



## November – December 2021

### **NPO Data Collaboration Project:**

Over the past month, the Nonprofit Data Collaboration team has started to test drive Sumac. Sumac is a customer relationship management software. We were able to find an affordable version of this software through Techsoup. We believe Sumac can help some of our partnered nonprofits better organize their data and clientele. We are scheduling a meeting with The Ville to discuss how they could benefit from this system.

The team has also been meeting with Family Enrichment to discuss the difficulties they are experiencing with their current data management software. We have been conducting research to find a system that could better fit their needs. We found two potential options and are in the process of setting up meetings in the New Year with these companies.

The NPO team is continuing to make regular contact with our partnered nonprofits. After the release of the United Way's funding applications, we ensured that our partners know we are available to answer any data questions they may have.

**Civic Tech – Data Viz & RC** - This project seems very timely based on what has been in the news recently about violence in our schools.

In November, the Renaissance College students represented Civic Tech in UNB's Data Visualization Competition. The students submitted a poster and video that used data from NB's Health Council to show the severity of bullying in our province's schools. The team's overall goal was to use this data to spread awareness of this pressing issue. To accomplish this, a social media campaign was launched on the same day as the competition (#doBetter4Me). While the team did not place in the competition, our submission was easily the most unique because it used data to produce an emotional response and students to tell the story.

You can view our video submission here: <https://youtu.be/e98O4Oo6Gko>

**PETL/ACOA & CIVIC TECH Project:** Has been approved by the provincial government. We are awaiting ACOA's approval.

**Civic Tech:** We continue to meet every week online. Plans are underway to promote the use of Caring Calendar. There has been requests from some community organizations that are ready to start using it again as they are now offering services.

We also had a national call this month. CT Moncton and our Halifax contact attended.

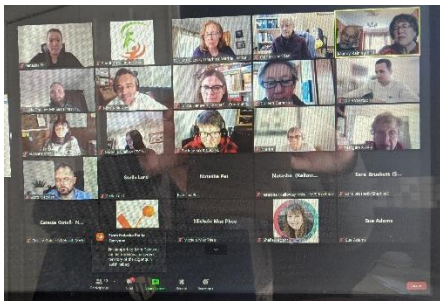
Civic Tech Vancouver was having a hard time getting the attention of their municipality. Thanks to GFSI's connection with Julia Stewart (Library) whose brother is the Vancouver mayor, we were able to connect them. 😊

**ACOA & BDC Smart Communities project** has been moved to Jan 2022 – It has been approved by BDC. We are awaiting on ACOA's approval.

**L'Arche Housing Solutions Lab:** We have created our prototype teams. I will be working with Ken Forest, Director of Growth and Community Services, City of Fredericton. We will be prototyping potential solutions with city developers. This program will end in April.

**National Housing Day 2021** – Thanks to our board members who attended. 85 people attended the event. Thanks to the students and volunteers we were able to get the report out to attendees within 24 hours. The event report is attached. GFSI has identified sections of the report to be included in the City's housing strategy.

**Basic Income NB Coalition: Susanne and I** attended an online meeting with the Atlantic Coalition team. The meeting included the crafting of messaging via google docs and an update from each province. Will Robertson introduced us to the team.



**STU Social Work Social Action students:** Our students have been chosen and will start in Jan 12, 2022. They are Emilee Thibodeau, Amanda Arsenault, Cassandra Swift. We have an introductory meeting next week via zoom. I have set up a g-drive with all the resource documents sent to us from Wil Robertson and the administration documents templates required by STU.

We will be sharing our space with the NB Disability Coalition's three STU SW students because they do not have the office space. I have connected with these students, and they seem very excited to be using our space.

**Teed Saunders Doyle:** Promise, H=John Bill and I met with Katrina and Leslie from TSD. They provided us with tips on how to minimize the work to prepare our year end financial and we also received some clarification on the changes to their requirements. We have completed the appropriate paperwork and our HST returns have been filed.

### **Meetings/events:**

- Fredericton Affordable Housing Committee – (monthly)
- NPO Data Collaboration with NBCC (weekly)
- GFSI Team meeting (weekly)
- Civic Tech (weekly)
- Community Food Smart (monthly)
- SWAG Team (monthly)
- Non-profit Breakfast Club Meetings (monthly)
- L'Arche (monthly)