

**Whitevalley Community Resource Centre**  
**Board Notes**  
October 12, 2022

**Attending: Spencer Hornoi, Bev Danby, Rick Fairbairn, Sherry Kineshanko, Curt Reimer, Melissa Yurkowski**  
**Regrets: Larry Thomson Julie Pilon, Carmen Philips, Wanda Johnson**

*Whitevalley Agenda*

- *Additions to the Agenda* –
  - Strategic Planning? Now that COVID is over, is this something we should look at? Is there a specific item we should plan for? Yes, lets look at what that looked in previous years. Bring to next meeting
- *Business arising from the minutes* – Sub-committee confirmations
- *September 2022 minutes approved MSC* (Bev/Spencer)
- Signing Authority
  - The auditor suggested adding another signing authority so the Executive Director is not signing their own pay cheques or expenses.
- New Board Member – Nick Hodge has asked to join our Board of Directors. Julie was arranging a meeting to discuss with him.

**Sub-committees: Board members to let their names remain on committees**

- *P & P* – (Melissa-yes, Larry-yes, Carmen-yes) - **confirmed**
- *Health and Safety* – (Bev-yes, Wanda-yes) – **confirmed – twice a year (Friday's)**
- *Finance* – (Julie - yes, Curt-yes) - **confirmed**
- *Fundraising* – (Bev-yes, Julie-yes, Sherry-yes) - **confirmed**

**Finances / Proposal**

- *Finance Committee updates* – as per minutes

**Motions:**

- Remove Shawn Pol and Sonja Harkness as a signing authority on the Whitevalley Community Resource Centre bank accounts held at Valley First Credit Union and Scotiabank – Lumby **MSC** (Sherry/Melissa)
- Authorize Melissa Yurkowski as a signatory on the Whitevalley Community Resource Centre bank accounts held at Valley First Credit Union and Scotiabank – Lumby. **MSC** (Kurt/Rick)

**Strategic Report** reviewed – See attached

**RCMP** – Experiencing a nice drop off from summer. 20% less call volume from last year. Two problem places in town, we are working with Lee (Lumby Bi-law officer) Ashley Gravelle is moving to the special victims unit in Vernon, only has a few shifts left. New officer Steve McCarthy (been a member for 3 years) will be joining the team, has only served in a city, so will be good to show him the small town way of doing things.

One item we are going to be watching closely is the federal Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health announced the granting of a three-year exemption under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) to remove criminal penalties for people who possess a small amount of certain illicit substances for personal use. This exemption will be in effect from Jan. 31, 2023, to Jan. 31, 2026, throughout British Columbia. This exemption is not legalization. These substances remain illegal, but adults who have 2.5 grams or less of the certain illicit substances for personal use will no longer be arrested, charged or have their drugs seized. Instead, police will offer information on available health and social supports and will help with referrals when requested.

## Community Updates

**Seniors (Bev)** – Things seem to be good.

**RDNO (Rick)** – Elections right now. Staff is unsettled because nothing is moving/happening at the office due to the election process, this includes meetings. In all five electoral areas all the candidates were acclaimed. Jim Johnson is in Area E, he has previous experience with the RDNO. November 9<sup>th</sup> is the first meeting back and the new people will be sworn in. Committees will be formed from that point. Not much is going to happen until the new year, so most action won't happen until February. Vernon election will be interesting to see what happens as it can directly affect the relationship with RDNO.

**CBSS (Melissa)** – Great start up, excited to be back at school. The kids seem more positive because they had great summer, no masks, no travel issues. This weather has caused the spring fever to continue on, need it to turn to fall to get kids back on track. The school has lots of new staff this year, we also have new programming including an Entrepreneur program. Many students have already decided post-secondary school might not be the right solution for them, so requested a program to teach them how to start a business, etc. Nathan Bartell is the new forestry teacher, has experience teaching in Vernon and also in the logging industry. The school currently has 365 students enrolled and 14 sports team. This year we have tons of community coaches and staff coaching. A big shout out to Chad Romain helps make our sports programs so amazing. Now that things are “back to normal” there are lots of kids wanting to get involved in sports again. The new Vice Principle Josh Gutknecht was a high school teacher for many years and then recently was the VP at JWI. Melissa wanted to express how fortunate the Grad class is to Camo Country, last year they donated their facility for the Grad dinner and dance, they have also agreed to do it again this year, it's about a \$15,000 donation. The Grad breakfast was a huge success and raised close to \$7000. One more piece we seem to be noticing is there are quite a few kids and parents who seem de-regulated from COVID.

**Curt** – The bank machine is coming back to Lumby, it will be near the building but outside. No ETA at this point because of the construction. Sherry wanted to know what the signage on the door could be updated? The Lumby Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Business After 5 Octoberfest on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the old Valley First Building, now owned by Deborah Homes and will be partially sponsored by Valley First.

**Sherry** – elections are on Saturday, October 15. The Village has been working with a contractor from Kelowna to build an 18 unit apartment building at the old Highways maintenance lot beside the RCMP office. It has been a challenge to entice developers to our town, especially when the building cost is the same here as it would be in Kelowna but they can sell for much higher prices in larger centers. We are also need many different types of rentals/housing options in town. The new salmon trail is now open, go check it out,, with the increase of pedestrian traffic to the access the trails proper crosswalk lights for the crosswalk by the Shell Station is a priority. They have been working with the Ministry of Transportation to achieve this but seem to be met with quite a few roadblocks. The Village also partnered with BC Wildlife to include educational pieces along the Salmon Trail.

Meeting adjourned – 5:18PM

**Next meeting  
November 9<sup>th</sup>**

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Signature

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Date