



**Approved Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday December 14, 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.

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

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**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 - Discussion on asking people to write their own personal land acknowledgment which will help to encourage reflection and to ask them share with others if comfortable. Chantal has shared her personal land acknowledgement and CWC will use this going forward until CWC has one or others share theirs.

*Today I want to take the time to do a personal land acknowledgment that reflects the land I reside on and the privilege it has given me. I reside on the homeland of Treaty One Territory; the traditional lands of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene Peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. I acknowledge this land has been negatively affected by colonization. This land offers immense beauty and provides us with clean drinking water, plentiful crop land, rolling hills, valleys, trees, bush, and wildlife. I respect this land and hope to preserve it for generations to come. I want to dedicate myself in learning about the mistakes and harms we have done, learn from them, and move forward in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.*

**Present:** Chris Dick, Susan Wepler, Lorna George, Lisa Lehmann, Diane Cohoe, Allison Abbott-Wiebe, Nancy Clearwater, Lisa Kidd, Chantal Chevalier

**Regrets:** Wendy Durand, Terra Huston, Carly Bololaschuk

2. Approval of Agenda

**Motion to approve the agenda as circulated:**

**Moved/Seconded by:** Lorna George/Chantal Chevalier **CARRIED**

3. Approval of CWC – Board Meeting Minutes of Nov 16, 2023.

**Motion to approve the minutes of November 16,2023 as circulated:**

**Moved/Seconded:** Susan Wepler/Rose Durupt **CARRIED**



4. Working Group
  - 4.1 Reports as circulated prior to the meeting
  - 4.2 Requests for Funding – no requests
- 5 Resources
  - 5.1 Make Poverty History - nothing new but Rose will check it out from now on and report back to board
  - 5.2 Tamarack
    - 5.2.1 Coaching - Recruitment and Retention – December 6/ Jan 25 at 1 pm
    - 5.2.2 Check in with Maureen – December 7 @ 1200
- 6 Financial Report

**Motion to approve the financial report as presented:**  
**Moved/Seconded: Lorna George/Nancy Clearwater** **CARRIED**

  - 6.1 Financial Report \$30,000 balance that includes Food panty funds
- 7 Grants
  - 7.1 Boyne Book It Fun Run May27,2024 consists of 2-5-10KM runs. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year that the event has been held. Chris Dick gave a presentation on behalf of Boyne Book it Fun Run group. Past recipients were Library reno/Library Take Home Tuesday crafts& the Boyne River Keepers proceeds used for the dock on the river.  
CWC can supply items for approximately 150 swag bags, Discussed a handout with QR code to CWC website.  
Other Ideas for CWC participation – Friday night table to promote CWC and or Sat at the finish line table – CWC volunteers are appreciated but not necessary – CWC to promote event social media etc, Advertised in newspaper before and after the event, Boyne Book it website cross promo- registration is online.
  - 7.2 ‘Thanks for Giving’ Campaign – update 350 and we will do it again next October
  - 7.3 Town of Carman and RM Dufferin Letter requesting \$2600 as per attached
  - 7.4 HLT Grants
    - 7.4.1 (Re)Connecting with Nature and Neighbors Grant \$2,000 – Submitted and expect to hear late January.
    - 7.4.2 Empower Communities to End Poverty \$1000 – Submitted and have been approved.
  - 7.5 Community Supper Sponsorships – letter have been sent and CWC executive will follow up early January. So far 2 suppers have been sponsored by True North Foods
  - 7.6 DAS – Lorna to connect with DAS about moving CWC – SEH funds to CWC. Lisa will contact Trish Aubin about these funds that are currently in GIC’s.
  - 7.7 Access Credit Union
    - 7.7.1 Pancake Breakfast at Fair Next Year- CWC will need volunteers 7-9am
  - 7.8 Carman Area Foundation
    - 7.8.1 Website Upgrade - Update Diane working with Mark and sending the information
    - 7.8.2 Using the funds from previous grant (Printer/ Laminator) All funds have been spent and printer etc will soon be installed in the CWC office.
  - 7.9 MB Ag Days - Producer must endorse – Due Nov 15 2023 -did not receive
- 8 CWC Admin
  - 8.1 Volunteer MB October 19 2023 (Terra and Rose?) – share Power point/ Takeaways
  - 8.2 Grant Writing November 15 2023 (Lisa and Wendy) – share takeaways- Main takeaway was that groups should contact grantor for follow-up and that the workshop was specific to their grant.
  - 8.3 Annual Calendar – draft reviewed and request to add community suppers and hampers dates to the calendar.



- 8.4 Board Meeting Evaluations – Questions
  - 8.5 Increase awareness
    - 8.5.1 Elevator Pitch/ PP Presentation – We need a plan for presentations to reach communities
  - 8.6 By Laws will vote next meeting
  - 9 Correspondence
    - 9.1 United Church Hall Donation
      - Motion to make a donation to the United Church in the amount of \$200**
      - Moved/Seconded: Susan Wepler/Chantal Chevalier** **CARRIED**
      - CWC will also List Carman United Church as a sponsor of CWC
    - 9.2 Hopes Cradle (I spoke to PHN/ Mental Health worker) no stories about this need is present in the community. Discussed a need for proactive supports as in support groups and prenatal supports
    - 9.3 Lisa attended a Community Stakeholders Meeting with SHSS & Boyne Lodge New Community Data from Southern Health will be updated and published fall of 2024.
  - 10 Next Meeting: January 18, 2023 at 7 meeting - 6 PM for those who would like to meet prior to regular meeting we will discuss Strategic Volunteer Plan that we are working on with Tamarack – our next coaching on this will be the 25<sup>th</sup> of January so nice to get feedback before then  
Location: Memorial Hall Basement
- Adjournment: 8:30

### Working Group Reports December Meeting

#### Affordable Housing

Karen and Lorna will share what they learned at a Right to Housing Coalition Lunch and Learn November 22 and we will discuss how the recent Social Housing Action Plan for Manitoba might guide our housing efforts locally. We will choose a focus for our work and plan our next steps.

Copies of Right to Housing Background information and request for individuals and groups to sign on as a Supporter will be available. Or you can visit [righttohousing.ca](http://righttohousing.ca) for more information.

Additional topics of interest introduced during our conversation:

Tiny homes

Housing Accelerator Fund CMHC (Branden Leslie)

Rapid Housing Initiative

Encourage social housing units within current building projects

Container houses – Marilyn visited in Cumberland, BC, like a trailer court

MB Non Profit – strongly recommends integrated housing strategy

Town – zoning changes?

True North – anticipating 50 additional employees in 2024

Riverview 20 market/15 subsidized units (a local success that we can learn from)

Access CU – 10 units

Chicken Chef – 8-10 units

Property across from Coop – 20 units

Next Steps:

Lorna will approach the owners of Chicken Chef about their building plans to see if they are interested in providing some rent geared to income units and finding out more information about potential funding sources

What hard data (needs assessment) do we require to move ahead?

Request for Proposal – former water treatment plant property NOT very likely At

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## Carman Wellness Connections

Clarify Role of Manitoba Housing – would this department still be a resource for creating additional social housing?

MLA Lauren Stone – specific agenda – Dale will talk with Rob Bryson and one of them will make the initial contact with her, indicating our interest in meeting with her – then we would meet to determine our exact agenda and who will attend on our behalf

Quality and sustainability, energy efficiency – important considerations for sustainability

Town zoning changes anticipated in the next year – energy efficiency and building standards already in the code, we have a new Planning District inspector

Advocate for mixed housing (may or may not be part of the bylaw review)

Would a potential role for our Housing Working Group be as go between market builders and funds/programs available for social housing units?

Dale sees a demand and a need for a resource to help landlords access programs and funds to allow them to subsidize some units/tenants in order to keep low vacancy rate for the owner/landlord/

Who is our target – what demographic are we focusing on – perhaps single adults 18-65 without children?

Figure out how to talk about social housing in a way that people can be receptive  
Susan Wepler will contact Christina Maes Nino MB Non Profit Housing Association to invite her to come out to speak to a group of us

Letter to Town re density, tiny homes, mixed housing – perfect timing right now in the planning process – would someone be willing to write a draft – perhaps Tom?

### **Affordable Recreation and Leisure**

Event: Bowling

The third bowling session happened on Friday November 24th (3 lanes). \$156.00

5:30 - 6:30pm. 17 people participated. We can have up to 18ppl. The cost included the rental of shoes & 1 hour of bowling.

The staff at Carman 5 Pin Bowl have been welcoming and helpful during our three bowling sessions.

Event: Christmas at the Museum

This event happened on Saturday December 9th in partnership with the Carman Dufferin Museum. The event ran from 4 - 6:30pm with donations accepted.

The outdoor activities were modified due to lack of snow. There was snow croquet, ring and bean bag tossing games. Indoors there was a variety of food, crafts and Lulu & the Tomcat entertained from 5:30 - 6:30pm. CWC budgeted up to \$250 towards the food costs. Receipts requested.

Art class - continues on Saturdays 1pm - 2:30pm

### **Food Security**

We did not meet as a group in December. Our next meeting is on January 17th, 2024.

Community Supper - There wasn't a community supper in December. The next community supper is January 10, 2024.



Carman And Area Food Pantry - The last food pantry was on Dec. 7th, 2023. 120 hampers were distributed. Diane from the library attended to promote the discover and go passes. The next food pantry is January 4th, 2024.

### **Transportation**

The Transportation Working Group met this morning and I was appointed to report to CWC on our behalf. Our group consists of: Karen Tjaden, Nancy McFarlane (Carman Seniors Resource Centre), Kathy Findlay (HandiVan), Jackie Tweed (True North Foods), and Evelyn Rempel Petkau. We are looking for more volunteer board members.

We heard from Kathy about the Rural Transportation Network meeting where the community of Stonewall was featured - They have three buses running all day serving the town and four municipalities. They are subsidized by the 4 municipalities and also are receiving a number of grants that enable them to purchase 2 e-transit buses as well as operate 2-14 passenger buses.

Jackie Tweed reported that 50 new immigrant workers will be coming within the next number of months. They will be in need of housing. She also reported on how True North Foods provides subsidized transportation for workers living in town and in Winnipeg every day, with two passenger vans. These vans could be available between the hours of 7:30 am and 3:30 p.m. for emergency purposes or a specific need that arises. The CEO of True North will need to be consulted and this information will be shared with emergency services of the Town of Carman.

The HandiVan is prepared to work with the Food Pantry in providing transportation for those unable to get to the Food Pantry beginning February 1/24. The Food Pantry needs to figure out more of the logistics for this but is very excited about this.

We wondered about whether Boyne Lodge employees have transportation needs or whether transportation stands in the way of people accepting jobs there. Evelyn will make inquiries.

Talked about the possibility of setting up an app or website to post rides to Winnipeg or Morden/Winkler. We really liked this possibility but need to check with Go Manitoba about safety/screening/liability and other issues that should be considered as we explore this further.

We'll meet again on January 25 @ 9:30 am at the ALC.

### **Employment and Education**

Education and Employment met in November to regroup and discuss future plans.

Since then WEM (Workplace Education in Manitoba) has expressed interest in running a series of workshops in Carman in Spring 2024. We are meeting with WEM in January to discuss and plan.

### **Supporting Emotion Health**

We met November 27 to begin planning 2024 programming.

Our biggest endeavor is to try to have a regular support group/ drop in for consistency.

If other Working Groups are interested in being part of this please reach out to Lisa Lehmann.

### **Food Pantry**

Yesterday we held another food pantry and handed out 120 hampers, the most ever! The numbers continue to grow although the rate of growth seems to have slowed down somewhat. This time we had four or five households say they would no longer need a hamper after this time. At the same time we had an equal number of new people phoning last minute or just showing up requesting assistance. It's good to see some households reach a point where they feel greater food security. But we know the need is great.



## Carman Wellness Connections

We have applied for another Harvest Manitoba grant to purchase another freezer and more shelving. At the end of January/beginning of February we will move away from distributing hampers to more of a shopping experience for our clients. This will allow our clients to choose which groceries they would like to have. We hope this will reduce food waste and also give our clients a greater sense of independence and control.

We are having our next board meeting on December 14. One of the things we need to spend time on is outlining our responsibilities as a board and formalizing our structure.