



**Community Development Committee Meeting
March 17, 2009
9:30 am**

Present:

Board Present: 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
Liz Sousa, Development Officer

Regrets: Gary Ceppetelli, Volunteer – Thompson
Wayne Anderson, Norway House Cree Nation
Michelle Pruder, Development Officer
Darlene Beck, Cross Lake Community Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:55 am.

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 (February 24th, 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 March 2009 listing of proposals and reports

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

6.2 Letter rec'd February 20th from Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives, Rosann Wowchuk indicating support in the amount of \$5,000.00 will be provided to CFNCD for the Thompson Skate Park project.

6.3 CFM Communique

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 \$25 per hour is charged. Contract in place until July. A \$900 payment for misc. expenses was received from Tourism North (postage, conference calls, etc.)

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.

ACTION: Remove agenda item 7.2 Spirit Way from Agenda.

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 13th, 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 accessibility programs to businesses and individuals in our region. The request was for \$4,000.00, CFM contacted CFNCD with amendments to the proposed budget (staff time moved to in-kind) and was willing to fund \$2,000.00 for Meetings, Meeting Room, Travel, Advertising and Administration fees. CFNCD decided not to take on this project as staff time is maxed and major budget items were removed.

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 31st – 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. Upcoming workshops will be happening - The Business of Childcare (12 registrants), 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.
- Country music rising star Crystal Shawanda is performing
- 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).
- The Radisson is the host hotel
- Event is moving to the 3rd floor of the Winnipeg Convention Centre
- As always CFNCD will receive two free registrations for board members and volunteers receive free registration

ACTION: Tamy Burton to send memo to the board re: Vision Quest attendance.

7.8 Wabowden Community Strategic Action Plan

Frances Mclvor provided Michelle Pruder with the surveys that were completed in Wabowden.

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, 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 is working on the final report for the 2008/2009 fiscal year. A proposal will be submitted for the 2009/2010 fiscal year with a proposed increase in hours to 30 hrs per week.

7.12 Developing Aboriginal Volunteer Base

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 took place on February 27th at Thompson City Council Chambers. The meeting was productive, a Community Advisory Committee will be set up with a representative from the communities of Gillam, Thompson, Cormorant, The Pas, OCN, Thicket Portage, Ilford and Pikwitonei. This group will provide direction to the small working group (CFNCD, IAF and ANA) who will carry out actions (research, communication, meeting coordination, etc.)

7.15 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.

8. NEW BUSINESS

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9. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Community Development Committee is scheduled for April 21st 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