



**Approved Minutes Board Meeting
Thursday October 19, 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

Shared Responsibility

Sustainability

“Nothing about us, without us”

Accessibility

Best Practice

“It takes a village”

Respect

Agenda:

PRESENT : Diane Cohoe, Wendy Durand, Lisa Lehmann, Lorna George, Allison Abbott-Wiebe, Rose Durupt, Chantal Chevalier, Debbie Iverson, Mandy Dyck (Carman Food Pantry)

Regrets: Carly Boklaschuk, Susan Weppler, Terra Huston (representing CWC at Roles & Responsibilities Workshop)

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 - World River Day debrief? Unless someone has something to share. The day had 50 participants which was a good turnout considering it rained most of the day. Foot traffic was slow due to the weather but overall it was a good opportunity to promote awareness of CWC. We were able to hand out goodies and talk to 25 children and their parents.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda as circulated:

MOVED/SECONDED Lorna George/Allison Abbott-Wiebe

CARRIED

3. Approval of CWC – Board Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2023.

Motion to approve the minutes as circulated:

MOVED/SECONDED Wendy Durand/Allison Abbott-Wiebe

CARRIED

4. Working Group

4.1 Reports as circulated prior to the meeting.

4.2 Requests for Funding

4.2.1 Affordable Leisure and Recreation request \$416 for Bowling. Executive to sign and approve



and find funding

4.3 Action Plans due in October 31 2023 at the latest

- 4.3.1 Education and Employment – complete
- 4.3.2 Supporting Emotional Health – complete
- 4.3.3 Affordable Recreation and Leisure Activities- Susan completing
- 4.3.4 Affordable Housing - complete
- 4.3.5 Transportation- Evelyn will complete
- 4.3.6 Food Security- Lisa
- 4.3.7 CWC Board will be completed at the Nov 8 Exec meeting once all Working groups are done and submitted

4.4 Community Concern – Individual approached Lorna who witnessed a customer at the pharmacy who had to pay for diabetic syringes that were not covered by pharmacare wondering if CWC could assist or advise.

5 Resources

5.1 Make Poverty History -Province of Manitoba Homelessness Strategy called **A Place forEveryone. Make Poverty History Manitoba and the Right to Housing Coalition have - campaign that calls for:**

- Investment in 300 net new units of social housing annually for at least 5 years, and
- Increases the EIA basic needs benefit to raise the incomes of all Manitobans to at least 75% of the poverty line.

5.2 Tamarack

- 5.2.1 Coaching - Recruitment and Retention – October 26 at noon this is 2nd session Lisa attended 1st and will send the highlights
- 5.2.2 Relevant Webinars

6 Financial Report

**Motion to approve the financial report as circulated:
MOVED/SECONDED Lorna George/Wendy Durand**

CARRIED

6.1 Financial Report – Lorna to reallocate \$4500 to cover deficits in Working group expenditures. Add grant name to the expense and report back to the board

6.2 Budget Planning – November 7 at Executive Meeting to do at Nov 8 Exec meeting once Working group is done and submitted

7 Grants

7.1 'Thanks for Giving' Campaign – update 6 business have agreed to participate – Chicken Chef, Home Hardware, Evensong, Knockabouts, Toews , Carman Florista either with donation jar or round up the sale. Advertised on social media with a thankyou to these businesses will run Oct 14-21. Traffic slow so far this week and Carman Florista would like to extend it one more week. CWC members that intially contacted the business will reach out and see if they are in agreement to extend the closing date.

7.2 Town of Carman and RM Dufferin Letter request to present to the Town Hall meeting Nov 30. 1st step complete action plans 2nd step is to have the budget complete based on all actions plans 3rd step is to determine what funding will be requested from Town and RM -

7.3 HLT Grants

- 7.3.1 (Re)Connecting with Nature and Neighbours Grant \$2,000 – Due Nov 29 2023
The goal of the grant is To enhance our enduring relationship with nature and community



for overall health and wellbeing, using a variety of strategies to make everyone feel more connected to the natural world around us. All groups are encouraged to apply there is not maximum amount per community as in the past.

- 7.3.2 Empower Communities to End Poverty \$1000 – Due Dec 1 2023
The Healthy Living Program is providing a one-time grant of start-up/seed funding of \$1000 to Poverty Reduction Groups within Southern Health-Santé Sud to support the vital work they are doing for equity deserving groups in our Region.
- 7.4 Community Supper Sponsorships – January to discuss this proposal with the Food Security group to gather their feedback
- 7.5 DAS – Lorna to connect with DAS about moving CWC – SEH funds to CWC
- 7.6 Access Credit Union
 - 7.6.1 Pancake Breakfast at Fair Next Year
 - 7.6.2 Broad scope – Due Dec 1 2023 funding is specific to a project
- 7.7 Homestead Coop Application (1 event per year)
 - 7.7.1 Community Support Fund
 - 7.7.2 Community Events (tried 'Thanks for Giving Campaign/ could try Community Supper or AGM?) Not approved for the Thanks for Giving fundraiser
 - 7.7.3 Gift Card Fundraiser (currently accepting application for 2024)
 - 7.7.4 Community BBQ
- 7.8 Carman Area Foundation
 - 7.8.1 Website Upgrade - Communication Meeting – Scheduled for Oct 26 th 7PM Memorila Hall – Viewed the first draft from Webmarkers and created a list of suggestions that will be sent to Webmarkers. Some visual changes and donation button and member portal were determined to be important additions
 - 7.8.2 Using the funds from previous grant (Printer/ Laminator) Diane will get pricing on laminator, printer and toners. As well as checking if the CWC office has a data port.
- 7.9 MB Ag Days - Producer must endorse – Due Nov 15 2023
- 8 CWC Admin
 - 8.1 Volunteer MB October 19 2023 (Terra and Rose?)
 - 8.2 Annual Calendar
 - 8.2.1 November Meeting – Committee to provide brief update Allison, Lisa and Chantal are planning the meeting with the focus on fun this is the opportunity to show appreciation to the volunteers, possible Ted talks positivity towards volunteering what it means to the individual and the community
 - 8.3 Board Meeting Evaluations – Questions handed out and will continue at meeting to gather feedback.
 - 8.4 Increase awareness
 - 8.4.1 Elevator Pitch/ PP Presentation
 - 8.5 Annual Action Plan @ 6 pm
 - 8.6 Plan to review By Laws and ensure they are of plain language – Tamarack provided some resources – October 21 2023 9am -1 pm Revisions will be presented to the CWC board for approval.
- 9 Correspondence
 - 9.1 Request to United Church Hall for use on November 16 2023 – typically a charge or donation is made by groups using the hall. Need to discuss this with Karen McGill at the United Church
 - 9.2 Note to consider changing December Board Meeting to December 14 2023 meeting has been changed as the original date is too close to Christmas break.
 - 9.3 Hopes Cradle (I spoke to PHN/ Mental Health worker) Hopes cradle a program that installs a



basket at the local fire department for babies to be left. An alarm rings to notify that a baby has been left. Rather than abandonment the baby will be looked after and the parent will not face prosecution. Currently one is in operation in Landmark Manitoba we are unaware if others exist in the province.

- 9.4 Grant Writing learning opportunity – November 15 2023 6:30- 8:30 Legion Auxiliary Hall Province and Manitoba with the Town of Carman are hosting this workshop
- 9.5 Tamarack correspondence re Program to support Poverty Reduction Plan possible if we had a staff member to commit.
- 9.6 Lisa attended a Community Stakeholders Meeting with SHSS & Boyne Lodge - send Boyne Holdings survey to CWC board members – Trying to get mental health workers to attend Supporting Emotional Health meetings to give CWC support and guidance as to what can be done while they are waiting for their appointment
- 9.7 Debbie will be stepping down from communication committee when new website launch takes place. CWC communication will require someone to take on the role of community distribution. Will need to find someone interested in the website updating. Have tried contacting an individual that expressed interest in the past. Have not heard back from him.
- 9.8 Becca from the paper called and interviewed Lisa – gave a review of upcoming events.

10. Next Meeting: November 16, 2023 at 6:30
Adjournment: 8:45

Location: United Church Hall

Working Group Reports October Meeting

Affordable Housing

Submitted by Karen Tjaden

In response to concerns expressed by staff at Carman United Church regarding the adequacy of our community response to people who are homeless and requiring immediate temporary shelter, Susan Weppeler and Karen Tjaden visited 500 Stephen Community Centre in Morden and Central Station in Winkler to find out how they respond to this need. We also were provided with a program overview and facility tour at both sites. 500 Stephen and Central Station receive Community Mobilization grants from the province (Dpt of Justice) for staff and programming (.75 FTE at 500 Stephen and 1.0 FTE at Central). Jenna provided the provincial contact person if CWC wants further information and Karen will share that with those interested.

Both centres referenced the Housing First model of addressing homelessness and housing.

500 Stephen Community Centre in Morden

Jenna Warkentine, Executive Director

Nicole Fehr, Community Mobilization Coordinator

Central Station in Winkler

Esther Zaccharias, Community Development Coordinator

Lori Penner, Community Housing Coordinator



500 Stephen is applying for Reaching Home funding to allow them to reserve rooms at Morden Motor Inn for people seeking temporary shelter, to be eligible people would need to commit to work with Nicole, the Community Mobilization Coordinator which would provide immediate supports and future planning for the person. (Their grant application includes 10 hours/week additional time for Nicole's position!)

Jenna shared information on this Reaching Home grant which I will share with anyone interested. The deadline for first round consideration is October 6, 2023 so I do not think we are in a position to apply at this time. However, this may be a funding source to consider in future. It is administered through Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation.

Central Station employs 3 of their 10 staff positions on housing. Their focus is on building permanent housing. Working with Winkler Affordable Housing, Central manages 90 units, and is in the process of building additional units (28 units of single housing to open hopefully later this year, with another project planned for 34 units for singles). The new build will include 2 temporary units for more emergency housing needs. These housing staff also work closely with tenants to avoid eviction and keep people housed and this is how they are addressing homelessness. There are several groups or individuals in Winkler, including churches, who might provide funds for hotel accommodations for one or more nights, some have particular screening criteria to determine eligibility ie. a local addictions group.

Central Station will advise people to take a taxi to Winnipeg to access city shelters, most people do not want to do this. EIA is required to cover the cost of a taxi to access shelters after hours and Lori provided this number for EIA emergencies:

1-855-944-8111 (I am not clear whether EIA or Central Station covers the cost of the taxi during business hours.)

Highlights from our tour of 500 Stephen Community Centre:

- Executive Director employed full time; Community Mobilization Coordinator employed 30 hours per week, with funding request to increase hours to full time
- 24 non profit groups use the space every month, some once a month, others multiple times each week, including WEM (Workplace Education Manitoba), Many Hands Food Bank, PHN Community Outreach
- strong partnerships and collaboration with business community and City of Morden (ie. City applied for the Community Mobilization grant)
- Community Mobilization staff in Morden Altona and Winkler meet regularly and the provincial coordinators also meet yearly – there are 12 – 15 Community Mobilization programs in Manitoba
- Community Mobilization works with people with multi-agency involvement, using the WRAP model (although it may be applied differently in each community), including working closely with the local police, and they are waiting for an MOU with RCMP (these 3 communities have their own local police forces). In Morden most referrals come through the police and Nicole goes with police to offer her services – 100% of clients accept the service!
- 500 Stephen has identified the need for a Community Liaison staff position



Highlights from our tour of Central Station

- 10 staff (some full time, some part time) and 120 volunteers – 3 staff working on housing!
- Food Rescue is a Winkler initiative to divert food from landfill (estimate they are saving the equivalent of 9 dumpsters/week)
- Central noted a very impactful and successful fundraiser and awareness raising event held last year, and planned for this year again – Coldest night of the year
- Central lists 10 Community Support Programs in a brochure we received (or visit their website) – one of these programs is Café 545 - a weekly community meal, serving 350 people each week

Affordable Recreation and Leisure

Submitted by Susan Wepler

I met with Melissa from Carman 5 Pin Bowl on Thursday October 12 to discuss costs and availability of lanes for four sessions of bowling in October & November.

The initial quote for 1 session of bowling for 24 people ,5-6 pm on Fridays =\$208.00. After my discussion with Melissa, I believe there is room for negotiating a lower cost for the sessions. I am considering approaching the Kinettes and the Carman Legion to discuss partnering with CWC financially towards some activities.

I spoke with Shirley Snider from the Carman Dufferin Museum about partnering with them on Saturday December 9, 2023. That is the date for Christmas at the Museum. The details for the event are not completed yet.

THE MUSEUM WOULD LIKE TO KNOW - CAN CWC PROVIDE VOLUNTEERS & CAN WE DONATE FUNDS TOWARD THE COSTS.

I believe the Museum has booked the entertainment already which is costing \$400.00
In 2022 CWC provided volunteers, paid for the dog sled rides (\$400.00) and made a contribution towards the refreshments.

Carman Dufferin Recreation has requested that the ownership of the kicksleds be transferred to the Town of Carman . Sheena Nakonechny (CDR) was directed to send this request to the CWC Executive.

Supporting Emotional Health Report



Submitted by Lisa Lehmann

We have had a busy fall so far.

We met several times to work on programming and Annual Action Plan.

Programs and Events

Small Town Run and Walk Crew winding up and beginning plans for Winter stretch.

Book Study 'Nourished' with Terry Warburton facilitating underway.

'Finding Balance' a one day event with hopes of continuing as a support group was a success.

'Game Night with Adam' starting 14 October at the Library – registration slow but hoping for drop ins.

Partnered with CWC Affordable Recreation to host October Community Supper – also a success.

Food Security

105 Hampers distributed on Oct 12

50 people attended the Community Supper on Oct 11

Transportation

Nothing to report