

ACOA & CIVIC TECH Project

The final draft of the Atlantic Canada Civic Tech Toolkit includes a land acknowledgement (including all territories that Atlantic Canadians work and live on); a brief introduction to the toolkit itself and the Civic Tech movement nationally and locally; an overview of the impact of Civic Tech communities across Canada, providing examples of the projects being worked on and the groups they impact; a step-by-step process on starting your own Civic Tech community, including hosting an information session / opening night, identifying co-founders, how to host a hacknight (characteristics, common practices, who to invite, where to host it, projects), and implementing a code of conduct; key factors for the successful continuation of a Civic Tech community, including implementing core Roles, how to manage project selections, important community partnerships, and useful management tools; and additional templates resources. The toolkit is currently being translated and designed and will be ready for distribution shortly.

The IT Survey, distributed through the Civic Tech Fredericton network and technology based businesses and organizations in the Fredericton area, received 109 survey responses. We have been analysing the responses and writing a final report to summarize and communicate these findings effectively. The findings in the final report will include a section dedicated to the diversity, inclusion and accessibility of the IT sector in Fredericton, and a general asset map of the IT sector. Research from the Renaissance College Student-Consultants is informing this report, as well as in-depth data analysis supported by Civic Tech Fredericton.

We have begun to meet with community members across Atlantic Canada who are showing interest in starting their own Civic Tech Community. This is showing great progress in the expansion of our Atlantic Civic Tech network. We have partners in place in Moncton and are awaiting the loosening of COVID rules to set up our first meeting. We will attend with a few others from our Civic Tech Fredericton team.

We have submitted a claim that covers our expenses from March 18th to June 15th.

DETAILED COSTS						
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Salaries - Meredith Lang	70 hours	Meredith Langille	001	2021-05-27	\$1,155.00	\$0.00
Salaries - Meredith Lang	70 hours	Meredith Langille	002	2021-06-10	\$1,155.00	\$0.00
Software Training - Dan	10 hours	Dan Nelson	003	2021-04-15	\$250.00	\$0.00
Software Training - Olus	10 hours	Olusayo Obajemu	001	2021-04-15	\$250.00	\$0.00
Meeting Supports (zoom)	n/a	Zoom	n/a	2021-06-15	\$60.00	\$9.00
Salaries - Project Manag	120 hours	Sandi Mackinnon	n/a	2021-05-31	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
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Total Amount Claimed					\$10,481.00	

NPO Data Collaboration

The Non-profit Data Collaboration toolkit, designed to help non-profits engaged in this project & others wishing to replicate this work in their municipality, has been created and designed on a WordPress website. The toolkit includes case studies on the value of data collaboration and analysis for non-profits, using data to inform various processes along the service delivery journey, resources to improve data skills, data management systems, and a glossary of terms.

Since the last Board meeting, we have met with:

Meals on Wheels to discuss data analysis and the impact they wish to be able to demonstrate through data

Salesforce to discuss the details of that data management system for our non-profit partners in need of a new system. I have applied for a NPO version of the free tool for review.

CARE Database (IRDT & SJ project) for an overview of their chosen data management system, Outcome Tracker

This week we have conducted engagement workshops with the first and second cohorts of the project where we introduced the toolkit, gave an overview of the Community Prosperity Hub, and had break-out sessions to go over the goals and impact of each participating non-profit. Cohort # 2 – CHIMO, Family Enrichment, Under one Sky, Liberty Lane, Adult Literacy, Autism Connections, The Ville, Nashwaaksis Watershed, Conservation Council, Fredericton Works Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Slow Ride.

Engagement: 21 Non-profits



Civic Tech Fredericton

We presented Meal Planner to the ED and staff at Greener Village. They are pleased with where we are so far. The bus ticket project has restarted. The team is looking forward to us meeting in person. The data viz team are helping with the data analysis of the IT survey results.

Code for Canada's new ED attended a Civic Tech meeting. It was great that the City's CIO Adam Bell attended.



Engagement: May & June – 170 People

We have hired Kathryn Cassidy (Canada Summer Jobs)

Kathryn is working on the french interviews for the VoixNB.com website. Her position on this project will be to conduct interviews/conversations with francophone New Brunswickers who want to share their stories and their experiences. So far, she has had one interview with Norma Dube and is in the process of getting in touch with Yves Boutot to set up a meeting with him. Her next steps will be editing the video with Norma and having a conversation with Yves. *From Kathryn:* So far it’s been really awesome to be a part of this team 😊

Congratulation to Meredith!



Hayley Aucoin (SEED)

Over the past month she has been working on NB Voices, the Caring Calendar, and the Non-Profit Data Collaboration project.

She is working on the bilingual version of the NB Voices website, which unfortunately did not end up functioning to the extent that we needed it too. So we purchased another version and will have a French website. She is continuing to put this together in preparation for completed French interviews.

Hayley created a page on the Civic Tech website that is dedicated to the Caring Calendar. On this page there is a video tutorial detailing how to use the platform. This will be used as a landing page for Faith Based and other organizations that want to start using the calendar. She will begin reaching out to contacts from these organizations in the coming month.

Hayley has been mentoring with Meredith and is learning as much as she can about the Non-Profit Data Collaboration Project. She helped Meredith conduct interviews with the Fredericton Community Foundation and the United Way of Central N.B to discuss their experience with data standardization. Additionally, she is helping to prepare the case studies and website for presentation at the upcoming cohort #2 workshops.

United Way & Fredericton Community Foundation Breakfast Club Meetings: We have been asked to take over the NPO breakfast club meetings the first Friday of every month. Katie is leaving the FCF and she was the one coordinating these meetings.

Engagement: May & June 30 local NPOs



Housing

Fredericton Affordable Housing Committee – (June 2 meeting) Community engagement on the Housing Needs Assessment continues. As of June 2 there was 471 visits to Engage Fredericton platform, 279 English & 1 French surveys completed. Analysis has started and will now include MLS data and other sources. Willy Scholten (Colpits CFO) has coordinated meetings with Developers. SRO bylaw being drafted and expected to go to council this summer.

Engagement: 18 People



National Housing Day 2021 – November 22, 2021 – bringing key partners together to learn and connect. \$5000 from CMHC. NB Non-profit Housing has planning information. Event could be in partnership with the City. We will target the launch of the housing strategy at the same time.

GFSI has signed on to support this national campaign at the request of Tim Ross.

CHF Canada, along with partners the [Canadian Housing and Renewal Association](#), the [Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness](#) and the [Canadian Lived Experience Leadership Network](#) have launched the [Vote Housing campaign](#).

Vote Housing is a movement to take the common pain of housing need and homelessness and turn it into a common purpose. Share the word, join our movement and pledge to Vote Housing in this upcoming federal election.

The Vote Housing campaign is shaping up to be the largest housing advocacy campaign in Canadian history, aiming to mobilize thousands of Canadians to pledge to Vote Housing in the next federal election, whenever it is held.

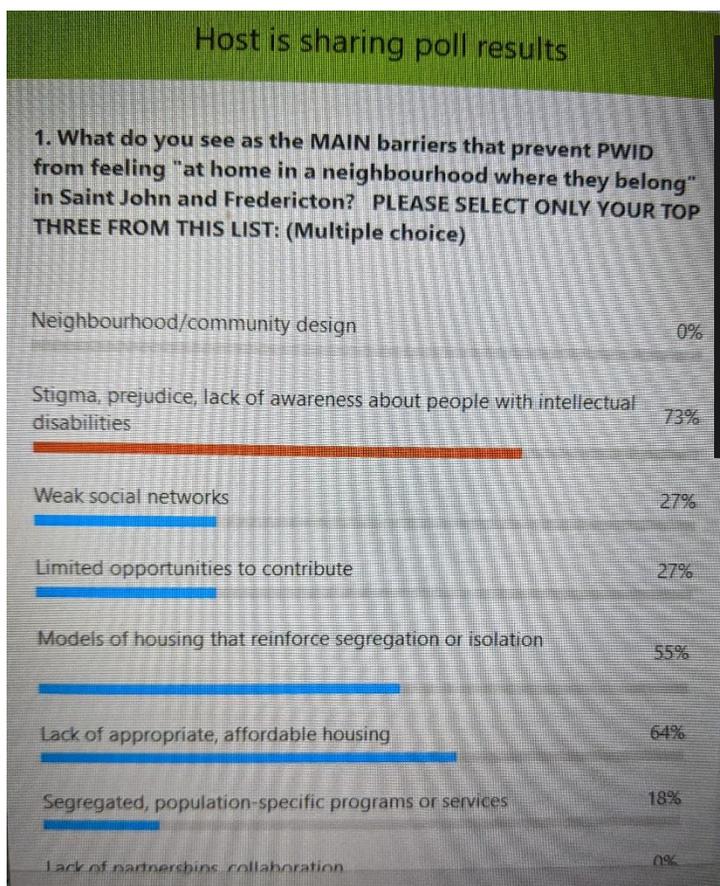
The campaign will engage with federal political parties, candidates, individuals, and organizations to convince the next government to make affordable housing and homelessness a centrepiece of the next government’s agenda. The campaign includes specific recommendations on how this can be achieved, including building more co-operative housing.

L’Arche Fredericton/Canada - Inclusive Housing Solutions

GFSI is a member of their NB Lab “stewardship” partners team. I have attached a report/outcomes from our meetings up to May 2021.

I screen captured this survey that we took during our last meeting, as I was surprised by the results specifically the stigma.

Engagement: 13 people

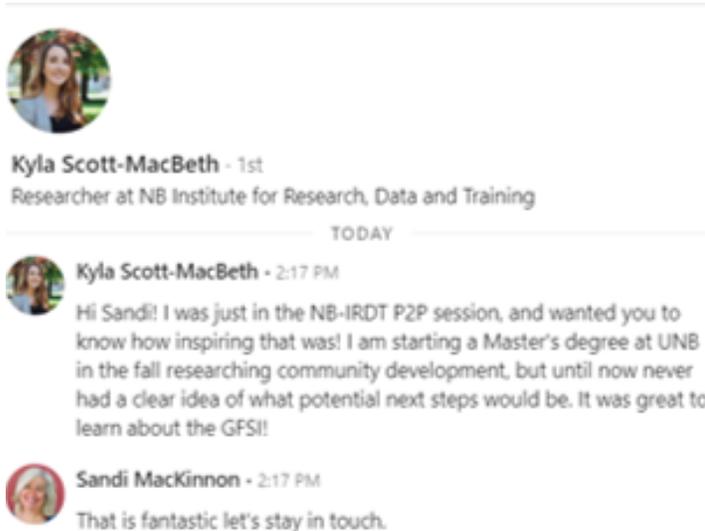


IRDT's Pathways to Professions program:

They asked us to present GFSI and the Community Prosperity Hub to their 23 students. We did this on June 29.

About P2P: students will participate in weekly training and mentoring sessions in research-oriented and basic employment skills while developing reports on NB population dynamics, economic indicators, and health services; developing additional ways students can connect to research opportunities; and measuring the effects of experiential education programs for our various stakeholders. NB invests heavily in training post-secondary students, and we aim to supplement that training with opportunities for hands-on workplace experience. Feedback was very positive.

Engagement: 23 people



FROM the organizer: I wanted to send you both a very sincere thank you for your wonderful talk with me and our students. It was an absolute pleasure to speak with you. I should not say this, but this was one of my favourite Career Connects – I loved the video and website tour for context and weaving elements of GFSI and programming into your personal experiences and career advice. It was wonderful. I could tell that everyone was so engaged and I appreciated your honesty and speaking candidly. I think you gave our students a lot to think about. It is sessions like yours that make our program so special. Thank you again so very much for taking the time to speak with us.

Social Isolation & Loneliness team – sub committee of the City's Age-friendly committee.

We have been meeting monthly with this committee.

In partnership with Dr. Albert Banerjee from STU and Meals on Wheels they were successful in getting a MITACS grant to take an actual look at the Fredericton situation and to do an environmental scan of best practices elsewhere that would work in Fredericton. This research included first person interviews with 14 lonely/isolated people in Fredericton and confirmed this is an issue in Fredericton. It also identified that “people to people” connections and relationships have the most impact in addressing isolation and loneliness. It also confirmed the need for the awareness campaign as was discussed at the workshops hosted in the fall of 2019. The City of Fredericton has now developed a social media campaign for this purpose. GFSI helped to coordinate this campaign and to amplify the message. You may have seen some of the videos shared on our social media feeds. Here is more information:

www.fredericton.ca/en/community/isolation-and-loneliness-campaign

Engagement: 15 committee members

Senior Wellness Action Group – We continue to meet online every month. Some of the projects/programs they represent include: Brain Health, iGen (Yves), Madelein says that some meetings/events are starting to open up at Stepping Stone. Norma Dube - Association francophone des aines du NB has invited us to present to their board on VoixNB and is very happy it is being created, Elder Pride,

IRDT Citizen Engagement committee- We have been attending these monthly meetings since the fall of 2020. The role of this 8 person team (of which we are the only NPO) is to:

Help shape NB-IRDTS public-facing content and how the institute interacts with the public
Provide recommendations on areas of NB-IRDT work that require further public engagement/research
Review and provide feedback on public-facing content
Provide recommendations on the level of public engagement needed for selected NB-IRDT led projects
Provide guidance on what public perception issues may exist for NB-IRDT
Engage in knowledge transfer activities

City of Fredericton new Mayor and City Council

The day after the new mayor & council were sworn in, we sent an email to every counselor to congratulate them and to introduce GFSI. The emails to the councilors who know us included the statement “I know you are familiar with our partnership, but just as an FYI this is what we sent to the new councilors.”

Feedback:

Hi Sandi:

thanks for this. It is great to know all the areas of influence of GFSI and I look forward to working with you.

Have a great week.

Margo

Sandi,

Yes, of course I am very aware of the great work GSFI, under your direction, has done and continues to do. Mayor Rogers and I will be meeting sometime next week to talk on the roll-out of the path to the UN Cities of Inclusion.

Hope to get in a good chat with you on what we (city) can do to move the community to being more inclusive.

Eric Megarity

Thanks Sandi. I'm excited to get to work and know the City can always count on GFSI as a great community partner.

Jason

Thanks, Sandi! And thanks for the GFSI offer. I will definitely be taking you up on it



Mayor Kate

Hi Sandi,

Thank you very much! It is great to see all the fantastic work GFSI is up to. Thank you for all you and your team do. I look forward to working with you.

Best,

Cassandra

Hi Sandi!

Thank you for reaching out to our new Council members and to me. I am aware of GFSI and many of the valuable contributions it has made to our community. I would love to have a conversation with you at your convenience to informally discuss some of my ideas for the Governance & Civic Engagement Committee's work over the next two years. There's lots to do and I'm sure time will pass all too quickly.

I have time Thursday afternoon and Friday afternoon this week, and I'm happy to meet by phone call, Zoom, Teams, or in the glorious 'in-person' mode 😊

If these times don't work, please suggest something that might.

Regards,

Greg E

NOTE: Susanne and I met with Greg. It was good to hear what he wants to move forward on. More to come on this.

Hi Sandi,

Thanks for the reminder. When not involved, directly, it is nice to be reminded of all of the small - yet mighty things the group does. In particular the food smart bulk buying program. Amazing.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Kevin Darrah

Random Notes:

- I have updated our membership information at The Chamber
- Had a meeting with Calvin the new ED of Fredericton Community Foundation – He is very interested in how he can support the NPO Data project.
- In May we joined - THE EQUAL FUTURES NETWORK - connects national, regional, community and grassroots organizations, agencies, civil society and projects from across Canada that are committed to advancing gender equality and to ensuring equal futures for all! <https://equalfuturesnetwork.ca/>
- On May 21 we were asked for an interim report from the Windsor Foundation at the request of the president. No word back yet.
- Received quotes from goto insurance for extended healthcare for Susanne and me. We are reviewing the details.
- T4s filled out and sent to Promise
- I am continuing to categorize GFSI account in quickbooks
- Paperwork for Canada Summer Jobs and SEED completed and submitted

Meetings/events:

- NPO Data Collaboration with NBCC (weekly)
- Team meeting with Meredith, Hayley, Kathryn (weekly)
- Civic Tech weekly
- Community Food Smart
- Social Isolation team
- SWAG Team