



Whitevalley Community Resource Centre
Board Notes
November 8, 2023
White Valley Community Hall

Attending: Wanda Johnson, Julie Pilon, Carmen Philips, Larry Thomson, Rick Fairbairn, Nick Hodge, Josh Gutknecht, Christine Lishman

Regrets: Kevin Kwast, Sherry Kineshanko, Curt Reimer

1. Whitevalley Agenda

- *Additions to the Agenda* - MSC (Nick/Carmen)
- *Business arising* from the minutes – None
- *October 2023 minutes approved* **MSC** (Wanda/Larry)

2. Finances

- Finance committee report MSC (Larry/Nick)
- September Admin Budget – Christine explained they have received retroactive pay from MCFD for the Admin budget for the 22/23 fiscal year and from April to September 2023. The monthly amount they send us has also increased starting October 2023; this will go towards increasing wages. The retro pay for 22/23 and Apr-Sept 2023 is intended for wages for work already completed, therefore will be paid out as bonuses to staff. On the attached Admin budget you will see the retro funding amounts in the Income Section and then the bonuses to be paid out under the staffing expenses.
- Due to Melissa Yurkowski's resignation from the Board we do need to remove her as a signing authority on WCRC's accounts. Christine requested a motion be made to do so.

Motions:

- o Remove Melissa Yurkowski as a signing authority on the Whitevalley Community Resource Centre bank accounts held at Valley First Credit Union and Scotiabank – Lumby **MSC** (Carmen/Wanda)

3. Strategic Report

- ED Report

4. New Board Member

- At the last Board meeting when it was announced Melissa Yurkowski was to step down, it was also acknowledged her replacement as Principal, Josh Gutknecht would replace her as a Board member as well. There was discussion on how to proceed with appointing him as a new Director. Christine reviewed the Societies Act, WCRC bi-laws/policies and procedures to ensure proper steps were taken. After review it has been determined *"the bylaws of a society may provide that an individual who holds a particular office or who has a specified attribute is, by virtue of holding that office or having that attribute, appointed as a director of the society."* The position Melissa held was as Principal of Charles Bloom Secondary School, therefore Josh can assume this role.

5. Saddle Mountain

- Christine explained her concerns with the contract Saddle Mountain has proposed for the rental of their space for our programs. The portion which Christine has asked to be changed is: ***“The Lessee wishes to provide programs and meals for residents of the premises and their invited guests by leasing and using the following areas located on the premises...”*** the proposed change is ***“...for residents of the premises and the lessee’s invited guests...”***. This would ensure we could continue to serve all community members and not just residents of Saddle Mountain. This is especially important because our Funders are expecting us to serve all community members. Christine is waiting to hear back on the requested change.

6. Men’s Shed

- Nick brought forth the request to have WCRC look in to supporting the idea of a Men’s Shed in Lumby. Jen P works closely with United Way of BC who helps fund the project, they have indicated they will be able to meet in January to discuss the process, funding available, options etc. More information on the project itself was provided to Board members for reference.

7. Round Table Updates

- **Rick:** Mentioned the progress for the New Spaces building. The architect was awarded, preliminary drawings have been completed and a survey of the land has been done.
- **Larry:** Monashee Mews is part of the HCCAP program where you can learn to be a care aid with part on the job and part in class but get paid while you are learning.
- **Wanda** – Cherryville Elementary will be having a “Christmas store” again this year. There will also be Remembrance Day celebrations on November 11th.
- **Josh** – Remembrance Day assembly will be held on the 9th at 11am; at 11:11am a moment of silence, less we forget. November 8th was National Indigenous Veterans Day. We are actively promoting kids to get involved in the community, we happy to report 60% of the students are involved in the athletics department, this is huge in part to Chad Romain the Athletics lead. The School and School District held a Parent Information night last, there were 27 people signed up to attend and unfortunately the turn out wasn’t as great as we thought with about six parents in attendance. There was discussion around concerns about substance use and mental health. We will continue to offer more parent nights throughout the year. We are also very fortunate the new RCMP Corporal Kevin Kwast is very involved with the schools, this is a great relationship and asset.
- **Julie** – Vernon Jubilee Hospital Foundation now has the 6.5 million dollar CT scanner installed and should be ready by the end of this week and then technicians go through two-week course. So exciting. It’s so advanced it can take pictures between heart beats. Great asset to the community.

Meeting adjourned – 5:15 PM Wanda/Carmen

**Next meeting
January 10th at 4PM**

Signature

Date