

GFSI Management Team, October 11, 2022 @ Online, 3:30pm

Present: Sandi MacKinnon, Shirley Cleave, Bill MacKenzie, Promise Mwenga, Kate Walsh, John Coates, Mike Toole

Regrets: Ricardo Nicolini, Scott Henwood, Ben Griffin

Minutes recorded by: Kate Walsh

Agenda:

- Introductions
- GFSI update
- Financial update
- Next meeting date

GFSI Update

Renaissance College Student Consultants

- Three students (Evan, Kate & Elle) working with us from September to April working on the Canadian Atlas for Social Inclusion (CASI)
 - Scheduled one-on-one meetings with them this week
 - Two Students to attend Civic Tech Weekly
 - STU students to take on the event organization aspect of the CASI project
 - The Gathering Place is open for other student groups to use as a workspace

New staff members

- Olga Strelkina, Ukrainian Refugee, was hired as UX/UI Designer and Graphic Designer on a 26 weeks contract with Working NB
 - Sandi delivered a laptop, desk, blankets
- Kate moved onto the NBCC project and will remain on the Civic Tech contract for 10 hours a week
- Reaching out to Bukola to hire her as Implementation Coordinator for 20 hours a week on the Community Framework Project

Windsor Foundation & Community Investment Fund

- Wrapped up and sent final report thanking them for their support over the years
 - Willing to support future projects
- A new contract was written for The Gathering Place
 - Rent secured until 2023
 - Rent will not be raised

Chamber's Business Excellence Awards

- Winner of the 2022 Non-profit category
 - Receiving a lot of congratulations and messages of support from the community
 - Acceptance speech [here](#)

Other Business

- Onboarding Documents
 - Should be edited to not be time sensitive
- Community Food Smart
 - Always looking for volunteers
 - Over 400 bags
- Letter to Stewardship board regarding membership commitment
 - Acknowledge previous interest with the option to withdraw with our thanks or recommit with desired level of engagement
 - Include expected commitment
 - No response to be removed
 - Outreach to new members
 - An Individual representing the disability space
 - An Individual from housing
 - Board members need to contribute in some form (financially or with their time)
 - Low-level commitment would be receiving reminders to view the link to documents every few months
- Microsoft Software Class Action Lawsuit
 - \$50 check received and to be deposited
- Basic Income letter of support passed
 - Moving to the next council meeting occurring in November

Financial Update

- Financials to-date
 - Waiting for money coming in but not over budget
 - something to keep an eye on
 - Passed motion at AGM to use CPA accountants to do our year end
 - Once we have closed CIN and secured Food Smart we can look at changing bank
 - RBC is charging us for every single little thing (1.50 changes add up)
 - Progressive has free non-profit accounts
 - Need to update government payments to not be sending them to the CIN account
 - No more money coming into CIN from the Provincial government
 - Payments to support Urban-Rural rides to those who have signed up but not taking on any new communities

Next Meeting Date

Nov 14, 2022

Approved November 2022 meeting

Bill MacKenzie

Bill MacKenzie – GFSI Board President