



GFSI Stewardship Committee Meeting, May 25, 2023, In-Person & Online, 4:30 pm

Present: Sandi MacKinnon, Colleen Hannah, John Coates, Eve Justason, Michael Fellows, Mike Toole, Olga Strelkina, Promise Mwenga, Tim Snow, Julia Stewart, Bill MacKenzie, Bronwyn Davies, Kate Francour, Kim Nash-McKinley, Ola Tjornbo, Shanthi Shanmugam

Online: Alyse Duffney, Michelle Greason, Ben Mcnamara, Kate Walsh

Regrets: Marchell Coulombe, Roxanne Reeves, Shirley Cleave, Katie FitzRandolph, Ben Griffin, Scott Henwood, Carley Smith

Minutes recorded by: Kate Walsh

Agenda:

- Welcome
- Land Acknowledgment
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Presentation GFSI Staff Report
- Presentation Fredericton Public Library
- Treasurer's Report
- Stewardship Committee Discussion
- Schedule the September AGM meeting

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda

Moved: John Coates **2nd:** Shanthi Shanmugam

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes January 2023

Motion to approve the Minutes

Moved: Bill MacKenzie **2nd:** Colleen Hannah

Motion Carried

GFSI Team Update

[See PowerPoint presentation](#)

Questions and comments:

- Which provinces have been uploaded to CASI?
 - NS, NB, PEI, Newfoundland, Ontario & Alberta
- Is CASI public?
 - No, it is not public yet

- Positive feedback regarding PIT: Sandi has an amazing ability to pivot in the face of a challenge, and achieve success and results with a small group
- Are there sites that have been identified for the Rapid Housing Initiative?
 - Skigin-Elnoog Housing Corporation for 17 housing units (on Brookside Drive); and
 - John Howard Society of Fredericton for 8 housing units
- Who funds the Rapid Housing Initiative?
 - It is Federally funded

Presentation by Julia Stewart, Library Director, Fredericton Public Library

[See PowerPoint Presentation](#)

Treasurer's Report

- Sufficient amount of money in the account
- Employees are paid bi-weekly on time
- Kate is looking into streamlining payroll with Wage-Point
- Sandi is doing a good job of securing project funding
- Down the line, we should think about ways to retain sustainable funding

Stewardship Committee Discussion

Discussion question: Are we open to being bigger than Fredericton? We would always take on projects like PIT, however not interested in expanding all projects to provincial wide

- Could you offer provincial projects to someone else?
 - We could try but it's GFSI that they want
- Just because we can do something doesn't mean that we should. It's okay to say no.
- What is the type of energy that pushes our projects forward? Keep that consistent and targeted.
 - Potential to grow off of what we've already done
- Would it be helpful to make a strategic plan for 2-3 or even 5 years looking at where GFSI will be?

This is something that can be fluid and changing.

- That could be helpful if it is a high level, we need to be able to move fast and pivot with community needs which are ever-changing
- We have our [values, vision and statement of purpose](#) on our website
- It could be a principal-based plan or vision for GFSI
- Strategic plans can kill innovation if it is too specific
- We will put something together along these lines for our September meeting

Motion to adjourn - Ola Tjornbo

Motion Carried - Meeting adjourned

Next meeting date

Stewardship meeting: Thursday, September 21, 2023