

## CIN Report May – June 2021



ESIC will provide information by the end of June on the criteria for Community Grants. It is expected that \$50k in funding will be available for Community Action projects related to food security, breakfast programs in schools, social inclusion and recreation, and social financing, and another \$50k in support of volunteer drive operations.

The CIN received \$50k in May to commence work on development of a Regional Transportation Plan which employs a volunteer drive program.

ESIC is in the process of providing core training for all board members and coordinators. The first training session on Employment Standards was held on June 16<sup>th</sup>, with both Bill and Shirley attending.

Submitted annual audit report on behalf of ESIC to Bringloe Fenny Accountants and submitted CIN Annual Report for 2020-2021 to ESIC on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

### CIN Initiatives: Key Updates



Our contract with Community Food Centers of Canada was renewed, providing another year of funding in support of the Market Greens initiative.

We recently completed the search for a new Produce Manager and welcome Maddie Carr, a 4<sup>th</sup> year Renaissance College student. She is keen on developing new educational activities in collaboration with Chef Yves from Greener Village. Training is now completed.

Recently reengaged with Fredericton Public Library on a purchasing plan to secure quality produce at discount prices for their Community Fridge.



Nourishing Minds NB concluded negotiations with ESIC to fund a project, in the amount of \$40k, that will foster collaboration amongst the various organizations and entities involved in providing or supporting school food projects. Called *Whos' Who in the School Food Zoo*, this project will identify activities led by school districts, government departments, researchers, non-profits, funders, and growers and create the mechanism for collaboration. Facilitating this effort will be [Food For All NB](#).

The first step of the project involved a facilitated discussion with key stakeholders to help frame what actions could be taken to promote collaboration across the sectors and what tools might be employed. Final recommendations and mapping to be completed by November.



Submitted final draft of a bulk food buying toolkit to Food For All NB for editing, translations and graphics work.

Developing a plan with Rev'd Paul Ranson at St John the Evangelist Church on a food security project supporting residents in the Hawkins Neville neighbourhood.

**Regional Transportation Plan:** The CIN has just agreed on the terms of a contract with [Silvermark](#) to facilitate efforts to convene strategic community leaders to consider the merits of launching a regional volunteer drive operation. The plan is to undertake one on one information sessions with the municipalities and Regional Service Commission 11, as well as, related non-profit agencies and businesses. The end deliverable will be a facilitated group discussion by September/ October, aimed at identifying and engaging willing partners to undertake the start up of a volunteer drive operation based in Fredericton or Ormocto.

A work schedule has been agreed upon and two working sessions completed to date.

### **Community Projects**

**Regional Resiliency Team:** Announcements expected soon on priorities identified by the province.

**Fredericton Local Immigration Project:** The team is working on a plan for a focus group session, to identify the barriers to economic success experienced by newcomers to Fredericton, for the purpose of identifying possible actions to undertake. Meetings continue on a bi-weekly basis.

### **Workshops, Training, Networks**

Tamarack: End to Poverty Conference May 5-6, Power of Place, Indigenous Food Ways, What Would it Take to End Food Insecurity?

Community Food Centers Canada: Indigenous Allyship, building Relationships with Purpose

National Coalition for Healthy School Foods, Steering Committee meetings

United Way/Community Foundation, Monthly Breakfast Club

Community Coordinators, Monthly Breakfast Club