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**Table of Partners Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021 @ 9:30 am**

Via Zoom on-line meeting

**Participants:** Penny Cote (Chairperson), Marcie DeWitt (Coordinator), Deb Haggard, Edward Johnson (joined at 10:20 am), Ellen Frood, Mollie Law, Rachelle Cole, Bill Collette, Curt Smecher, Margaret Morrison, Wendy Thomson (joined meeting at 9:39 am, left at 9:48 am), Julia Martin, Jane Osborne (joined at 10:27 am)

**Regrets:** Anna Lewis, Alisha Pauling, Natasha Dumont, Debra Hamilton, Sally Mole, Lynne MacFadgen, Christine Washington, Tom Stere

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

The Chair recognized the meeting is being held throughout the Nuu-chah-nulth territories.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES**

The Agenda for the March 17, 2021 meeting was approved with the addition of late item 5g – Funding Opportunity.

The Minutes of the February 17, 2021 meeting were approved.

1. **IN-CAMERA REPORT**

Motion to take the meeting in-camera.

MOVED: Rachelle Cole

SECOND: Bill Collette

The meeting went in-camera at 9:37 am.

Wendy Thomson presented her report and will proceed as directed. Any questions or comments may be emailed to Wendy at [wthomson@acrd.bc.ca](mailto:wthomson@acrd.bc.ca)

Motion to take the meeting out of in-camera.

MOVED: Ellen Frood

SECOND: Bill Collette

The meeting came out of in-camera at 9:48.

1. **ACHN REPORTS**
   1. **Coordinator Update -** Marcie DeWitt reported on activities that she was involved in since our previous meeting including:
      * CFRC meeting
      * CHN annual gathering
      * Follow-up with Wilson’s transportation; meeting with MLA re next steps
      * Network meetings & webinars
2. **ACHN UPDATES**
   1. **Poverty Reduction Action Plan**
      * Zoom meetings Monday & Friday this week
      * Working with Manager of Comminutes getting additional resources and tools
   2. **Tamarack Cities Reducing Poverty**
      * Now have access to CRP member Gathering
      * Date will be in May
      * Have seats for up to 5 ToP members to attend ( 2-3 day gathering) (Mollie, Rachelle, Ellen & Debbie all expressed interest)
      * If anyone else is interested let Marcie know as we may be able to send additional people at a cost
   3. **CHN Learning Days**

* Well received workshops
* More speakers because of the Zoom format
* Those that did attend, please do Christine’s survey/evaluation
  1. **Decolonizing Networks Workshop**
     + Debrief later today
     + Lots of interesting speakers
     + Will report back more in the future
  2. **Inter Community Transportation**
* Copy of letter in agenda
* Waiting on MLA Osborne’s office to move forward on the meeting scheduling
* Provincial government has committed funding to continue bus service
  1. **Food Security Letter of Support**
* Marcie will provide letter based on information in agenda package
  1. **Funding Opportunity**
* Douglas Holmes, ACRD CAO, brought forward this opportunity “Strengthening Communities’ Services” (see email dated March 16 from Marcie, for details)
* Some very specific project opportunities locally
* Looking for any shovel-ready projects
* Ellen spoke of the need for additional washrooms & showers for the homeless
* Edward spoke of the Mothering Centre, Luma Housing
* Marcie & Doug discussed ideas such as backroads camping (bathrooms, safety issues, lack of cell service if help is needed)
* Late spring or early summer there will be time to add additional projects
* Marcie will put together a one page summary looking at goals, and collaborative plans around housing and safety

1. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Bill – grant for a bike seat program targeted at seniors; purchasing e-bikes for use throughout the McLean Mill and Log Train Trail area

Rachelle – section of the MUP still does not have funding to complete; trouble with where the path comes out onto to the highway and the passing lane starts; is a safety issue

- BCAS staffing model changing May 1st to improve response times; could have staffing impacts

Debbie – finishing up budget, going to 3rd reading next week

- City has approved over 190 units of affordable housing in the past year

Ellen – have now installed chair lift and automatic doors on our property and pharmacy next door, from federal grant money – now fully accessible

- sexual assault training modules almost complete, trying to partner with NIC for education & training

Mollie – tragic shooting incident in Opitsaht , lots of trauma in that community

- tours coming in to Tofino and how they are treating the beaches

Edward – chairing the weekly COVID update meetings with the community

- 2nd vaccine roll out last month; 99% of community has received it

- Met with FNHA for winter caucus

- Continuing to advocate for non-essential travel until we are all safe

- Social Services project started in 2016, evaluation just done to look at next 3-5 years

- Met with Tse-shaht FN about joint projects

-Worked with citizenship for our nation, Bill C91 language & heritage

Jane – returning to passion for restorative justice

- working on funding opportunities

Penny – RD budgets progressing

- AVICC: creating agenda convention for May, Joe Roberts is the keynote speaker, asking MLA Selina Robinson to participate, looking for panelists (forward ideas to Penny)

Margaret – WCCRS – contacted for support from recent tragedies, CVIP program has seen an uptick to assist with getting taxes done to continue receiving benefits, transition house was needed for a visitor to the area to get her home

Marcie – April 7th homeless count, mapping out area and working on a safety plan, PA will be a pilot for an extended count

1. **MEETING ADJORNED**

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 am. The next meeting of the Table of Partners will be held Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 9:30 am.