



Carman Wellness Connections

Approved Minutes Wednesday, August 17, 2022 4:00 -5:30 pm

Location: Lower Level - Memorial Hall

Zoom also available if you wish to join virtually:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84873887150?pwd=TVZiVWRrcysrNTlOZnZZN2h5SHdPdZ09>

Meeting ID: 848 7388 7150

Passcode: 938832

(NEW Social time to visit for those who wish to stay after the meeting at 5:30 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: Lisa Lehman (Co-chair), Diane Coho (Secretary) Lorna George (Treasurer) Wendy Durand (Grant Coordinator), Allison Abbott-Wiebe, Darcy Redekopp, Susan Wepler

Regrets: Chantal Chevalier – SH-SS (ex-officio), Terra Huston, Rachel Siemens, Rose Durupt

Agenda:

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 A board member was prepared to share feedback on the course she completed but was unable to attend – she will share at next meeting.

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2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda as circulated:

Moved/Seconded by: Lorna George/Darcy Redekopp

CARRIED

3. Approval of CWC – Board Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2022.

Motion: to approve the amended minutes of July 20,2022 as circulated.

Moved/Seconded: Lorna George/Darcy Redekopp

CARRIED

4. Working Group Reports: Circulated prior to the meeting

Lorna George addition comments and discussion. Currently 4 families/individuals on the Manitoba Housing waiting list in Carman. 48 units total and 2 of these are uninhabited needing repairs to be able to be occupied. Lorna will ask the time frame on the completion of repairs. Lorna emailed Dwyane asking him to visit Carman and is waiting for a reply. The question of why basements are unfinished came up and Susan shared basements are considered livable space unless building codes are met. Egress windows electrical etc.

5. Community Resource Centre

5.1 Pilot Project Drop In -nothing to report

5.2 Community Navigator Funding – nothing to report

6. Make Poverty History Update – Lorna nothing to report

7. Financial

7.1 Year to Date Financial Report - Circulated prior to meeting

Motion: to approve the Financial report as circulated.

Moved/Seconded: Lorna George/Darcy Redekopp

CARRIED

8. Grants/Funding request updates

8.1 Arts, Culture and Sport in Community (ACSC) Fund – Large, Small capital Projects; as well as Community Celebrations

Preliminary discussion on the eligibility of applying for this new fund that will provide grants to support the arts, culture (heritage, public libraries and ethnocultural organizations) and amateur sport sector. Government announced first intake of \$100 million with \$35 million for 2022-23. Executive to meet early September to discuss the possibilities that this funding could provide

9. CWC Admin:

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9.1 CWC Promotion

Boyne River Keepers holding a Community Event at the Ryall Park Sept 24th they have invited community groups to set up information table to promote their group and create awareness. CWC will set up a table and recruit members to work the table at the next board meeting.

9.2 Tamarack – Membership has been purchased and CWC will receive emails. The primary contact is Chantal/Lisa. Lisa will request that Susan be added as a secondary contact.

10 Correspondence:

Boyne Regional Library received a New Horizons Senior Grant. Part of the funding is being used to provide no charge Handivan rides to seniors 55+. This service could be used to provide individuals in the community under 55 that have a need for transportation. The library has contacted community groups, senior apartments, churches to promote this service in the community. The funding must be used by March 2023 and rides will be provided until this date or funding is used up. The library will provide advertising material by email to community groups.

11 Next Meeting: Thursday September 15th at 7PM
Location: Memorial Hall – Lower Level

12 Adjournment 5:50 PM

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Working Group Reports

Supporting Emotional Health Group

Supporting Emotional Health Program committee is getting together this month. More to report next time.

Transportation Group

No report

Food Security Working Group

We met in late August after taking a break for the summer. Kelsey Paton is our new co-chair as Alita Montgomery has stepped down. The vegetable stands are both doing well after a bit of a slow start. A subcommittee was formed, and community suppers will now be under food security. Community suppers will start in October.

A group will be looking at planning a day of making soup packs for the freezer with garden produce.

We are meeting again at the end of September.

Recreation and Leisure Working Group

No new activities are planned at this time. A thankyou note was delivered to the Carman Pool staff before the pool closed for the season.

A thank you card will be sent to Carman Area Foundation and The Linear Grain Fund for the funding which covered the cost of the 4 pool rentals.

Terra and Susan sat at the Community Information Table at the Carman Farmers Market on Friday August 26, 4 - 6:30pm. Met families new to the community.

211 info cards, free balls and bubbles were handed out. Information was shared about CWC programs and Working Groups. It would be helpful to have business size cards for CWC to hand out stating the address and dates open for the 2 produce stands perhaps Magnet with CWC logo contact information. These could be distributed to medical clinics, churches etc.

Affordable Housing Working Group

September 9 - Members of the Housing Working Group met with Dwayne Rewniak, Acting Chief Executive Officer of MB Housing and Sharyne Farrell, Senior Regional Director Rural and Northern. Thank you to our MLA Blaine Pedersen for helping us connect with Dwayne and Sharyne and for hosting this meeting in the constituency office. We were provided with current information about MB Housing units, both single family dwellings and apartments and Sharyne confirmed that there is a waiting list of 4 people at the time of meeting. We shared our concerns about housing and the MB Housing representatives shared information about the government's priority focus on implementing a homelessness strategy which includes a rural component and the Canada Manitoba Housing Benefit targeting youth aging out of care, mental health and addiction, and people at risk of homelessness. We all agreed that it would be beneficial to have greater clarity about

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the process and contact people available to Carman residents who live in MB Housing and Dwayne and Sharyne committed to follow up with clearer information for tenants which would also be helpful for advocates. As follow up to the meeting Dwayne agreed to request a current and detailed market analysis re housing in Carman as well as provide further information about rent supplement programs for landlords, Rent Assist for tenants, the Rural Home Ownership program. When we receive responses from MB Housing to the items discussed Sept 9 we will hold our next meeting to strategize next steps and further follow up.
Karen Tjaden for Housing Working Group

Employment and Education Working Group

This past month the group met with Mary Reimer, Principal at Carman Collegiate, to share information and brainstorm plans. We decided to call a meeting of a variety of administrators and educators from Prairie Rose School Division to determine which projects and programs our Working Group could team on. Tentatively, that meeting is set for end of September.

I met with Tyler Friesen from The Back Door to share the work of CWC and discuss ways in which our specific Working Group may be able to work with himself and his staff. Both meetings were positive and encouraging.

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