



Approved Board Minutes
Thursday September 21, 2023 @7 pm
Location: Lower Level - Memorial Hall

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: Allsion Abbott-Wiebe, Lisa Lehmann, Diane Cohoe, Chantal Chevalier, Wendy Durand, Carly Boklaschuk, Terra Huston

Regrets: Lorna George, 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 board member shared statistics from an article April/May 2023 Broadview Publication. 1 in 6 Canadian Household are food insecure – 14.1 % of people using food banks are employed – 3 provinces with the highest rates of food security are Alberta, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick – the lowest rates are B.C, Quebec, P.E.I- 1/3 of food bank clients are children – the top 3 reasons people need food banks are food costs, low social assistance rates and housing costs.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda as circulated:

MOVED/SECONDED Wendy Durand/Chantal Chevalier

CARRIED

3. Approval of CWC – Board Meeting Minutes of Aug 17, 2023.

Motion to approve the minutes as circulated:

MOVED/SECONDED Wendy Durand/Allison Abott-Wiebe

CARRIED



4. Working Group
 - 4.1 Reports as circulated
September meeting Central Station homelessness United Church
ID Day is scheduled for October 17th 1-6 at the library. Regional Connections and Service Canada will participate in the day.
Food Security – funds remaining from Food Preservation to use for soup packages
 - 4.2 Discussion re Registration for programming at the library – Library will not be doing registration for community groups the CWC email and the lead's phone number needs to be the contacts for any registrations. People registering have questions about programs that the group lead will be able to answer in a timely manner.
 - 4.3 Action Plans due in October – check in with each WG lead – E & E is done and submitted.
Executive liasons requested to remind their groups to complete by October 31 deadline
5. Resources
 - 5.1 Make Poverty History – have supplied yard signs to encourage people to vote in the upcoming election to encourage changes in government policies regarding poverty.
 - 5.2 Tamarack
 - 5.2.1 Coaching - Recruitment and Retention – September 21 at noon Summary will be provided by Maureen
 - 5.2.2 Relevant Webinars – Lorna, Lisa, Chantal and Susan participated when possible and will pass on relevant information to working groups.
 - 5.3 Coordination of Immigration Services – updates there have been 2 meetings. 2nd meeting with PVLIP and Regional Connections Lisa took minutes and has passed them on to the Town and RM. Tara Funke has been hired by Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership. Several workshops on immigration and culture are available through PVLIP for community groups free of charge. Regional Connections meets Tuesdays for Coffee Chat this is an opportunity to discuss the needs with new immigrants. CWC wants to be part of the conversation with the Town and RM once they form a committee. Richard Dyck, Town of Carman Councillor, is now co-chairing for PVLIP.
6. Financial Report
 - 6.1 Financial Report – Lorna to give the woking groups updates as to where they are standing on expenses that were allocated for their indiividual projects.
7. Grants
 - 7.1 Hensall Co-op – Food Preservation Project. – no updates
 - 7.2 DAS – Lorna to connect with DAS . DAS funds held from previous truck pull proceeds are to be transferred to CWC. This funding is earmarked for Supporttiing Emotional Health.
 - 7.3 Access Credit Union
 - 7.3.1 Pancake Breakfast at Fair Next Year. Wendy will get CWC on the list as a possible
 - 7.4 Homestead Coop Fuel Up/ BBQs. This year the Carman Pathway was chosen as the receiptent. Fuel up day is once per year.
 - 7.5 Carman Area Foundation – Website upgrade. Webmarkers is working on a sample template and will present to the board for feedback and revisions.
 - 7.5.1 Communication Meeting
We will send it to Debbie and Carly as well for their feedback.
 - 7.6 Brainstorm Fundraising Ideas
 - 7.6.1 Be recipient of large event like RCMP Musical Ride/ Book it Fun Run
 - 7.6.2 Round Up to the Dollar weeks. Will ask some businesses if they would be interested in sponsoring a week. Carly is interested in participating with Carman Floristas.
 - 7.6.3 Community Supper possible idea to approach local businesses to see if they would



like to sponsor a supper. CWC existing funding runs out March 31, 2023. The cost of the supper is approximately \$250.00. Tax receipt could be issued. Another idea is to have a growing pot of donations advertised on the website so the community can see the growth.

8. CWC Admin

8.1 Volunteer MB October 19 2023. Terra will attend for CWC and will ask Rose to join her. If there is a charge for attendance. HLT has available funding for 2 individuals or \$600 for a group.

8.2 Annual Calendar

8.2.1 November Meeting – brain storm ideas (PVLIP or Regional Connections) Allison, Lisa, Terra and Susan will take lead. Possible idea is to have a trivia night to encourage attendance.

8.3 Board Meeting Evaluations – no questions at this meeting.

8.4 Elevator Pitch

8.4.1 Marketing and Communication Plan

8.4.1.1 PP with new Visual Structure. PWP can be used for a variety of presentations either in whole or individual slides that are relevant to the conversation.

8.5 Annual Action Plan is due by October 31st.

8.6 Plan to review By Laws and ensure they are of plain language – Tamarack provided some resources – October 21 2023 9am -1 pm

9. Correspondence

9.1 PWP Lisa will share PWP with board members

9.2 Roles & Responsibilities Workshop discussed under 8.1

10. Next Meeting: October 19, 2023 at 7PM Location: Memorial Hall

11. Adjournment: 8:45

Working Group Reports for September

Transportation -no report

Affordable Recreation – no report

Food Security – no report

Education & Employment Group

We met with Natasha Doerksen from Workplace Education in Manitoba and are in the process of planning an October 13th event to be held at the Library. The morning workshop is entitled Stress Management and the afternoon workshop is entitled Decision Making. Both workshops are free and open to the public. Please contact Wendy, Bruce or Allison if you know of someone who might be interested. Early registration is preferred as spots are limited.

We had an virtual meeting with Jessica Lopez and Jessica Dyck with Regional Connections regarding employment services and the opportunity to bring an employment facilitator to our community on a regular basis. They are investigating this further and we will be connecting with Regional Connections, specifically Employment Services as plans develop.



Plans are in the works for another ID Day this fall. The 3rd semi-annual One Stop Identification Day will be held this fall with hopes that both Service Canada and Regional Connections will be in attendance.

Housing Working Group –

The Right to Housing Coalition has launched a provincial election campaign calling on political parties to commit to addressing Manitoba's housing and homelessness crisis through 5 key pillars. Parties have been asked to indicate their level of commitment to these pillars in writing by September 15. The results will be released before voters head to the polls.

Now is the time to send an email to Manitoba political parties urging them to commit to the [5 pillars](#) in Right to Housing's social housing action plan.

Supporting Emotional Health

CWC _ Supporting Emotional Health

We met 28 August 2023 – 5 of us attended

Updates provided with regards to CWC, including Tamarack's coaching and webinars.

Encouraged all to **Save the Date** for November CWC meeting.

Discussion regarding concerns around retention and recruitment of volunteers.

Community Supper planning for October – SEH requested checklist – same passed on to Food Security WG.

Reviewed Action Plan – participated in an activity to encourage brainstorming as we prepare for the 2024 Action Plan.

Upcoming Events

'Finding Balance' – looking for participants (20 people max)

Game Night with Adam – advertising to come out shortly.

Small Town Run and Walk Crew continues Thursday evenings with great numbers!