

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



### ESIC

#### Local Governance Reform

ESIC announced that effective January 2023, the Regional Service Commissions will be charged with the responsibility for managing poverty reduction in their respective regions. Over the coming months, details outlining the transfer of responsibilities from the CIN hosts to the RSC's will be developed and confirmed. No other details known at this time.

After consultation with the CIN Advisory Committee, submitted the Regional Plan for Fredericton and area on December 8th. Grant guidelines for community projects was distributed by ESIC later, on December 21<sup>st</sup>. This is contrary to past practice in which grant guidelines were always communicated in advance of the submission of the Regional Plan. Upon review, only 2 Regional Plan actions fall within the grant guidelines. These two actions related solely to creating inclusion through recreation.

Presently working on development of the CIN Work Plan in support of the Regional Plan.

### CIN Initiatives: Key Updates

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Continued market operations throughout the month of December. Recruited 3 new RX coupon participants.



#### Community Food Centers Canada: Good Food Access Grant

Awarded \$40k in emergency food grants to GFSI/CFS. Plan is to distribute the funding to partners throughout the province which are in a position to support individuals and families in need of emergency food support. Funding is to be used by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Next step is to finalize MOU agreement with CFCC and contact CFS administrators to finalize individual MOU's.

This link describes the funding source in more detail: [Emergency Food Security Fund](#).



Awarded \$40k in emergency food grants to NMNB from the same source as above. Next step is to confirm a plan to distribute funding to a select number of schools in the province which are in a position to support the most food insecure families.

Recent mandate letters to cabinet ministers outline the first-ever inclusion of a commitment "to develop a National School Food Policy and work towards a national school nutritious meal program."

Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Marie-Claude Bibeau's mandate letter included:

- In support of *A Food Policy for Canada*, continue to strengthen Canada's food system by:
  - Working with the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and with provinces, territories, municipalities, Indigenous partners and stakeholders to develop a National School Food Policy and to work toward a national school nutritious meal program; and

Minister of Families, Children and Social Development's Karina Gould mandate letter included:

- Work with the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and with provinces, territories, municipalities, Indigenous partners and stakeholders to develop a National School Food Policy and work toward a national school nutritious meal program.

Minister of Health Jean-Yves Duclos mandate letter included:

- Recognizing that a healthy population is key to reducing vulnerability to health events, promote healthy eating by advancing the Healthy Eating Strategy. This includes finalizing the front-of-package labelling to promote healthy food choices and supporting restrictions on the commercial marketing of food and beverages to children.

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### **Regional Transportation Plan:**

Silvermark Presentation to RSC#11 Mayors and LSD representatives held on December 7th to outline our proposed model for volunteer drive transportation service in partnership with Urban Rural Rides.

Advised by ESIC that our funding application for the new volunteer drive service will go before their funding review committee at the end of January. Received approval from ESIC to draw upon \$10k in unspent administration funds/carry-over funds, to finance commencement of start-up activities undertaken by Urban Rural Rides. These funds will be reimbursed when our grant is approved. Currently finalizing details of an interim MOU outlining this specific arrangement.

Presentation to Town of Hanwell Mayor and Councilors on December 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss volunteer drive model. Expressions of interest. Waiting for them to identify a Volunteer Champion.

## Community Projects

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**Regional Resiliency Team:** Worked with Faith on development of a funding proposal, which has now been submitted to GNB, requesting funds for a three year term project to engage community partners in a review of wrap around service supports for those on the homelessness continuum, employing a Collective Impact model of organizing.

**Basic Income:** Update meeting hosted by Tamarack on December 9th, involving representatives from all Atlantic organizations. Involved further discussions on how to share existing resources and strategies for engaging provincial governments in support of BI.

**Tamarack Institute:** Annual Check-in Meeting. Discussed implications of a transition to RSC management and related work undertaken by Tamarack to assist municipalities in BC develop poverty reduction plans in support of provincial funding initiatives. Recommended Tamarack contact ESIC to discuss the possibility of them supporting the regional transition teams.

## Workshops, Training, Networks

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National Coalition for Healthy School Food monthly Stewardship Committee meeting

Community Developers Breakfast Meeting: Montly

Fredericton Non-Profit Breakfast Club Meeting: Montly

Resiliency Team meetings

Webinar: COVID and Gender Equity Impacts

ESIC and CIN Transportation Meeting

Fredericton Local Immigration Project meeting

Food for All NB members meeting