

CIN Report to GFSI June 3, 2022



Local Governance Reform: Transition of the CINs to the Regional Service Commissions

- RSC will have a vote scheduled for their June 7th Board meeting to approve the taking on of the CIN. They will move to post the coordinator position soon after that.
- There will be a notice regarding the financial review by Bringloe Finney. The second will be an invitation to a virtual meeting on June 23rd with the ESIC Board.

Grants: Volunteer Drive Service 2022-2023: **Approved**

- Funding application of \$50,000 for Volunteer Drive Service for fiscal year 2022-2023 has been approved. MOU agreement completed with URR, will result in the transfer of the first installment of \$45,000 to URR next week.

Food Security Initiatives



- Rising food prices are making it more challenging to provide the full range and quantity of produce as has been enjoyed by members in the past. Reaching out to other good food box programs across Canada to learn what strategies they have adopted as a result.
- Interesting to note that [Food Share](#) in Toronto set up a social enterprises, hired staff and are offering a selection of boxes online with a 30% mark-up, options for substitutions, and options for delivery at a fee. [Nanaimo](#) scaled up operations from 180 boxes a week to 6-700 a week with an online ordering system, increased pick-up locations, recruitment of additional community partners, and a sliding scale payment system. Thanks to Ruben in Victoria, was able to compare prices from wholesalers. Our prices are consistently lower, but their produce is all organic.
- Developing a survey to distribute to all Good Food Box programs in NB to enabling sharing of information on actions they may have taken to adapt to prices, increase memberships, and/or reduce expenses.



- Met with Jill Van Horne, ED Food For All NB on a strategy for creating a provincial Coalition/ network of school food programs supporters and operators. Determination is that a p/t position is required to ensure a successful launch for which NMNB will seek funding support from ESIC.
- Secured \$10,000 from ESIC to support work being overseen by Dr. Mary McKenna, Prof Kinesiology UNB, to document examples of best school food practices in eight NB schools.
- Met with Stephane Sirois, new ED Food Depot Alimentaire, and Leanne Prescott, interim ED Food For All NB to discuss a proposed plan for leveraging the assets and buying power of FDA to supply 100 to 120 schools with food for their school food programs In the fall, with funding support from GNB. Schools would place food orders with FDA, which would ship orders to local food banks for pick-up by volunteers or delivery to schools. Assessing what role the CIN's can play in supporting this trial project.



- Twenty hours a week for the past three weeks have been taken up with managing and operating the Market Greens market in Maddie's absence.
- Customer base continues to grow thanks to word of mouth referrals and drop ins.
- Researching Market Manuals developed by Food Share to determine a possible means by which to continue the market with the support of community groups.

Regional Transportation Service: Urban Rural Rides



- Growth continues to be slow and steady in the rural communities.
- Inquiries for service and volunteer opportunities are coming from residents in Fredericton who are advised that service is planned for the area but is dependent upon securing community partners necessary for implementation.
- Met with Kelly and Brett, Acting ED RSC, to review the history of volunteer drive service efforts in the region and a review of the current operation. Confirmed that expansion is contingent upon financial investment from the RSC to cover the costs of subsidized rides. (Drivers are reimbursed at .46/km and subsidized ride fee is a minimum of .25/km.)

- Kelly and I met with the Client Managers at Social Development for the Fredericton Region to inform them on developments with URR Fredericton, CFS and Market Greens.

Community Projects

Basic Income:

- Participated in workshop hosted by FFANB of an Atlantic provincial update on progress towards recommendations in the Atlantic Food Systems Strategy. Presenters each discussed the need to advance discussions on implementing BI as a way to address food insecurity. Provided the group with an update on the status of development with the Atlantic BI Now group.

Workshops, Training, Networks

National Coalition for Healthy School Food
Monthly Stewardship Committee meeting;
Quarterly Members Meeting

Community Developers Breakfast Meeting:
Monthly

Fredericton Non-Profit Breakfast Club Meeting:
Monthly

ESIC and CIN Transportation Meeting

Food For AllNB Food Security Network Meeting

Grand Lake Wellness Network

Webinar: Integrating Food and Climate Action/
Edinburgh