

CIN Report to GFSI May 6, 2022



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

Preliminary discussion was held last week between ESIC, RSC, and GFSI/ Bill and Shirley regarding the transition of the CIN. Expected transition date requested by the facilitator and ESIC is next month.

A transition report developed by ESIC was submitted today, delineating between resources to transition and resources to remain with GFSI.

Grants

Submitted funding request of \$50,000 for Volunteer Drive Service for fiscal year 2022-2023 on April 25th.

Food Security Initiatives



- CFS membership growing in Burton. Full start up as a new packing center is anticipated to be possible by June.
- 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.
- Distributors in Fredericton and CFS groups around the province are expressing their gratitude to GFSI for providing them with emergency food funding. Comments include the following:

*I have been the recipient of many gratitude messages; however I have informed them that it was through a grant from the Greater Fredericton Social Innovation that those funds were made available. A sincere **Thank You** from us all. Linda Varner, **Présidente du Comité de mieux-être de Memramcook***

*This engagement allowed us to better understand the needs of the community as well as how we will be able to best support them moving forward. We would like to thank The Community Food Smart program, Greater Fredericton Social Innovation, and Community Food Centers Canada for allowing us to offer this support to our families. **Paula Woods, Programs Director, Fredericton Family Resource Center***

Two schools in Campbellton were chosen as the poverty level in this area is extremely high and the needs are high. I would estimate that this generous donation will provide at least 800 meals or

snacks to children in these schools. Again, thank you very much for this! **Tim Dunn CPA, CGA,**
Director of Finance and Administration , Anglophone North School District



- Continuing discussions with the Coalition for Healthy School Food and with Food For All NB on a strategy for creating a provincial Coalition Chapter.
- Set up a meeting with ESIC and Mary McKenna, Prof Kinesiology UNB for next week, to explore opportunities for funding to document examples of best school food practices in eight NB schools.



- Final feedback interview held with CFCC's research firm
- Presently replacing Maddie as Produce Manager for the next three weeks while she is on vacation, representing an additional 15 hour of support each week.
- Customer base continues to grow thanks to word of mouth referrals.

Regional Transportation Service: Urban Rural Rides



- Finding our legs with the new service with 50+ inquiries, 16 rides, and 3 new volunteers recruited for April.
- Accepted invitation to meet with the Deputy Mayors of Fredericton Junction and of Tracy to present information about the service. Both are interested in seeing this service come to their communities and will respond when they have recruited Volunteer Champions to support service start-up.
- Kelly and I met with Dept of Social Work Managers, including CIN Advisory Committee member Elaine Jones, to discuss options to use URR service for clients needing transportation to essential services. We've been invited next to present information about URR and CFS to case workers in our region on May 16th.
- Volunteer Appreciation greetings sent to all new recruits for National Volunteer Appreciation Week.

Community Projects

Basic Income:

- Organizational meeting held again this month with further refinement on the text for the shared mandate letter and discussion on plans for an Atlantic BI summit this fall.
- Sandi and I met with Wil Robertson to review updates and discuss next steps for lining up members for the Steering Committee and a chairperson. Wil has provided a list of recommendations for members, in part, supplied by Senator Hartling and Cathy Rogers, former Minister of Finance for GNB. As well, Wil was invited to present information on BI to the Mayor and Council in Moncton. Next step is to get on the agenda to present to the 8 Cities network in NB.

Workshops, Training, Networks

National Coalition for Healthy School Food
Monthly Stewardship Committee meeting

Community Developers Breakfast Meeting:
Monthly

Fredericton Local Immigration Plan meeting

Fredericton Non-Profit Breakfast Club Meeting:
Monthly

ESIC and CIN Transportation Meeting

Food For All NB Food Security Network Meeting