

**GFSI Management Team, Dec. 13, 2021 @ The Ville, 3:30pm**

**Present:** Sandi MacKinnon, John Coates, Bill MacKenzie, Susanne White, Shirley Cleave, Mike Toole, Scott Henwood, Hayley AuCoin, Mariel Horncastle, Sheehan Flatt, Anna Chandra

**Regrets:** Promise Mwenga, Ben Griffin, Ricardo Nicolini

**Minutes recorded by:** Hayley AuCoin

**Agenda:**

- Introduction from Renaissance College Students
- GFSI & CIN - Reports & Questions
- Bylaws
- Next meeting date

**Minutes:**

**Introduction from Renaissance College Students**

- Volunteered at National Housing Day Summit
- Contributed to Civic Tech's Data Visualization Competition
- Conducting research for *Association des aînés francophones de la Capitale*
- In January the students will start working on the Caring Calendar.

**Reports & Questions**

**GFSI Report**

*PEDL /Working NB Employment Project*

- ACOA is paying for minimum wage top ups, desk chairs, computers, and rent
- Civic Tech members are lined up and registered with Working NB
- Waiting on the letter of offer from ACOA

*Meeting online this week with three STU Social Work Social Action students*

*Atlantic Basic Income Coalition*

- Setting up a New Brunswick English and French website
- Susanne will look for a funding source to cover the cost of the website. Estimated cost is \$500

*Meeting with accountants*

- 2 people from Teed Saunders Doyle
- Still looking to hire a bookkeeper

**CIN Report**

*Local Governance Reform*

- Regional Service Commissions have been charged with responsibility for managing poverty reduction in their regions.
- Meeting with ESIC on Dec. 14th for an update on moving forward and the impacts on the GFSI contract with ESIC

*Progress on transportation file*

- Final recommendations on Silvermark received on Nov 9th
- Bill and Shirley met with Urban Rural Rides.
- Got some clarity on services, funding, and MOU agreement.
- Starting to make presentations to community groups to talk about the model.
- Any community can get these services if they come up with a Volunteer Champion.
- This individual must get 4-8 volunteer drivers to start up.
- Oromocto and Cambridge Narrows are ready to go.
- Conversations with other municipalities including Chipman, Minto, New Maryland, and Hanwell.
- Contacted ESIC to confirm their approval to proceed in this direction.
- Grant application will not be reviewed until the end of January, which is too late for current plans.

**Motion to approve request for funds**

- Asking for approval to set up an interim MOU agreement between GFSI and Urban Rural Rides to commence operations for a Volunteer Drive service in the Fredericton region.
- Cap at \$10,000 in costs including HST to incur during this period.
- Funds to be acquired from ESIC carryover.

**Moved:** Shirley Cleave **Seconded:** John Coates

*Fredericton Regional Plan in support of the Provincial Overcoming Poverty Together Plan was submitted to ESIC*

- The plan includes supporting the start- up of the NB Basic Income Now Coalition
- A NB Chapter of the National Coalition for Healthy School Foods.

**Bylaws**

- Shirley and Mike completed Bylaws
- Board reviewed bylaw changes
- All changes accepted by the board.
- Management board will take the bylaws to the Stewardship Committee.

**Next meeting date**

- January 10, 2022

**Stewardship Meeting Jan 27, 2022**

**Approved Jan 2022 meeting**



**Bill MacKenzie – GFSI Board President**