

CIN Report to GFSI and CIN Advisory Committee Activities for December 2021



ESIC

Local Governance Reform Update: Transition Working Committee has met twice and is now working on identifying actions to complete the transfer of the CIN's to Regional Service Commissions.

Questions that arose at a presentation on Feb 8th from RSC representatives, not yet addressed:

- What is the definition of community development as set out in the new legislation?
- Does RSC11 contemplate creating a Special Committee for CIN activities/community development? RSC's are able to define roles for Special Committees based on the interests of the community, for example, EMO, Regional Policing, Sport and Recreation Infrastructure, tourism, and airport management. Special Committees have no authority to make decisions but can forward recommendations to the RSC board to vote on. Decisions by the board are carried by majority vote. Each Special Committee has its' own budget and unspent funds can be carried over.
- Currently the RSC board comprised of mayors and LSD representatives meets only once a month. Given the expanded mandate, what changes will be made to create capacity to take on decision making for the CIN along with all other mandates?
- City of Fredericton completed their 25 year strategic Municipal Plan roughly three years ago and Strategic Transit Plan two years ago? How will revisions be accommodated in each to take on the new role of community development and accessible transit? Larger question: do planners with the cities and towns have the expertise to support development of community development plans. (In BC, municipalities enlisted Tamarack Institute to assist in transition to this new role.)

Note: only 10 minutes allotted to CIN coordinators for Q&A.

CIN Regional Plan Submission: Advised informally that our Regional Plan and work plan has been approved. Advised that we will receive official notification which will trigger next payment on the ESIC contract.

ESIC Community Grants: Working with community partners on grant submissions for deadline of Feb 18th including:

- Partners for Youth: Creating access to mental health counsellors for youth (\$8k)
- Capital Region Mental Health Association: Youth Hub (\$8,666.66): creating safe spaces to connect with youth in need of mental health support
- City of Fredericton: Play Boxes (\$16,666.66) Install in Fredericton of 3-5 boxes filled with play equipment, accessible year round, in partnership with community groups willing to maintain and restock, as a prelude to installing several similar boxes in Oromocto and surrounding rural communities by March 2023.

- Anglophone School District West: Milk Program (\$16,666.66) Installation of milk dispensers in schools to reduce costs incurred by school food programs and increase access and inclusivity (Hanwell, Sunbury West, Lincoln, Gagetown)

Other duties as assigned: Request from ESIC to contact caterers and cleaning companies, on behalf of the Dept. of Social Development, to identify a number able to provide meal and janitorial service to nursing homes if compromised by staff shortages due to COVID. Hired Maddie Carr to complete.

CIN Initiatives: Key Updates



Market closed for two weeks during Level 3. Returned to regular operations on Feb 2. Managing increasing customer enrollment, possibly in response to rising food prices.

Completed interviews with CFCC regarding the RX coupon project.



Community Food Centers Canada: Good Food Access Grant \$40K

Completed registration of local distribution partners and provincial CFS operations in a position to deliver emergency food support in the form of CFS promotional bags and/or grocery gift cards. As expected, demand for support exceeds the amount of funding available, but partners grateful nonetheless for this opportunity. Special note: new residents of Oak Center, transitional housing, will be receive CFS bags as will participants of a seniors' wellness group managed by the DCHC.



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Completing MOU with ASDW for an award of \$10k in support of families needing emergency food assistance. Still to be completed is outreach to other school districts in the province.

Coalition for Healthy School Foods: Members have contributed towards the development of a set of recommendations to the federal government to advance their mandate to create a National School Food policy and distribute \$200 m in funding each year over 5 years. Several positive consultations between CHSF and senior departmental officials have followed since.

Next step is for Steering Committee members in each province to share these recommendations with related provincial government departments.

In discussion with Food For All NB on next steps towards creating a NB Chapter of CHSF.

Regional Transportation Plan:

Funding application to ESIC for 2021-2022 funding allotment of \$50k has been submitted and goes before the Funding Review Committee at the end of February.

Work proceeding with URR to launch volunteer drive operations in Oromocto, Cambridge Narrows and Hanwell/Kingsclear in March (date TDB based on COVID situation). Promotional materials are being created, translated, and distributed, volunteer drivers screened, and registered, and first client has been signed up. Enthusiasm and support levels from Volunteer Champions is high. Volunteer driver training via zoom scheduled in Feb.

Community Projects

Regional Resiliency Team: Funding of \$50k approved for project recommendations including:

<u>PRIOTITIES & ACTIVITIES / PRIORITÉS ET ACTIVITÉS</u>
<p>Priority # 1 Housing Activity 1.1 – Establish a Homeless Systems planning body Activity 1.2 – Hire a systems planning coordinator</p>
<p>Priority # 2 Community Connections Activity 2.1 – Hire consultant to begin SWOT/engagement of all communities in RSC 11 Activity 2.1 – Host a regional strategic planning sessions using results of SWOT Activity 2.2 – FASD Training & Education sessions with goal of parent support Activity 2.3 – Honorarium for communications plan on connections and collaborative work</p>
<p>Priority # 3 Social Isolation & Mental Health Activity 3.1 – edit and distribute Resource cards on resources in region Activity 3.2 – certify trainers and offer sessions in Safetalk & ASIST in region Activity 3.3 – Mental Health Promotions Activity 3.4 Suicide Awareness & Prevention kits for distribution</p>

Basic Income: Worked with members of the Atlantic Basic Income committee on the final edits of a position paper to form the basis for an Atlantic Canada BI Association (attached) and to support outreach to regional MP’s and senators.

United Way Community Investment Fund: Enlisted onto the funding review committee for this year. Reviewing food security and youth projects.

Workshops, Training, Networks

National Coalition for Healthy School Food monthly Stewardship Committee meeting

Community Developers Breakfast Meeting: Monthly

Fredericton Non-Profit Breakfast Club Meeting: Monthly

ESIC and CIN Transportation Meeting

Fredericton Local Immigration Project meeting

Basic Income Book Club: Boot Straps Needs Boots by Hugh Segal

Fredericton Affordable Housing Strategy Presentation

Community Action Group on Homelessness meeting

Conservation Council NB: Green Resiliency Project

Walrus Talks: **Inequality**

How the Other Half Eats: Dr. Feilding Singh

School Food Research in Canada: Big Picture Insights: Dr. Mary McKenna