



Carman Wellness Connections

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Approved Minutes of Thursday, Dec 9, 2021 1:00 – 2:30 pm

COMMON VISION: Together, creating a community where everyone has the opportunity and supports to flourish where they live, learn, work and play.

COMMON VALUES: Common values will guide our behavior, inspire our actions, and encourage conversation within every component of this community initiative.

Empowerment	Sustainability	Accessibility	Best Practice	Respect
Shared Responsibility	“Nothing about us, without us”		“It takes a village”	

Present: Karen Tjaden (Co-chair), Lorna George (Treasurer), Debbie Iverson (Secretary), Susan Wepler, Wendy Durand, Allison Abbott Wiebe, Janet Fowler

Regrets: Darcy Redekopp, Colin Hay, Nancy Clearwater, Rachel Siemens, Amy Johnson, Cecile Affleck, Beth Bartley, Terra Huston, Lisa Lehmann

Guest: Diane Cohoe – Boyne Regional Library

1. Welcome:

- Land Acknowledgment: We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality and culture of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Ojibway, Dakota and Dene Peoples with whom Treaty One was signed and the territory where we reside. We also honour the heritage and gifts of the Metis people. Under the terms of Treaty One, we now share the responsibility of caring for the earth, sky and water where we pledge to create a sacred space of welcome where all might find a home.
- Moment of Focus – Presentation by Diane Cohoe – Boyne Regional Library
Library offers more than books. Open and available to many. Books for the blind, I pads available for seniors in our community, also have laptops/ chrome books for use. Large print books popular. Do printing at a cost for public, want to make policy to be able to print provincial/federal forms for free. Have applied for a senior grant – pop up id clinic for Canadian vaccine card, arrive Can. Exploring funding source/grant for free transportation to library for seniors in community and in group living, especially for seniors on low income. Also looking at activities for seniors at the library.
Discussion: Shared information about grant availability and application for grants on line.

2. Approval of Agenda;

Agenda Addition: 11. CWC Admin – 11.3 Board member update.

Motion: To approve the agenda with addition.

Moved/Seconded by: Lorna George / Allison Abbott-Wiebe

CARRIED

3. Approval of CWC – Board Meeting minutes – Nov. 18 2021.
Motion: To approve the minutes of Oct 7, 2021 as circulated.
Moved/Seconded by: Susan Wepler / Wendy Durand **CARRIED**

4. Working Group Reports: Written Reports circulated prior to the meeting and attached to minutes.
 Questions/Comments from the Board:
 Affordable Recreation & Leisure: Have been in contact with Carman/Dufferin Rec - excited about ideas presented.
 Education and Employment Working Group – exciting to have a renewed working group with more individuals.

5. Community Resource Centre
 - 5.1 Pilot Project Update: Joint planning Committee have had two meetings, good energy, lots of ideas.
 Planning a soft start every Tuesday afternoon (1:30 – 3:30 pm) starting Dec. 14
 Calling it a “Community Resource Drop In” – “A Place to Connect” to people and resources.
 Working out all the details with some planned activities. Focus on Building relationships with individuals and sharing and connecting people to resources and information.
 Having a display from the library, with possibly having some free books available.
 Possible resources identified for ongoing planning – Active listening conversations – Ernie Bart, Tamarack Institute,
 Janet will check to see if Age and Opportunity might have any applicable resources.
 - 5.2 Community Space Update – Letter has been sent to Town/RM requesting use of the lower level space at the Memorial Hall. Copy of the letter circulated to the Board members.

6. Safe Communities – Response to Homelessness algorithm developed through Safe Communities Carman/Dufferin circulated to Board members. Will be helpful information for the Community Resource Drop In.

7. CWC Annual Action Plan 2022. – presented as circulated.
 Discussion re: membership with Chamber of Commerce – expectations, benefits, Lorna will follow up with Jodi Winkler for more information.

MOTION; To approve the CWC Annual Action Plan – 2022 as presented.
Moved by/Seconded by: Allison Abbott-Wiebe / Janet Fowler **CARRIED**

8. Make Poverty History Update – nothing new to report

9. Financial Reports
 - 9.1 Year to Date Financial Report / Proposed Budget presented as circulated.

Motion: To approve the Year to Date Financial Report /Budget for 2022
Moved/Seconded by: Lorna George /Wendy Durand **CARRIED**

10. Grants /Funding Sources
 - 10.1 Letter of request for annual funding submitted to Town/RM councils – circulated to Board.
 - 10.2 Carman Area Foundation Funding Request – will be submitting in the new year before mid Feb deadline.
 - 10.3 Canada Summer Jobs Grant 2022 – Application due in Feb every year. Wendy will make connection with other community groups (CIB, Boyne River Keepers) to explore potential for shared application for possibly more than one student.
 - 10.3 Presidents Choice Charity Grant – Wendy will look into it.

11. CWC Admin:

11.1 Charitable Status Update – Response from CRA – need to change the wording of the organization’s purpose in Article #5 in our Articles of Incorporation. CRA provided recommendation for wording that would meet charitable status need. Will also need to make the wording change in our bylaws.

**Motion: To change our purpose statement in our Articles of Incorporation as per the recommendation from CRA: “To relieve poverty of those in need and to address specific problems faced by families by operating a community resource centre in Carman, Manitoba, and by providing services such as a community food/garden program, emotional and mental health programs, educational workshops seminars on issues faced by families and employment related training programs.
– To conduct activities ancillary and incidental to the above charitable purpose. “**

Moved/Seconded by: Lorna George /Susan Wepler

CARRIED

Next steps:

- ✓ **Lorna will contact the lawyers office to make the change to our Articles of Incorporation and then submit documentation to CRA.**

11.2 Creation of a Fundraising Committee – Treasurer, and Grant Coordinator would be on the committee.

Any Board members interested should contact Karen or Wendy. Can also be other community volunteers who might be interested. Board to consider who they might contact to explore interest in being on this committee. To be reviewed at next Board meeting.

11.3 Board member update:

- Louise Duncan has given notification of her resignation as a Board member effective immediately. She will continue to serve on the Education & Employment Working Group.
- Darcy Redekopp is not able to attend Board meetings at this time due to personal reasons. Board supportive of his temporary absence and look forward to when he is able to return. Will continue to provide minutes and information to him and have encouraged him to provide feedback/input in other ways until he is able to attend in person once again.

12. Correspondence

12.1 CCEC Net – Defer to next meeting

13. Next Meeting – Thursday Jan. 27, 2022 evening meeting – 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Location: Lower level Memorial Hall – To be determined

14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Susan Wepler at 2:32 pm.