

## CITY OF SALMON ARM

Minutes of the **Social Impact Advisory Committee** meeting held electronically on Friday, October 18, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.

### PRESENT:

Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond	City of Salmon Arm, Chair
Paige Hilland	Shuswap Area Family Emergency (SAFE) Society
Tim Gibson	Shuswap Children's Association
Shannon Hecker	Canadian Mental Health Association
David Parmenter	Interior Health Association-Mental Health
Jen Gamble	Shuswap Immigrant Services
Kristy Smith	Okanagan Regional Library
Karen Hansen	Shuswap Association for Community Living
Nancy Gale	Seniors Resource Centre
Gary Buxton	City of Salmon Arm
Barb Puddifant	City of Salmon Arm
Michelle Evans-Bunkis	City of Salmon Arm, Recorder

### ABSENT:

Shannon Kiehlbauch	Okanagan College
Lloyd Garner	Aspiral Youth Partners
Patti Thurston	Shuswap Family Centre
	Adams Lake Indian Band
	Neskonlith Indian Band

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m.

### 2. **Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory**

*We acknowledge that we are gathering here on the traditional territory of the Secwepemc people, with whom we share these lands and where we live and work together.*

### 3. **Approval of Agenda and Additional Items**

Moved: David Parmenter

Seconded: Karen Hansen

THAT: the Social Impact Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda of October 18, 2024 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**4. Approval of Minutes of May 10, 2024, and June 21, 2024 Social Impact Advisory Committee Meetings**

Moved: Tim Gibson

Seconded: Nancy Gale

THAT: the Social Impact Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2024 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved: Paige Hilland

Seconded: David Parmenter

THAT: the Social Impact Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2024 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. Presentations**

**6. Old Business/Arising from minutes**

**7. New Business**

**8. Other Business &/or Roundtable Updates**

Each Committee member provided an update on the services provided by their organization.

- Gary Buxton – Despite sending out requests and letters of support, the City has not yet found a group to chair/facilitate the Situation Table. The City is going to pause this effort due to the upcoming election and a more stable source of funding can be identified – continuing to apply for grants is a possibility. It was noted that unfortunately there isn't enough expertise or resources within the City Hall to take this on as an internal endeavor. Committee members are very interested in continuing to explore possibilities to create and maintain a Situation Table.
- Gary Buxton – Work is starting on multi-agency anti-racism plan now that grant funding has been received. Work will continue over the next six months.
- Karen Hansen – Staff are settled into their new office. Their main focus right now is the continuing growth of current social enterprises. A lawn maintenance program has started and staff are working towards getting more people involved. Staff are attending the BC Non Profit Housing Conference next month.
- Nancy Gale – Nancy has been appointed by the board to work as the new Senior Advisor one day weekly to help seniors with issues. Affordable housing for seniors continues to be a main issue, including accessible resources for mental health and support.

- Paige Hilland – Summer was busy at the transition house, exceeding funding capacity throughout the season. Staff are continuing to work with BC Housing on projects which will continue following the election. SAFE is working with Interior Health to improve systems for sexual assault help options.
- David Parmenter – The Integrated Child & Youth program has semi-launched, with 28 referrals received throughout September.
- Tim Gibson – Programs are back up and running in the new location. Renovations are continuing.
- Kristy Smith – Friends of the Library fundraising program is currently running. New flooring and paint is planned for the Piccadilly location in the coming months. Staff are noticing an increase in people coming in to get help with filling out government forms and will connect with social outreach professionals to help.
- Jen Gamble – A successful children’s program was run during the summer for the first time. Staff are looking into possibilities to host similar events in the future for a bigger/different demographic. Staff are continuing to work with BC Safe Haven on a program to serve refugees and asylum seekers.
- Shannon Hecker – Reminder to all that the draft OCP is available for feedback. A link will be circulated to committee members. This weekend is the Loud and Proud celebration. A schedule of events and locations can be found online.

**1. Introductions**

Councillor Wallace Richmond introduced Michelle Evans-Bunkis, Executive Assistant. Michelle will serve as administrative support for this and other committees going forward.

**9. Next meeting – November 15, 2024**

**10. Adjournment**

Moved: Kristy Smith

Seconded: Karen Hansen

THAT: the October 18, 2024 meeting of the Social Impact Advisory Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

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“L. Wallace Richmond”  
Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond, Chair

Minutes received as information by Council at their Regular Meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.