

NWCPRC

Date: 19 September 2019

Time: 12:30pm-2:00pm

LIVE MEETING or Dial-in: City of New Westminster Council Chambers, City Hall

Attendees: John Stark, Lisa Paterson, Sukdeep Jassar, Murray Baker, Betina Wheeler, Tristan Johnson

Regrets: Edith Tazumi

Agenda/Meeting Notes

ITEM	TIME	PRESENTER	MATERIAL	DECISIONS/ACTIONS/COMMENTS
1. Introductions/regrets	5 mins	JS/ALL		
2. Engaging people with lived experience	20 mins	ALL	Discussion	<p>Members of the NWCPRC have been in contact with Chatham Kent and Kingston about projects that involve people with lived experience. JS submitted a report to Council to develop the Community Action Network (CAN) in New Westminster. This is a community-based leadership initiative of the Poverty Reduction Coalition. Council has approved \$10,000 with the possibility of additional funding.</p> <p>CAN provides an opportunity for capacity-building for individuals with lived experience to increase their involvement in anti-poverty advocacy and policy development. Some outcomes will be to inform the City on how to engage those with lived experience, development of a tool kit, graduates will train City staff and connection to advisory committees. Evaluation of the initiative will take</p>

			place.
3. October 22, 12pm – 1:30pm Lunch and Learn update and discussion	20 mins	JS/SJ/LP	“How the Arts can Inspire Social Change in New Westminster” . Panel discussion with the Lookout Society, Arts Council of New Westminster, New Westminster Museum and Archives. Idea is that the lunch and learn will lead to a grant application followed by an arts event with a call to action to raise awareness of poverty in the community.
4. Homelessness Needs Assessment Survey	10 mins	JS	The Homeless Coalition will be engaged first then non-profits and those with lived experience. Strategy to be produced in early 2020.
5. Updates:			
- Tax Filing Work Update	10 mins	LP/MB	Tax Filing – stats show over 5,000 people have not filed taxes in New Westminster. Uptown is not well served. Working group has been working on increasing clinics available and encouraging a coordinated approach across New Westminster. Links made with the library and Douglas College. Clinic and workshops planned for Nov 16 th at the library. Revenue Canada and Service Canada will be running clinics at UGM in March 2020. Food Security Action Plan – some pieces could support the work with those with lived experience. Primary focus for the coming year is community engagement, increasing food literacy and the development of resources.
- Food Security Action plan implementation	20 mins	BW	
6. Other business 2019 Cities Reducing Poverty Member Gathering. Kitchener Ont. 8-10 October 2019 - Next meeting November 14,	5 mins	JS	Please let Lisa know if you wish to attend the Tamarack Conference – two free spots are available to committee members.

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