

ESIC

- ESIC provided a 6 month Amending and Extension Agreement setting out the provisions and responsibilities for ESIC and GFSI for the term between April 1, 2021 and Sept. 30, 2021. All parties signed and the contract was filed on April 15th.
- Participated in training for new online grants application and reporting system called Garago.
- Participated in two of three Media training sessions offered by ESIC.
- Participated in ESIC binder training. ESIC developed a set of 3 binders to support the CINs with the centralization of important documents. Still pending is a release of governance policies.
- Submitted a confirmation of ESIC disbursements to GFSI for the past fiscal year to ESIC's auditors, Bringelow Feeney.

Update on projects with on-going CIN Coordinator support

Food Security

ESIC to provide clarifications on the terms for the Community Grants on food security. Available funding for the next 6 month period is \$25k.

National Market Greens Expansion Pilot Project:

- Participated in 2 Market Greens Partner Feedback Meetings hosted by CFCC
- Job posting for Produce Manager sent to Food Works Inc., UNB and STU Employment offices and circulated amongst networks like the local Community Food Mentors. John Coates will assist with interviews in early May.
- Working with Cassandra to document market administration processes and tools.
- Attached are the Evaluation Results administered by CFCC. Notable comment from one participant in response to the question [what the most important difference the market makes](#):
"It allows me to have a diet that is rich in vegetables and fruits, which is something that I need to maintain due to serious food allergies and autoimmune disorders. Without the market, I would eat mostly rice, frozen peas, and eggs. The market is also psychologically beneficial because being poor and unable to afford healthy food can weigh heavily on a person's self-esteem. To go to Sobey's, for example, and have to choose between buying a tomato or buying frozen peas sometimes feels denigrating. But through the market, I am able to buy fruits and vegetables again. And the people who run it are so welcoming, non-judgmental and community-oriented. They and their market have substantially improved my diet, mental health and quality of life in Fredericton, and I feel more positively about the city almost exclusively because of them."

Nourishing Minds NB (NMNB)

- **Received \$10K from the Coalition for Healthy School Foods to support work in building a provincial school food coalition/ charter organization. Working on MOU Agreement in partnership with Food For All NB.**

Regional Transportation Solution

Continuing work on a detailed proposal for a Program Development Plan and Operator Selection under a Phase 1 mandate for submission by May 15th.

First round of applications for ESIC Transportation Grants closed in April. The next round will be available in Sept., 2021 at which time GFSI can access \$50k.

Federal government announced funding in the new budget to support Aging in Place. ESIC is researching what funds may be available to support rural transportation.

Community Partnerships

Public Health Community Health Assessment

Final community consultation on the Fredericton area Community Health Assessment was held in person on April 22nd. On note, income inequities were identified as a key contributor towards health outcomes in the region and income supports such as a living wage and guaranteed annual income identified as solutions. The top issue identified was the lack of affordable and adequate housing. Work now underway to write up the final report.

Fredericton Local Immigration Project (FLIP), Poverty Sub-Committee (bi-weekly meetings)

Work continues on framing the basis for consultations to define the impacts of poverty on immigrants living in the Fredericton region.

End of Poverty Conference hosted by Tamarack Institute on May 5-6 was attended by 700 participants from across Canada. Workshops provided information on advancements on the 14 pathways to ending poverty, including in the areas of affordable child care, increases in minimum wage, basic annual income, Building For Zero national affordable housing initiative, Youth Futures program, solutions to climate change, Opportunities for All Canada's first poverty reduction strategy, provincial and territorial governments reducing policies and strategies, national supplement to end disability poverty, human rights approaches, ending Indigenous poverty in cities and ending poverty in rural communities.

Of note, discussion on the expansion of the interpretation of investments in infrastructure as beyond bricks and mortar to include necessary investments in people in order to accomplish improvements in the quality of community life, as adopted by Calgary.

Over the next few days, recordings and resources from the event will be made accessible via

Howspace [Event Resource Library](#)

Recent Reports/ Webinars

Community meetings, tours and workshops:

- National Coalition for Healthy School Food: Steering Committee monthly meetings
- Poverty sub-committee of the Fredericton Local Immigration Project
- Community Developers Meetings, monthly
- CIN Coordinator/ESIC Networking Calls: every two weeks
- NB Health Reform consultation