staff time permits.

**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. The booklet will be sent to communities, delivered to hotels and visitor centres. It can be used as a tourism promotional tool.

Tourism North plans to make this an annual publication, next year including all communities in the North (including fly-in, rail accessible).

Anyone looking for copies of the publication can contact Charlene Grant.

**ACTION: Charlene to get copies of *Nextstop* to CFNCD communities.**

**7.2 Spirit Way**

As per correspondence, a letter was sent to Volker Beckmann from Tim Johnston noting that CFNCD will continue to support Spirit Way as staff time permits. Currently, Tara Ellingson assists the committee with some administrative support (ie minute taking, meeting organization, etc.) but staff aren't involved in project coordination as staff time is maxed.

**7.3 EDP**

CFNCD continues to work on the two EDP capacity building projects funded in the 08/09 fiscal year. Both will be completed by the end of March. The next intake for this fund is February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009, anyone that has any project ideas should contact Charlene Grant.

The EDP Resource binder has been converted to an online resource listing. This can be found by going to the CFM website ([www.cfmanitoba.ca](http://www.cfmanitoba.ca)) and clicking *Entrepreneurs with Disabilities* link, then the *Resources* link.

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

Liz Sousa reported on TCAC as Laura Finlay who was leading the project is now on maternity leave. Angela Haase has resigned as the TCAC chairperson. While the committee continues to exist, it is without a chair. Thompson Mayor Tim Johnston has requested a meeting with the TCAC to discuss a succession plan. Vale Inco has also recently requested a meeting with TCAC.

#### **7.5 Childcare Governance Project**

CFNCD in partnership with TCAC has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Childcare Coalition of Manitoba to research and prepare a discussion paper on a "New Governance Model for Childcare Centres in Thompson". This discussion paper will be presented at a provincial conference in April. Focus groups have taken place to gather information. At this point a draft is ready and has been submitted to Susan Prentice (Ph.D. Associate Professor at University of Manitoba, primary field is contemporary and historical childcare policy and advocacy) for feedback.

#### **7.6 TUAS Home Daycare Project**

Kiran Roy started on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 with CFNCD in the position of TUAS Home Daycare Project Coordinator. Kiran is currently working on promotional tools to market the project. Project will involve creating 12 home daycares (50 spaces total) in Aboriginal homes.

#### **7.7 Vision Quest**

Leann Brown reported on Vision Quest:

- Last board meeting was Friday, finding they are much more organized this year, coordinators are doing fantastic job.
- Produced last year's newsletter, has been mailed to all our communities.
- Two keynotes this year will likely be Kelvin Healin (BC lawyer who is doing lots of Aboriginal Economic Development work and wrote the book *Dances with Dependencies*) and Crystal Shawanda (rising country music star. Contracts have not been finalized with keynotes.
- Vision Quest will again include the three streams – Business Development, Community Development and Youth. Business Development will be narrowed to have two sections – introductory workshops and advanced workshops.
- Dates for the conference are May 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday). The banquet will be on the Wednesday evening, kick off with Crystal Shawanda on Monday.

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

Before Christmas Michelle Pruder and Charlene Grant attended town meeting in Wabowden and did sample surveying. Frances

Mclvor has been working on surveys for the Action Plan and doing some work in the school.

**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 and January (see listing in Reports & Proposals). 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).

Question raised whether or not commuting to Jenpeg would be an option in this phase for communities of Norway House & Cross Lake. This is not included in this phase as Hydro has not indicated a need or shown interest in the project.

**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**

Community visit planned for Thicket Portage on February 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 is working to set up meetings between Thompson MLA Steve Ashton, MP Nikki Ashton and the committee.

**7.14 Northern Region Literacy Strategy**

**ACTION: Remove agenda item 7.14 Northern Region Literacy Strategy from agenda.**

**7.15 Mineral Science**

Vale Inco has contracted CFNCD to research a mineral sciences project expansion at RD Parker Collegiate. This is a fee-for-service project. Business Plan for the expansion is almost complete, then effort will revolve around securing remaining funding.

**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**

No new business.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

**9.1 Small Business Tax Workshop**

CFNCD is hosting a half day Small Business Tax Workshop on February 3, 2009. Is free to attend and being delivered by the Canada Revenue Agency.

**ACTION: Leann Brown to forward information to board on the small business tax workshop.**

**10. NEXT MEETING**

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

**11. ADJOURN**

Meeting at 10:35 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