

GFSI November 2022 report

GFSI team Halloween meeting image below



Civic Tech Fredericton

We have begun hybrid meetings. About 10 people show up in person but most still online. The team has entered the UNB Data Visualization competition. They have entered the Data Viz and the Data Analytics tracts. The focus is on virtual healthcare that falls under the UNSDG #3. See poster attached.

Greener Village is working on populating the meal planner tool and Shanthy gave a presentation to the GV staff and board. We are collecting their ideas for the next version of the tool.

SPCA NB has engaged with the Civic Tech team to help them with the cyber security as they migrate to the cloud. This is great for our IBM cyber security team (and Bukola) to help them out.

Team Updates

Renaissance College Student Consultants

- Created and signed the Memorandum of Understanding between GFSI and RC
- Created and organized the Google Drive in order to have a foundation to start our research
- Received the Excel template identifying the 23 communities that we will be conducting research on in Atlantic Canada
- Received a demo on the Canadian Atlas of Social Inclusion from City of Fredericton Social Inclusion team.
- Met with the members of the GFSI team in order to establish how to best support the Canadian Atlas for Social Inclusion (CASI) research project

Civic Tech Employment Project (Working NB, PETL, ACOA)

Kate Walsh

(NPO Data Collaboration 30 hours per week paid by NBCC & 10 hours Civic Tech employment project)
Kate continues to provide administration and staff support to GFSI. Her administration activities include collecting and organizing employee files, invoices and proof of payments. Kate also supports the RC student consultants as they populate CASI.

Working towards the 2023 launch of the Community Prosperity Hub, we have been fine-tuning each Hub by organizing the data and fixing technical issues. The No Poverty, Zero Hunger and Sustainable Cities hub pages have been refined. We have had weekly meetings with Rob and Felix from the City to work out the technical features of the charts and maps. Over the next few weeks, the team will work to finalize the Climate Action and Gender Equality hubs. In October, Kate gave a demo of the Hub to Civic Tech Fredericton. The team was very impressed with the Hub and its design.

Lastly, GFSI wrapped up and submitted its final report for the Growing Civic Tech project. We are waiting to hear back from ACOA and receive the remaining funding.

Timi Allison – SWAG Project

Lifelong Learning Opportunities in Publicly-funded Higher Educational Institutions for Seniors in Canada.
Project Objectives

- Identify universities and colleges across Canada offering lifelong learning courses/programs for seniors,
- Ascertain the prevailing tuition regimes and the financial costs to seniors, institutions of learning, and the government
- Identify impediments to lifelong learning courses/programs for seniors, particularly in New Brunswick,
- Determine to what extent the best examples from other provinces could be applied in New Brunswick.

Progress Report

This project has passed the conception stage and is now in the research phase. Working with the SWAG team, we developed and approved the research method. In-depth literature review is ongoing to paint a vivid picture of the lifelong learning landscape in Canada. It is anticipated that the review of the literature will help to identify universities and colleges across Canada that offer continuous learning opportunities for seniors, the program delivery formats, tuition costs, and other vital details. This information will be useful in selecting key universities for oral interviews.

Olga Strelkina

Olga has designed the poster (see attached) for the Civic Tech Team's data visualization competition. Olga is also on that team along with Timi, Yu Ren and Joy. She also updated the SWAG brand to include French and also updated the colour.

Building a Community Framework for Digital and Social Innovation

Bukola Abiola

Bukola re-joined the GFSI team on the 17th of October, 2022 part-time. She has since resumed work on the project “Building a Community Framework for Digital and Social Innovation”.

Tim Hogan

Is also working on this project to explore how a Civic Tech and Social Innovation Framework could support the implementation of New Brunswick Municipalities/Communities’ strategic plans.

We started with Bathurst. We provided desk research and collaborated with the All-In Agency on the human-centred design and recommendation of an open data hub for the city of Bathurst.

We have moved to the second city; Miramichi and are currently working on the desk research with focus on these four areas:

- a. Affordable Housing
- b. Active Transportation
- c. Economic Growth and Development
- d. Climate Adaptation Plan

Our first meeting with Miramichi is on November 22, 2022

City of Fredericton Social Inclusion Committee

GFSI has been approved to be a supporting member of this group. We had our first meeting at City Hall. 22 people attended. The team will develop the terms of reference, committee plan going forward, and also included in their work will be to create the criteria for naming city landmarks. Their objective is to provide Council with information on how our city can be more inclusive. “Focus on what’s strong not what’s wrong” is the moto.

UNB - UNB Community Leadership Course

GFSI has been asked to sit on a panel. As a panel mentor, we offer constructive feedback and ask questions that will help guide students along this journey. Your leadership and industry experience will help complement the theory students are learning in class and enrich the overall experience.

Course Structure: Students learn about community leadership, social entrepreneurship & innovation by actively working in teams to identify a need and create a business plan for a social venture of their own.

Students work on these business plans throughout the semester and the experiential nature of the course is further supported by two mentor panel sessions, where we invite leaders from the not-for-profit/social entrepreneurship sector to listen to student pitches and provide constructive feedback.

Our first session is Nov 15.

STU Social Work Social Action – We have submitted our request for 3 students to work on the CASI project, event and also to help with the launch of the community prosperity hub scheduled for Feb 2023.

City of Fredericton Affordable Housing Committee

I represented the committee and gave the yearly update to the City's Economic Vitality Committee on October 27, 2022. It went very well. See presentation attached.

The Ville & Triple Threat partnership – Community Investment Fund

GFSI (Bill & Sandi) met with Sally NG and The Ville ED Genevieve MacRae about the possibility of applying for funding from the Community Investment Fund (75K) to create an "entity" that can raise other funds to purchase The Ville. Note: Sally NB is the current owners sister in-law and it is her father that fronted most of the funds for the initial purchase. We met with Calvin from the FCF to discuss the possibility of accessing the 75K as we know very little of these funds have been spent in Atlantic. We have drafted a letter of support. It is attached.

CIN Finances

Susanne and I met to review the CIN bank account.

As part of the financial consultation Bringloe Feeney requires the following information based on the full operation of the CIN and not related to just the funding of activities and programs by ESIC.

I provided her with

Copy of the CIN's previous (2020-2021) and current years (2021-2022) financial information For example: • Backup of accounting software (Does the CIN have an electronic accounting system)

- Financial statements by external accountant statements will be of GFSI with CIN noted?
- Listing of revenues and expenses – Susanne: I completed year-end financial reports to ESIC so that's done That's where there will be funds showing as still in GFSI account for ESIC projects like transportation
- Copy of previous and current years approved budget for years 2021, 2022 & 2023 (if available)
Susanne: I've got 2021 and 2022
- Board minutes for the past year
- Copy of relevant By-Laws (if any)
- For any contracts, funding agreements, or other like commitments besides those with ESIC provide a list of contracts with the funders' name, project name, start and end date and the amount

Susanne: Does that sound like CFCC and UWay grants and Resiliency funds? Makes sense to note if the contracts were with the CIN. But they are with GFSI and GFSI is not closing, so I say we don't need to mention any.

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

Basic Income

Fredericton City Council passed the motion to write a letter of support to the provincial and federal government.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FURm7woqJk&fbclid=IwAR0dvt9hYSjDGrrCy95KJLfCmW1G5J9jFs9qY6gncoDc_vbtiPfYroTBLrc

We also had a call with Randy Hatfield to move the BIG to Saint John city council.

Susanne and I have a meeting scheduled next week with Jeff Richardson to review next steps for creating the BI NB Coalition.

Thought you like to see this tweet! 😊

