

CWC Reports

Affordable Housing Working Group

No report was submitted by deadline.

Affordable Recreation and Leisure Working Group

No report was submitted by deadline.

Education and Employment Working Group

Working Group: Education and Employment

Month: May 2025

Last Meeting Date: April 26th 2025

Have you completed any of the items on your action plan this month?

YES NO

If yes, please list which items you completed from your action plan:

Summary of past month's activities/meetings:

The Education and Employment Working Group held an April in-depth, in person meeting to work on next steps in our action plan. **Highlights:**

- Coordinating materials, messaging, and tasks for E & E's participation in the June 11th CWC AGM, extend invitations; prepared E & E report for the CWC annual report.
- Brainstormed ideas & dates to participate / represent E & E at CWC's Tuesday afternoons Community Connection Corner.
- Followed up on next steps needed with the Chamber re: a potential partnership in a fall 2025 Career fair, and our vision of what services E & E could provide to the space.
- Outreach with a couple potential volunteers for our WG. Crossing fingers!
- A plan to connect with local service providers on the need / demand for additional tax filing services for a growing newcomer population.
- Following our April meeting, reached out to our Workplace Education Manitoba re: any updates on training workshops for Carman. Feedback: people from our area have contacted WEM for spreadsheet training, but WEM couldn't accommodate as the class filled quickly in Morden. Opportunity exists for Carman training if a) we can find a partner & space and b) the right marketing & promotion to reach our target audience.

Do you have any questions or comments for the CWC board:



Opportunity: National charity Prosper Canada recently announced a Canada-wide Call for Proposals under its new program – Resilient Futures: Building financial well-being for all Canadians. While CWC does not deliver core financial empowerment services, we can explore partnering with organizations funded by Prosper Canada for future financial program service delivery to our area.

Prepared/Submitted by: Allison Abbott-Wiebe (Lead) and Wendy Durand (Wordsmith 😊)

Food Security

No report submitted by deadline.

Supporting Emotional Health Working Group

Supporting Emotional Health working Group report to the Board

Submitted by Julie Hesketh

Month: April 2025

Members: Julie Hesketh, Linda Sylvester, Linda MacNair, Lisa Lehmann, Louise Sanders, Nigel Bart, Audi Dewit, Terry Warburton, Guest: Samantha Waytiuk ECE

Last meeting date: April 28, 2025

Next meeting: May 30, 2025

Summary of Month's Action Plan activities:

1. Disordered eating - It was discussed and decided we would prefer to change this item to **Personal Growth & Wellbeing**. It is recognized that disordered eating is an issue/need but we do not have the resources to address it at this time.
2. Personal growth & wellbeing
 - Book study led by Terry Warburton and Linda Sylvester is being planned for fall 2025
3. Parenting Support
 - Proposals from Samantha Watiuk
 - o Family networking sessions. Drop in. Outdoors in the park during the summer and indoor September- May
 - o Children's clothing swap
 - o Childminders & parents meet & greet
 - Circle of Security 2025 complete – 11 registered and 7 attended regularly.
 - Family Advocacy Network –ongoing. 3rd Wednesday of every month. Valuable resource and support is provided to families.
4. Domestic Violence
 - Ladies' Gala on May 10th at the Active Living Centre with speaker from Genesis House along with Lisa Lehmann.



5. Healthy Relationships
 - Small Town Run and Walk Crew – starting up in May for the summer. Thursday evenings at 6 pm meetup at Ryall Park.
6. Trauma Support
 - CWC Support Group continues to meet the last Wednesday of the month & after community supper.
 - Roots of Hope. The ASSIST (suicide intervention) group is working with Lindsay Hainsworth from SHSS to adopt the Roots of Hope model and framework for communities ready to talk about suicide prevention.
7. Harm Reduction
 - Mental Health kits for school aged children. CWC has created a prototype of a mental health kit which has been offered to the collegiate to review and suggest improvements.
 - Narcotics Anonymous. A community citizen is interested in starting a Narcotics Anonymous chapter and is looking for an appropriate venue.

Transportation Working Group

Minutes of the Transportation Working Group
May 6/25

Present: Kathie Findlay, Evelyn Rempel Petkau
Regrets: Rob McClement, Melissa Emerson-Froebe

1. HandiVan Updates- Kathie reported April stats:
 - 546 rides
 - 427 meal stops
 - 498 meals delivered

This is up in deliveries and riders by 75 or 80 trips.
Some substantial donations have come in from the Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the MCC Thrift Shop. The Shop is also holding a quilt raffle presently for the HandiVan.
They had their AGM in April with a couple of new people expressing interest in joining the board.
No news on the Library grant.
2. Transportation working group new members - Evelyn contacted Chris Dick and Eldon Dueck but both declined. Evelyn will continue to try and recruit new members, if possible focusing on younger community persons and someone new to the community. The CWC AGM may be a good time to tap the shoulders of some people.



3. CWC AGM June 11 @ Kings Park. Kathie will be there. She will have a handout re: HandiVan. Evelyn cannot be there but will bring toy cars and a play road mat. She will contact Rob and Melissa to see if they might be available.

4. Old Business and task reminders:

Evelyn will check with Lisa regarding her email inquiries to 500 Stephen, Winkler Central Station and Altona Community Exchange about ride sharing or using GO Manitoba. Kathie will check with CWC about any survey information and research they have already collected or done that would be helpful to us. She will also check with Karen Kucharsky about getting a regular update on the data that CWC is collecting about transportation needs.

Rob will follow up with Mayor Brent Owen to see where the town is in regard to alternative transportation options like golf carts and the potential bike lane. Rob will contact Shane Peltier of ECO West.

Kathie will contact Nancy McFarlane about the criteria and scope of the Seniors Resource Council.

Evelyn and Rob will continue their research into Tamarack, Green Action Centre and other resources.

Melissa and Evelyn will continue to research active transportation options for Carman. - Pedie Cabs, electric assist tricycles, etc.

5. Next meeting:

We decided that we have considerable work to do in researching resources and contacting other communities, as well as looking for new working group members, and so we will have our next meeting towards the end of summer. We can be in contact with each other in the meantime if necessary.



Coordinator Report – Submitted May 9, 2025, by Lisa Lehmann

These initiatives demonstrate CWC's dedication to building stronger partnerships, increasing community impact, and fostering growth for both staff and the community. We will continue to provide updates as these efforts progress.

Hours – March 29 – April 25 (2 pay periods)

- 131.5 hours worked
- 16.5 of the hours were registered as volunteer hours
- 35 hours banked

1. Community Engagement and Networking

- **Carman Chamber of Commerce:** AGM in April - Next meeting is May 13, 2025 – plans to share 'A Community responding to People in Crisis'.
- **Healthy Communities:** Chair this (every 6 weeks) – but will be working at BTHC for next two - will ask Karen K to chair
- **Clearwater Memorial Playground Project:** Continued active participation in the Clearwater Memorial Playground Project committee, contributing to the project's progress and community engagement efforts. Met May 8, 2025.
- **Town and RM:**
 - Response from Joint Council regarding our request form Nov. Next steps: share our Health and Safety and Work Alone Policy.
 - They hired new CFO – Curt L
- **Tamarack**
 - Circle of Actions – Belonging Cohort Project with Chantal, and Admin staff
 - Included a couple of group meetings and some individual homework
 - Plan on a Page 'A community Plan to create a sense of belonging through respect, connection and purpose.'
- **Rat River Council/ Debby Iverson and CCHC** – Notes – Introductory Meeting with Caman Wellness Connections – March 21, 2025, From Carman: Lisa Lehmann, Debby Iverson; From RRHC: Maureen Sicotte, Joel Lemoine, Murielle Bugera
 - Their request is to meet again, but they would like to meet with two members of the CHCB as well.
 - They also want a copy of our Nature of Calls.
- **CHN of Manitoba** - Lisa invited to Community Health Nurses of Manitoba - Spring Education Session to be a panelist with a focus on Harm Reduction and how to bridge challenges and solutions through collaborative care, with a focus on CWC. May 15, 2025, at 7 pm



- **Addressing Houselessness** – met with community groups regarding a safe, consistent, collective approach to responding to people in crisis – developing a community friendly response. Met again May 6, 2025.
- **Carman Stakeholders Meeting – put on by SHSS** – attended on behalf of CWC. Talbot Bergsma, (member of the SHSS Board of Directors) wanted to learn more about CWC – I offered to present to their Board – and he was going to bring that back to them.
- **CAF Gala** – attended with Sheryl and Wendy
- **CFS Central Region** - Met with Bruce Wood and Virginia Beckwith as they connect and gather input from regional organizations.
- **500 Stephen St.** – met with Nicole Fehr and Officer Jeff from Morden Police Service and their Community Mobilization program.

2. CWC

- **Strategic Planning:** Facilitating next steps: 3 of the 4 Goal Groups will meet April 15, 2025, with Candace Bartel for one hour each. I will attend all; and again May 29.
- **Working Groups (WGs):**
 - Continue to collaborate with key CWC members re
 - Mental Health kits – with Allison and Linda S collaborating with CES and CC.
 - Roots of Hope - Lindsey Hainsworth (SHSS) will be leading upcoming meetings – taking a neutral approach as she facilitates the group through the process of determining next steps for our community.
- **Funding:**
 - **Sponsorship letters for Community Supper** – ongoing
 - **Carman Collegiate** – We are recipients to fundraising initiative to raise money towards mental health for youth.
 - **Daylight Fund** – met with Tamarack/ Genesis House and Paul’s Place in preparation in applying. Supported Wendy in applying for this Grant.
 - **Elegant Ladies Gala** – Funds for Awareness and Education around Domestic Violence – If threshold for Endowment Fund with CAF is met CWC would hold those funds.
- **Data Collections:** continued refining and collection of data
 - Volunteer Hours
 - Volunteer Database
 - Event/ Program Database
 - Nature of Calls
 - Program Evaluations



- **Communications:**
 - Looking for baseline stats for all social media purposes – connected with Tom and Val
- **Committees:**
 - **Nomination Committee** – met April 17; Hannah Benner is interested in the role of secretary. Jackie Labbossiere interested in being part of the CWC Board. Reached out to many other potential volunteers for CWC, Working Groups i.e. Sam, Peter etc.

3. Office Day to Day

- **Staff:** 6-month Reflection and Feedback; meet with Co-chairs 21 April 2025 and again with staff individually and co-chairs May 9, 2025.
- **Client:** attend to increased social support needs for clients as needed
- **Board:** attended Executive Meeting May 8, 2025, and April Board Meeting

3. Programming

- **WRAP**
 - Sent *What is HF WRAP?* to Kori da Costa to share with Carman Community Health Centre Board.
- **211**
 - We are on the website, editing and conversation re presentation for community and community drive

