



GFSI Stewardship Board, June 23, 2022 @ Online, 4:30pm

Present: Sandi MacKinnon, John Coates, Bill MacKenzie, Susanne White, Mike Toole, Ricardo Nicolini, Shirley Cleave, Sheehan Flatt, Shanthi Shanmugam, Katie FitzRandolph, Colleen Hannah, Ben Griffin, Tim Snow, Carley Smith, Ceilah Keats, Julia Stewart

Present online: Kate Walsh, Pavithra Sunkesulu Ramesh Babu, Olubukola Adejoke Abiola, Rohini Kuchadi

Regrets:

Hayley AuCoin, Marchell Coulombe, Marisa Rojas, Promise Mwenga, Kim Nash-McKinley, Bronwyn Davies, David Arbeau, Alyse Duffney, Tim Hogan, Scott Henwood

Minutes recorded by: Kate Walsh

Agenda:

- Welcome and introductions
- Approval of February 24th, 2022 meeting minutes as circulated
- GFSI presentation
 - Meal Planner
- CIN presentation
- By-Laws discussion and approval as circulated
- Annual General Meeting date, Thursday, September 22, 2022- 4:30 PM

Minutes:

Past Meeting Minutes Approval

Mike Toole motioned to approve minutes from the Feb 24, 2022 meeting as distributed

Moved: Julia Stewart **Seconded:** John Coates

Motion Carried

GFSI Presentation

Civic Tech and Employment Accelerator Pilot Project

- ACOA and PELT recognized Civic Tech for accelerating employment and have provided funding to formalize the program
- Funding is available for a Provincial Coordinator, Community Coordinator and up to six volunteers
- Three individuals, Yu Ren, Ahmed Shaltout and Kate Walsh, have found full-time employment through this program

Affordable Housing Committee

- Housing Needs Assessment
 - The assessment explored conditions across the entire spectrum of housing in Fredericton, including home ownership, multi-unit rental housing, and homelessness
- Affordable Housing Strategy
 - Strategy built off the Housing Needs Assessment includes 13 recommendations
 - At this time the full report has not been released to the public

Basic Income Coalition

- Every province in Canada except New Brunswick has a Basic Income Coalition
- GFSI has established the foundation for the NB coalition, including a brand, website, G-suite, social media pages and launched a dispelling myths campaign
- Currently in the process of finding coalition chair, a request has been put forward

Growing Civic Tech

- Efforts to expand Civic Techs in communities across the province including in
 - Saint John started in April 2020 led by Randy Hatfeild and Human Development Council
 - Moncton launched in September 2021 led by Debbie McInnis
 - Bathurst is the next location with an information session planned for August 2022

Building Community Framework for Social and Digital Innovation

- How GFSI services could be replicated and used in three NB communities over the course of a year
- One Francophone, First Nations and rural community
 - Bathurst and Kingsclear First Nations selected
 - The last community is undecided, considering Charlotte County, Doaktown or St. Stephen
- This project is in collaboration with All In Agency
 - All In has expertise in human design which will aid in the city's strategic planning
- To date have met with the CAO of Bathurst and all of Bathurst's department heads
- Team member, Tim Hogan is from Bathurst and has connections to the community working on the project
- \$20,000 micro-grant is provided to each community upon the completion of the project

Other

- All management meeting minutes and reports are assembled in hidden link on GFSI website and can be found here:and the link is shared when emails are sent.
<https://www.socialinnovationfredericton.com/stewardship-team.html>
- Team has been working in-person 2 days a week accompanied by Graham Nickerson, Community Inclusion Officer with the City of Fredericton's Office of Community Inclusion

Meal Planner Presentation

- Meals Made Simple is a project for Greener Village to offer meal plans to those restrained by budget and time
- A Meal Planner admin from Greener Village will meet with clients and create meal plans based on dietary restrictions and the unique needs of the Client
- The software has been developed for both Admin User and Client experience
- When the Admin User logs in they see a list of meals with details regarding whom the meal is assigned to, where it is categorized and a description of the meal including ingredients used, quantity and total estimated costs per meal
- Admin User has access to a meal catalog, where they can search for meals and then drag and drop their selection into a day of the week calendar
- Greener Village can upload Youtube videos of each recipe created by Chef Yves,
- Recipes can be printed
 - Questions:
 - Is this program publicly available?
 - Not yet as it is in the development stage and it is not meant for the public - it is being developed for Greener Village.
 - Membership based?
 - No, this has been created for Greener Village with the goal to create a free accessible meal planner option as other meal planner programs are costly
 - How is the cost per meal determined?
 - Costs are based on products needed and not how much you use of the item. For example, 1 cup of milk out of 1 litre, this makes the price estimate not accurate but meets the request of Greener Village
 - Will it be helpful to clients?
 - Yes, Greener Village surveyed clients and results found that this tool would be beneficial for them and was stated as something their clients wanted.

CIN Presentation

Community Inclusion Network Transition

- Local Governance Reform Act Passed by NB Legislature, effective January 2023
- ESIC will now be contracting with the Regional Service Commission to host CIN's in each region
- RSC 11 Fredericton board approved their new contract with ESIC on June 7th
- Transition date, hiring of a CIN Coordinator, determination of a Steering Committee and development of a budget is still to be determined
- Audited financial statements to be provided to ESIC's auditors 30 days prior to the transition

Overview of Past Initiatives

- Community engagement
 - Partnering for impact, Good Food. Regional Plans
- Capital City Cycle
 - This program has provided skill-building, bike distribution and social inclusion to the Fredericton community

- Imagination Library Jemseg Lions Club
 - “A book a month club” for families
 - Introduction to carpentry for highschool students to build bookcases for families
- Community Food Smart
 - A bulk food buying program to supply food bags at discounted price
 - Supported start-ups throughout the province
 - Newest program to launch iis Burton
- Fredericton Local Food Festival
 - Education on food security and gardening
 - Advanced opportunities for skill training and social inclusion
- Hayes Urban Teaching Farm: Regenerative Farm Certificates
 - 18 week intensive learning course teaching individuals small-scale, regenerative agriculture, incorporating Indigenous knowledge of the land
- Community Food Mentors Program
 - Development of training program for individuals with a shared interest in food security and community building
 - Graduates have gone on to lead local food initiatives and foster social inclusion
- Children's Community Garden Projects
 - Engage children by planting and growing food
 - Provided skill-building, food access and social inclusion
- ConnectFredericton.ca, Youth Leadership Training
 - Facilitated the connection of individuals looking to get involved in their community with organizations looking for volunteers
- Community Garden Investments
 - Investments made in a geothermal greenhouse and numerous community gardens
- Fredericton Food Rescue
 - Provides access to food and social inclusion
 - Photo of donation of over 2000 pounds of apples to Greener Village with transformed that into vacuum sealed packs of apple sauce
- Public Health Canada Pilot: Market Greens
 - One of 10 sites selected for a national pilot, aimed at providing data on the impacts of food coupon programs
- Covid Responses: Provincial
 - 60k Emergency response funding through CFS
 - 60k Emergency response funding through Nourishing Minds NB
 - Supplied free food to those in need during the pandemic

- Volunteer Drive Solution: Urban Rural Rides
 - Volunteer driver program that provides affordable transportation to seniors and low-income families
 - Operational in Cambridge-Narrows, Hanwell, Kingsclear, Oromocto and New Maryland
- Partnerships for Impact
 - Engaged in discussions at the national and provincial level to advance poverty issues, working in partnership with:
 - National Coalition for Healthy School Food
 - Good Food Organization: Community Food Centers Canada
 - Food For All NB
 - Tamarack Institute: Communities Reducing Poverty
 - Atlantic Coalition Basic Income Now

By-Laws

- Revisions include but are not limited to,
 - Updated language, method of record-keeping, information regarding the role of the secretariat, Co-Chairs position has been updated to one Chair and City of Fredericton position has been included as a formal role

Mike Toole motioned to approve By-Laws as distributed

Moved: Shirley Cleave **Seconded:** Bill MacKenzie

Motion Carried

Next meeting date

- Annual General Meeting Thursday, September 22, 2022- 4:30 PM

Katie FitzRandolph motioned to adjourn the meeting