



**Community Development Committee Meeting
October 21, 2008
9:30 am**

Present:

Board Present: Darlene Beck, Cross Lake CC (conf. call)
Frances Mclvor, Wabowden Community Council (conf. call)
Noelle Halcrow, Cross Lake CC (conf. call)

Staff Present: Tim Johnston, Manager
Charlene Grant, Development Officer (conf. call)
Leann Brown, Development Officer
Michelle Pruder, Development Officer (conf. call)
Laura Finlay, Development Officer
Angelica Matiassek, Settlement Services Coordinator

Regrets: Gary Ceppetelli, Volunteer – Thompson

1. CALL TO ORDER

MOTION: Moved by Frances Mclvor to nominate Darlene Beck for position of Community Development Committee Chairperson. Second by Noelle Halcrow.

CARRIED

Meeting called to order at 9:40 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 Mclvor to accept agenda as amended. Second by Darlene Beck.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (June 13, 2008 and September 23, 2008)

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

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Actions to be reviewed under agenda items.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 October 2008 listing of proposals and reports

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

6.2 Letter to Adrian de Groot re: Mineral Sciences Project Expansion

To be discussed under agenda item 7.14.

6.3 Canada's College of Taxidermy brochure.

For information, Terry Ledoux owner of Canada's College of Taxidermy held an informational meeting at CFNCD this month. A course on taxidermy and operating a taxidermy business will be held in Nelson House this winter.

6.4 Invitation to public focus group discussion on the New Governance Model for Child Care in Thompson

For information, to be spoken to under agenda item 7.5.

6.5 Community Futures Parkland Newsletter

For information.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Tourism North

Charlene Grant attended the Travel Manitoba Best Practices Mission to Ottawa, topic was festivals. A report will be written and distributed to Community Development Committee.

Charlene also attended the monthly Tourism North meeting, last month held in Flin Flon and the Manitoba Regional Tourism Network (MRTN) meeting.

ACTION: Charlene Grant to prepare and circulate to the CDC a report on the Best Practices Mission to Ottawa.

7.2 Junior Achievement

Item can be removed from the agenda as CFNCD is not coordinating JA efforts in Northern Manitoba this year.

CFNCD will be contact with communities throughout the year to ensure workshops continue to be delivered in Northern Manitoba.

ACTION: Remove agenda item 7.2 Junior Achievement from agenda.

7.3 Spirit Way

Tim Johnston has plans to meet with Kim Hicks (Thompson Boys and Girls Club) and Volker Beckmann (Spirit Way) to discuss

CFNCD's capability to provide continued admin support to the project. There are some concerns about the time staff has available.

ACTION: Tim Johnston to meet with Kim Hicks and Volker Beckmann regarding CFNCD's involvement with Spirit Way.

7.4 EDP

The EDP marketing project is on track and the interim report was submitted last month. Advertisements are running for CFNCD loan programs in the Thompson Citizen and Nickel Belt News. An updated brochure with the CF branding has been created and is being proofed.

As part of the marketing project CFNCD committed to a number of meetings to promote the EDP loan fund. CFNCD will hold a "Lender's Lunch" as part of Small Business Week in Thompson. The purpose of the lunch is to network with other lenders (banks, credit union, CEDF and Thompson Unlimited) and promote the various financing options for business start up or expansion.

The second EDP project CFNCD has funding for is to update and revamp the CFNCD website to make it more accessible. This project is underway.

Both projects will be completed by March 31st, 2008.

7.5 Daycare Project

The Thompson Childcare Advisory Committee plans to partner with UCN on the new daycare they are opening at the Rec Complex next year. UCN is interested in 60-70 spaces and TCAC is fundraising to support an additional 40 spots.

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. The first focus group is happening in Thompson on October 22nd at the Meridian Hotel.

7.6 Vision Quest

Vision Quest is looking to hire an administrator and a conference coordinator, advertising is taking place.

The next Vision Quest meeting will take place next week.

7.7 Community Strategic Action Plan

Michelle Pruder and Charlene Grant travelled to Wabowden to attend a public meeting on October 20th and to test the survey that has been put together to gather information from community members for the Community Strategic Action Plan.

Frances Mclvor has worked with youth in the school to gather information on what they feel is important for the community. The information gathered from one of the workshops at the CF Conference in Gimli was used as an outline for this.

7.8 Thompson Skate Park

Community Development staff have reviewed the deadlines for final reports for the skate park on proposals written by CFNCD for the skate park committee. There are a number of final reports due in December that CFNCD will prepare.

Pre-Cast structures will be purchased by December 31st and the actual completion of the project will happen in the Spring of 2009.

7.9 Commuter Service

Charles Nyabeze (ANA) will be providing a summary for this project to CFNCD.

ACTION: CFNCD to forward project summary (Charles Nyabeze) to CDC.

7.10 Settlement Services

CFNCD received the Phase Two contract from the Manitoba Immigrant Integration Program (MIIP). Phase Two involves 6-month term position for a Newcomer Settlement Services coordinator. Angelica Matiasek has filled this position.

Angelica has spent her time getting familiar with Phase One of the project, scheduling meetings with members of the Settlement Services Advisory Committee and attending the Multi Cultural Centre's AGM.

Liz Robinson, who is CFNCD's contact with MIIP will be making a trip to Thompson near the end of this month to provide training for Angelica.

7.11 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 coming months. Charlene Grant is planning to travel with Charles Nyabeze to Thicket Portage in November.

Frances Mclvor has expressed an interest in travelling to Thicket Portage.

7.12 Via Rail

A large group met at the end of June to try to determine long and / or short term solutions to improve rail delivery service from The Pas to Churchill.

A small group (CFNCD, Corey Young, Charles Nyabeze, Mark Matiasek) have researched a “high rail car” for communities of Thicket Portage and Pikwitonei.

A full group meeting is planned for November. VIA and Hudson Bay Rail has indicated noticeable changes will be realized in approximately three years.

7.13 Northern Region Literacy Strategy

Nothing new to report. CFNCD staff will forward report to CDC once received.

ACTION: Report from Thompson focus group on a new literacy strategy to be forwarded to board of directors once it is received to CFNCD.

7.14 Mineral Science

A letter to Adrian de Groot was included in the correspondence package. The letter notes CFNCD has provided a quote to Vale Inco to research a mineral sciences project expansion at RD Parker Collegiate. This is a potential fee-for-service project. Quote is for \$7,800.

7.15 RFP – Commuter Employment Option

Murray Harvey has been retained by the Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs to take a look at training people in Northern MB to take advantage of employment opportunities based in the north. The idea is that people could commute to Thompson to work for a period of time and then return home. Economic spinoffs would be beneficial to home communities as well as Thompson. Project would look outlining a pilot project for three communities. CFNCD’s involvement would be being sub-contracted by Murray Harvey to do groundwork.

7.16 Bookkeeping Made Easy

CFNCD was chosen as a second location for a bookkeeping course offered by the Aboriginal Business Service Network. The course was broadcast via videoconference from Winnipeg at the C/MBSC. CFNCD did promotion of the 7-session course and has all available spots filled. About 5 of the participants completed all modules and received certificates of completion.

ABSN is gathering feedback and will review the possibility of offering the course to other locations.

Discussion: How much would a videoconference until costs and likelihood of communities acquiring units.

ACTION: Frances McIvor to speak with Jason Denbow regarding North Central communities acquiring videoconference units.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Board Meeting

The next CFNCD board meeting will happen in Thompson on November 15th with committee meetings taking place on November 14th.

ACTION: Tamy Burton to provide schedule for committee and board meetings.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Community Development Committee is scheduled for November 14th at 2:30 pm.

11. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

ACRONYMS:

AGM – Annual General Meeting

ANA – Aboriginal Northern Affairs

C/MBSC – Canada / Manitoba Business Service Centre

CDC – Community Development Committee

CEDF – Communities Economic Development Fund

CF – Community Futures

CFNCD – Community Futures North Central Development

Cross Lake CC – Cross Lake Community Council

EDP – Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program

JA – Junior Achievement

MIIP – Manitoba Immigrant Integration Program

MRTN - Manitoba Regional Tourism Network

TCAC – Thompson Childcare Advisory Committee

UCN – University College of the North