



**Approved Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday March 21 @7 pm Location: Memorial Hall Basement**

**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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**Present: Lisa Lehmann, Lorna George, Allison Abbott-Wiebe, Wendy Durand, Diane Cohoe, Susan Weppler**

**Regrets: Rose Durupt, Chantal Chevalier, Carly Boklaschuk**

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome:  
Chantal’s Land Acknowledgment edited for the group.  
We reside on the homeland of Treaty One Territory; the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene Peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We 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. We respect this land and hope to preserve it for generations to come. We want to dedicate ourselves in learning about the mistakes and harms we have done, learn from them, and move forward in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.
  - Moment of Focus – Terra – Volunteer MB – Governance (5 mins) To be presented at next board meeting
  - Revise Chantal’s land acknowledgement to replace Oji- Cree with Anisinew Nations
2. Approval of Agenda  
**Motion to approve amended agenda with the addition of 7.6 Provincial Funding**  
**MOVED/SECONDED Wendy Durand /Allison Abbott- Wiebe**  
**CARRIED**
3. Approval of CWC – Board Meeting Minutes of Feb 22, 2024  
**Motion to approve the minutes of Board Meeting Feb 22,2024 as circulated.**  
**MOVED/SECONDED Lorna George/Diane Cohoe** **CARRIED**
4. Working Group
  - 4.1 Reports add Food security report to group reports. Right to Housing Postcard Campaign distributed to Board member for signatures these postcards will be sent to Government.



4.2 Requests for Funding

4.2.1 CWC – Affordable Recreation – Bowling

**Motion to approve bowling request estimated at \$ 416.00 to a maximum of \$500 this will include 3 sessions of bowling for 18 people to take place March 28, April 12 & April 26.**

**MOVED/SECONDED Susan Wepler/Allison Abbott-Wiebe**

**CARRIED**

5 Resources

5.1 Make Poverty History – Rose postponed for next meeting

5.2 Tamarack

5.2.1 Coaching – on hold till the fall brief discussion about working with Tamarack to develop a Poverty Reduction Strategy.

5.2.2 Meeting with Tamarack 21 March for supports re Provincial Opportunity- Lisa met with Tamarack to gather preliminary information and guidance on how to navigate the provincial funding.

6 Finances

6.1 Financial Report Wendy/Lorna

6.1.1 Address requests for Funding

6.1.1.1 See 4.2.1

7 Grants

7.1 Town of Carman and RM Dufferin Letter – awaiting response

7.2 HLT Grants

7.2.1 (Re)Connecting with Nature and Neighbours Grant \$2,000 rec'd 20 Mar 2024.

7.2.2 Lisa completed HLT Report for 2023

7.3 Community Supper Sponsorships – Posters and Cards complete. Revise poster that will be displayed at the suppers to include actual dates, remove information in the center of poster and increase the font size of CWC website

7.4 Boyne Book It Fun Run – Saturday May 25, 2024

7.4.1 Executive and BBIFR ideas

7.4.1.1 Note book '3 good things'/ reusable grocery bag/ postcard. Diane will get a quote from Vanderveen Promotions on notebooks and grocery bags and a time frame for receiving order if we go ahead. Wendy will design a postcard size information handout for CWC. Both items to be forwarded to Board for review by next meeting. This promotional material can be used for future events as well.

7.4.1.2 About 200 runners/ walkers

7.4.1.3 Volunteers needed Friday night and at finish line – please consider.

7.5 CAF

7.5.1 Volunteer MB - Build Retention in Your Volunteer Program - April 11 2024. CAF has agreed to fund the food and venue. CWC to pay invoice and submit to CAF for reimbursement. 3 spots for CWC and Allison will attend. Miami is hosting similar event Volunteer MB - Board Governance – Roles and Responsibilities – Lisa and Susan to attend April 3, 2024.

7.5.2 CAF Gala April 12 2024. Lisa will attend and will ask Rose to join her.

7.5.3 CAF 2024 Grant for Marketing items Our grant has been approved and the amount of funding will be released at the Gala.

7.6 Provincial Funding

7.6.1 Letter received from the Department of Municipal and Northern Relations that CWC has been approved to receive 2023/24 funding contribution of up to \$100,000.00 in operating funding to support addressing poverty and promoting wellness in Carman and surrounding area. An agreement has been received and sent to MMJS for review.



**Motion CWC enters into an agreement with the Province of Manitoba dated March 20,2024 subject to review by MMJS. If any concerns arise by legal council a re vote will take place via email CWC Board Members.**

**MOVED/SECONDED: Wendy Durand/Susan Wepler**

**CARRIED**

8 CWC Admin

8.1 Executive Meeting – Met 12 March 2024 next meeting planned for April 2 2024

8.2 Annual Calendar – AGM report is in draft stage waiting on one Group report and the Board report. Wendy has offered to do board report.

8.3 Board Meeting Evaluations – review Summary from the year – what next? Feedback is positive but will look at other ways to gather feedback. Perhaps revise questions and distribute at the beginning of meeting to avoid rush to fill out at the end of the meeting; other suggestion is one on one.

8.4 Increase awareness

8.4.1 Strategic Volunteer Strategy – Executive and other interested board members to meet May 4 2024 at the Library from 9:30 - 1230

9 Correspondence

9.1 Immigration Conversation – Lisa reached out to Carly for update. Nothing provided to forward to board as of yet.

9.2 Communication Policy – Lisa reached out to Carly, Susan and Rob via email, asking if there is a policy that could be shared with non profits to address communication, including websites, social media, in person, letters and emails. Response will be shared with executive to review. Potential options will be shared with the board for a follow up review.

10 Next Meeting: April 18 2024 at 7 meeting at 6 for review of Volunteer Strategic Plan

Location: Memorial Hall Basement

Adjournment: 9:00



### **Affordable Recreation**

The Affordable Recreation and Leisure Working Group continues to plan upcoming activities for spring and summer. There were 18 ppl who participated in bowling on March 28th during the spring break. There were some new families who came with young children.

The next sessions of bowling for 18 ppl are  
Fridays April 12th & April 26th.

The Drop In Art Classes continue on Saturdays from 1 - 2:30 pm at GPAC. Attendance is usually 3- 10 ppl which includes children and adults.

### **Transportation – nothing to report**

#### **Housing**

Housing Working Group report to CWC Board April 18, 2024

Thanks to CWC's successful application for funds from Town of Carman/RM of Dufferin CWC is now able to be full member of Manitoba Non-Profit Housing Association (MNPHA). As members we were able to attend a Housing Breakfast.

Club gathering hosted by Central Station in Winkler on April 17, 2024. With members from Winkler and Altona as well as knowledgeable MNPHA staff this was an excellent opportunity to meet others in our region and benefit from networking to share challenges and successes. Here are some highlights about what MNPHA is doing for its members, now including CWC!

Housing Day – May 7 - an annual opportunity for members who are leaders in non-profit housing to share challenges and successes with elected officials to raise issues that matter to Manitoba's affordable housing community. In addition to the Breakfast Club there will be other opportunities for in person and

online education and training and regular newsletters. We also hope to have several people attend the annual Building Partnerships Conference, October 21-22, 2024 in Brandon. Being an active member of MNPHA also means that we will learn about trends and changes in housing in Manitoba that could impact our community. For example, Manitoba Housing is developing a new funding model. How

might that impact existing and future affordable housing options for our community?

Visit [mnpha.com](http://mnpha.com) for more information and watch for future updates from our Working Group

### **Food Security– nothing to report**

#### **Education & Employment**

E and E in partnership with WEM has set the dates for a Launcher Assessment Workshop facilitated by WEM and to be held May 7-10 at the Active Living Center. A poster for distribution will be available soon. E and E plans to meet very soon to plan the Annual May ID Day. Details for that will also be available soon.

#### **Supporting Emotional Health**

Planned meeting on April 15 2024, at 1 pm - SHSS is joining us to look at the gaps in the community and to provide guidance on where our efforts could/ should be.



**Small Town Run and Walk Crew** wrapped up until it dries up a bit, and then will start up again every Thursday Evening at 6 Pm, meeting at the Ryall Park.

**Emotional Health Support Group** –last Wednesday of the month from 6:30- 7:30PM all are welcome! In March we welcomed folks and had SHSS Crisis Services sharing resources. Awaiting word from SHSS regarding further **Walk-In Counselling** at Community Health Services – Carman 120 B 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW. The two dates we had were successful with two people from community popping in on each day.

Upcoming programming:

Group Therapy plans for April May, working details out with Terry Warburton and a colleague. Received a Grant with DoMore Ag, will work with Louise Sanders, for details to provide programming for Primary Producers.

## Working Groups Reports

### Affordable Housing

Nothing to report

### Affordable Recreation Activities

Our Committee of Rose Durupt, Sheila Dick & Susan Wepler met together on February 26, 2024. We discussed planning activities for March, April & May 2024.

We contacted Elm Creek Curling Club to inquire about costs for rental of curling equipment, curling sheets and use of the kitchen.

Robert Penner said the amount could be a donation. We considered Saturday March 9 as the date for this event.

Unfortunately on short notice, it was difficult to plan this activity & organize transportation.

Our Working Group suggested November 2024 would be a better time to plan for curling and this was communicated to Robert Penner.

Plans for March & April 2024

Bowling x 1hour for 18 people

Thursday March 28th - afternoon

Time to be determined

Friday April 12th

Time: 5:15 - 6:15pm

Friday April 26th

Time: 5:15 - 6:15 pm



## Carman Wellness Connections

Plan for May 2024  
Pickleball - (4-6ppl) at outdoor tennis court  
May 24 - Time late afternoon/ early evening

The Affordable Recreation & Leisure Working Group will be meeting again on Monday March 18th at 6:30pm

### **Education and Employment**

Nothing new to report

### **Food Security**

Due to various reasons our last 3 board meetings have been cancelled. Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday March 27th.

Community suppers in both Feb and March had at least 90 people at them.

The last food pantry served about 120 household and we have partnered with the Handivan to assist with transporting people to and from the church.

A more complete report will be available in April after we have met.

### **SUPPORTING EMOTIONAL HEALTH**

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**Small Town Run and Walk Crew** meets every other Saturday to walk and or run or scooter while visiting together. Well attended, and well advertised through Chris Dick. Partnering with Affordable Recreation for promoting the use of Kick Sleds/ Snow Shoes has been difficult due to weather this winter. They take a break in late March/ April when things are wet and sloppy and usually start up again in May meeting Thursday evenings at 6 at the Ryall Park. They meet Saturday February 17 2024. There will be a gathering after this particular walk/run for fellowship, hot chocolate and to share thoughts on how a whole community is impacted by tragedy, and how we can support each other.

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