

GFSI ED Report Jan 2023

Basic Income - Saint John City Council will be considering a resolution in support of a Basic Income Guarantee on January 9th. Their adoption of the resolution is an excellent opportunity to help further the Basic Income movement and get more levels of government on board. Here is the link to the consensus statement please sign if you haven't already - [Basic Income Atlantic Canada consensus statement](#).

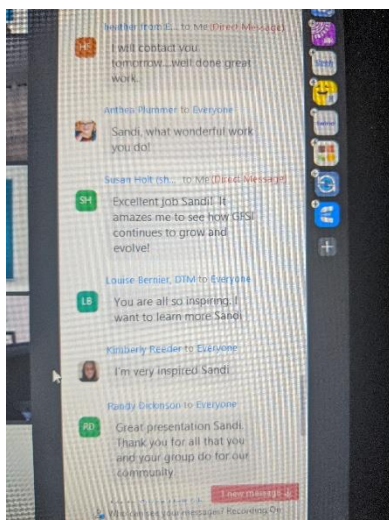
The Fredericton Chamber of Commerce wrote a letter to the City of Fredericton CCing provincial/federal officials stating that they were NOT in support of BI. Their letter was filled with ignorance and inaccuracies. We worked with Wil Robertson and Greg Ericson and drafted a reply and a request for a meeting. See latter attached.

Staff

- ACOA/Working NB Project – We have two new employees starting on Monday Jan 9th. Mohammad and Mir. Timipere has found a job at IRDT and will be leaving us at the end of Jan.
- We have our 4 social work students starting next week.
- We have some students also joining us from UNB Community Leadership Course – we will be working on the What's Your Legacy project.

Other Notes:

- I submitted our annual return electronically to GNB
 - We applied for \$3000 from Remsoft for Civic Tech
 - I submitted our Canada summer Jobs application
 - Presented GFSI to Sunrise Rotary & Changemakers/toastmasters (75 people attended this one)
- Feedback image.



GFSI was mentioned twice in the MCAF year-end report.



MCAF partnered with community organizations to support newcomers' access to locally grown produce at affordable prices.

- Community Food Smart by Greater Fredericton Social Innovation: **421 participants**
- Hayes Farm Pay-What-You-Can Weekly Produce Boxes (July - Nov. 2021): **143 participants (200+ boxes)**
- Access to plots to grow vegetables:
 - NB Community Harvest Gardens
 - Greener Village
 - Fredericton Organic Community Garden
- Seed and plant donations from:
 - West Coast Seeds

Our team had an excellent year-end/Christmas celebration. Thank you!



Other meetings

- Resiliency Committee meeting
- NPO Data Collaboration - weekly
- Team meeting - weekly
- Community Food Smart - monthly
- Civic Tech – weekly

- SWAG – monthly
- FAHC – monthly
- ACOA, RDC, Working NB – bi-weekly
- NPO Breakfast Club – Monthly

GFSI Team Updates January 2023:

RC Students (Kate Francoeur, Elle MacLean, Evan Di Cesare):

- Students conducted a literature review on Equity, diversity and inclusion in Canada within the last 5 years
 - Link to report: [Literature Review.pdf](#)
- Conducting research on EDI policies for 23 municipalities in Atlantic Canada
- Signed non-disclosure agreements and Memorandum of Understanding
- Meets weekly with the GFSI team

STU Social Work Social Action:

Sandi and Kate had their first meeting with the STU Social Work Social Action Students on December 8th, 2022. The 4 students, Tory Desroche, Jenny Richard, Ashley MacLean and Aspen Bear will work with GFSI three days a week both in-person and online.

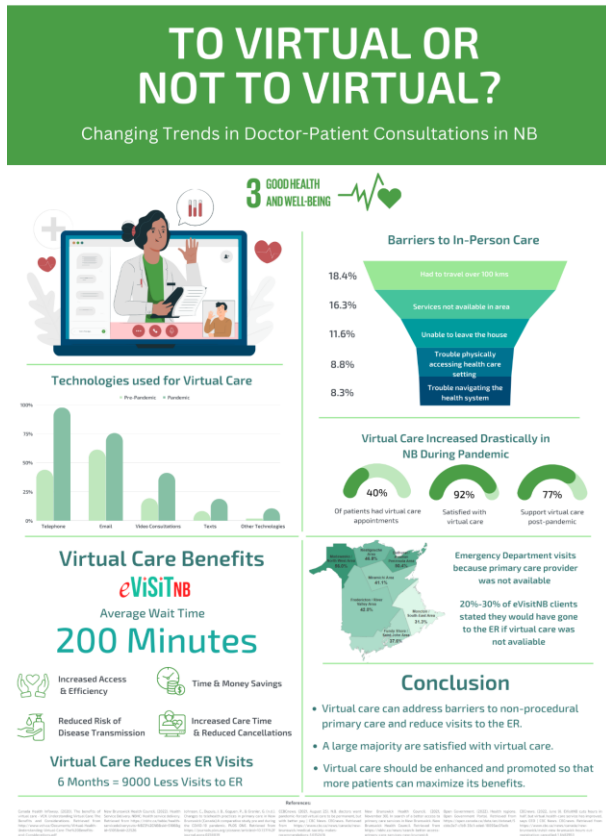
In their time with us, the students will organize a media campaign for the launch of the Community Prosperity Hub. As well as work with the RC students toward the Canadian Atlas of Social Inclusion project.

Olga Strelkina:

On November 18th, 2022 we participated in the Data Visualization/ Analytics Competition hosted by UNB. Our team submitted a poster on the topic of Changing Trends in Doctor-Patient Consultations in NB. We researched the information using open datasets and carefully determined how to best present it on a poster so it would be easily understood by any viewer. On the day of the competition, we presented our data story to a panel of judges. Civic Tech was very successful at the competition. Our team was a semi-finalist in the data analytics competition and we won third place for our infographic and second place for our teaser poster.



Olga, Yu, Joy, Mark and Timi at the Data Competition, 2022



Olga also created a new banner for Civic Tech Fredericton. The design has been changed in order to provide a better understanding of what Civic Tech does and who we are as a team. The banner will be printed and displayed in the room in the new year.

Kate Walsh:

Significant progress has been made on the Non-profit Data Collaboration Project as we prepare to launch the Community Prosperity Hub in the new year. Kate worked out all technical issues and was able to finalize the No Poverty, Zero Hunger, Sustainable Cities and Communities, Gender Equality and Climate Action Hubs. With the goal of receiving valuable input from our partners and testing the user experience of the hub, Kate created a demonstration video and feedback question guide which was shared with our partner organizations. To date, we have received feedback on three of the hubs and are waiting to hear from the others.

Kate continues to provide administration and staff support for all GFSI activities. Including collecting and organizing employee files, invoices, and proof of payments. Kate is currently enrolled in Tech Impact's intensive 4-week course. This course provides HR training specifically for IT. Kate will complete this program by the end of December.

Timipere Allison:

The SWAG project desk research has reached a crucial stage: the mapping of lifelong programs in publicly-funded universities and colleges across Canada. The most pertinent findings of the work-in-progress research are:

1. Canada's policy on lifelong learning emphasizes skills acquisition and upgrade for labour force participation over seniors' need to enhance their cognitive resilience which the scientific evidence supports.
2. the pro-economy policy tilt reflects in the design of lifelong learning programs at government universities and colleges.
3. non-profits appear to do better at tailoring lifelong learning programs to seniors' need to stay mentally stimulated and engaged.

The desk research is expected to be finished by end of January 2023.

Olubokola Adejoke Abiola:

We continue to work on the discovery planning phase of the Community Framework Project on Miramichi city with the All-In Agency. We met their stakeholders for an introductory session on Nov 22, 2022. Since speaking with them, based on the outcome of the meeting, we have narrowed our desk research which was originally in four different areas to focus on Affordable Housing: we identified those in need, city players and stakeholders (government and private) in the space, the stories behind it, latest news, statistics etc of the whole affordable housing spectrum with a focus on newcomers (who are the sets of newcomers that need affordable housing, how and why is it a challenge, who are the organization that employ these newcomers, at what phase of their journey does it become a challenge etc).

We continue to work and look forward to the discovery/design thinking workshop in January with the city stakeholders. We are also doing desk research to identify meeting spaces in Miramichi that may facilitate the ambience needed for the design thinking process for the workshop.

Tim Hogan:

As Co-Implementation Coordinator, Tim was our on the ground person for the Bathurst phase of the Social Innovation Project. Being a former resident of Bathurst, he was the ideal resource and worked closely and under the direction of the 'All In' team, to help build the local stakeholders' team, as well as assisting in the facilitation of the Ideation segment of the program. Tim has also agreed to join us on the Phase 2 Miramachi Ideation process in the same role.