



## ACOA & CIVIC TECH Project

- Moncton Civic Tech Information session is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at Venn Innovations.

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-Civic Tech Toolkit Atlantic is complete and translated here:

<https://www.civictchfredericton.com/growingcivictch.html>

We have met with reps from Halifax, NFLD, Bathurst and Charlottetown to get CTs started in their municipalities.

**ACOA** – Has approached GFSI to see how we may be able to support a “smarter communities” movement across NB using the Civic Tech and GFSI model. We (Jules Maitland and I) have developed a proposal outline and have shared it with Bill and our ACOA contact. It is still in the draft phase. We have been invited to present at the 8 Cities of NB conference on Oct 1.

**PETL** – Is offering to provide us with some funds in order to formalize the process of helping students, new commers, etc. in finding employment. We have had a number of meetings with CT SJ & Moncton to see how we can support a provincial CT movement.

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

We have begun developing individualized plans for the groups that we met with in the month of July.

- We have started to look at ways to standardize organizational intake forms. For those who use google drive and are interested in digitizing their intake forms, we are researching the privacy required.
- This is the first version of the toolkit and we will be adding to it as the project progresses. The toolkit can be found at the following link: <https://npodatacollaboration.com>.
  - The toolkit features an interesting blog post about how Meals on Wheels Fredericton used data to secure funding for the development of an outreach program, check out the details here: <https://npodatacollaboration.com/2021/08/27/local-action-global-goals-creating-a-data-driven-argument-to-fund-a-food-security-satellite-program/>

## Housing

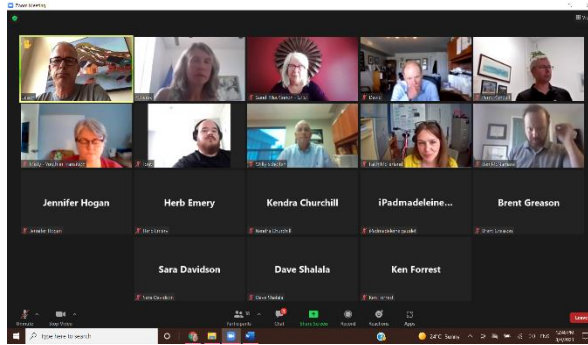
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**Fredericton Housing Summit** – As mentioned in last month’s report GFSI is working with The Phoenix Learning Centre, and the to-be Sara Burns Community Outreach Centre (SBCOC) to organize the Housing Summit. This event will take place September 28th, 2021 at Wilmot Church. You can register here: <https://bit.ly/3twqcWx>. Sara Has agreed to present at our AGM.

**National Affordable Housing Day 2021** – November 22, 2021 – Save the date! Details coming soon. GFSI is on the organizing committee. Draft agenda attached in the email.

**CAGH** - I met with Greg Bishop, Human Development Council and Joan Kingston. They were very interested in a partnership with GFSI. They will connect with their board and get bac to us.

**City of Fredericton Affordable Housing Committee** – August meeting. Dr. Sara Davidson’s presented.



## **L’Arche Inclusive Housing**

GFSI is a Stewardship Partner - The second stage, “Discovery,” of the Lab is uncovering great ideas, research, policies, programs, and problems! Just as we hoped we have heard really exciting and inspiring information, but we’ve also heard about the various barriers that need to be addressed – most of this will not be a surprise to you.

Over the past few months the Lab facilitators have been working on the following:

1. Focus Groups: We held sessions with Community Organizations, Government, Housing Developers, Family and Friends, and the National Community of Practice.
2. Secondary Research: We have been researching programs, policies, initiatives across Canada (and internationally in some cases) to review with you in the Fall.
3. Peer Research: Two researchers with intellectual disabilities (one in Fredericton and one in Saint John) who along with a support person each are conducting interviews with their peers in their communities. These are paid roles and will help to inform other L’Arche initiatives about how persons with intellectual disabilities can be part of decision-making activities; be leaders.
4. Follow-up Interviews: As the information from the Focus Groups, Secondary Research, and Peer Research is compiled, we have a few gaps in our information and are reaching out to stakeholders individually to ask specific questions.

We will reconvene at the end of September.

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**VoixNB.com** is completed. (French version of NBvoices) The three interviews are ready to be posted and shared. This will be done over the next couple of weeks. There is still some tweaking to be done. Kathryn did a great job and the feedback from SWAG was very positive. The funds for this project came from Horizon Seniors Grant.

**UNB - RC Students**– GFSI has submitted our proposal. I have attached it to the email.

## **City of Fredericton - Manager of Community Inclusion - Ben Griffin**

We have spoken with Ben in the past when he was a police officer as he was working along side social workers on the streets of Fredericton. He has recently moved into the position of the Community Inclusion Program Manager. This is meant to insure the City’s policies, programs, services and facilities as socially inclusive as possible. He reached out to us. We spent a few hours together looking for avenues for collaboration and support. Ben is perfect for this position. They will be putting out a call for application to join the committee.

**Random Notes:**

- **ACOA** – claim submitted
- **Canada Summer Jobs** claim submitted
- I am continuing to categorize GFSI account in quickbooks

**Meetings/events:**

- NPO Data Collaboration with NBCC (weekly)
- Team meeting (weekly)
- Civic Tech weekly
- Community Food Smart (monthly)
- Social Isolation team (monthly)
- SWAG Team (monthly)
- Non-profit Breakfast Club Meetings (monthly)



## **ACOA & CIVIC TECH Project**

The English and French versions of the Atlantic Canada Civic Tech Toolkit have been published online and are available for distribution. 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 PEI.

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- Met with City of Charlottetown and Michael Easter, who leads the provincial developers/coders group. The City is not very advanced with open data and technology. Michael will reach out to his community. We have penciled in October for a possible information session.

The Growing Civic Tech page, which includes information for Atlantic partners and the toolkits, can be viewed at: <https://www.civicttechfredericton.com/growingcivicttech.html>

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 are finalizing the detailed responses and results and final report to summarize and communicate these findings effectively. These findings 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.

## **Civic Tech Fredericton**

We have started reaching out to previous Caring Calendar contacts and are encouraging them to begin populating the calendar. With the province now in the green phase we believe this is the perfect time to engage local faith based and non-profit organizations! Additionally, we have begun researching new organizations that might benefit from the calendar's services. We will start to contact these groups shortly.

Our next meeting will be our annual BBQ. We will move forward with a hybrid of in-person and online meetings.

## **NPO Data Collaboration**

The Non-Profit Data Collaboration team has begun the process of onboarding 11 new non-profit organizations. We had representatives from these organizations attend a workshop to learn more about the project and the importance of data standards. We have conducted more in-depth interviews with four of these organizations and will be continuing this process with the rest of the cohort in the coming months. Additionally, the team has completed the webpage that will host the Non-Profit Data Collaboration toolkit. The toolkit can be found at this address: <https://npodatacollaboration.com>. We will be sharing this website with both cohorts shortly.

## **New Horizons Grant:**

Throughout the month of July, we have successfully created a bilingual version of the NB Voices website, 'Voix NB'! We are excited to start populating this website with French stories. This website can be found here: [www.voixnb.com](http://www.voixnb.com)  
- We were able to get an interview set up with Louis-Philippe Albert which went very well. We are also in the process

of fine-tuning Norma Dube's VoixNB video (just some minor fixes). We were also able to set up an interview with Léa Tudeau; a student living in Saint John. This meeting took place on Aug. 3 and went very well. We will now be focusing on video edits for the interviews done with Louis-Philippe and Léa.

- Provided funder a mid-project report
- Kathryn has completed her Canada Summer Jobs contract

**Non-profit Breakfast Club Meeting** – Online the first Friday of every month. The past two meetings were focused on how to open successfully and safely for our staff and volunteers. We developed a survey that we shared with a few of our NPOs. I attached the results.

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**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 is on the organizing committee.

**City of Fredericton Affordable Housing Committee** – We have completed our housing needs assessment. It was presented to the Economic Vitality committee on July 29<sup>th</sup>. This information will go into the Housing Strategy currently being competed. You can view the presentation of the needs assessment here:

<https://www.fredericton.ca/en/city-council-meetings>

**CAGH** - I met with Greg Bishop, Human Development Council. I contacted Joan Kingston because I noticed the CAGH website was a real mess. I created their website in 2016 and offered to fix the website. This led to the meeting with Greg. We discussed a possible partnership with GFSI & GAGH. We can discuss.

### Random Notes:

- We have received approval for rent for the gathering Place for another year from the Winsor Foundation.
- I am continuing to categorize GFSI account in quickbooks
- 211 is now online. <https://211.ca>
- Fredericton Age Friendly Community Advisory Committee on Social Isolation and Loneliness – GFSI took part in the social media campaign - <https://www.fredericton.ca/en/community/isolation-and-loneliness-campaign>

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