



## **Coordinators Report**

Board of Directors Meeting, February 22, 2023

### **Labrador Pioneer Footpath Project Phase 1**

Phase 1 is now complete, and all claims have been processed through ACOA, IET (Regional Development Program), and Trans Canada Trail.

Discussions are now in process with NL Regional Development Program, Trans Canada Trail, and ACOA for Phase 2 funding. \$530 773 is being requested for completion of trail from L'Anse au Clair to Pinware.

### **Seniors Services Office/Age Friendly Committee/ New Horizons for Seniors**

The office continues to be busy with clients for various services. The office also coordinates/operates the New Horizons for Seniors program and the Age Friendly Program through the Age Friendly Committee. A recent initiative of the Age Friendly Committee is the Community Closet where gently used clothing is made available for everyone in the Labrador Straits. I have approved the Board room for temporary use for this initiative as a means to determine its viability/success. The Community Closet is open every Thursday afternoon. An alternative permanent space will be required if the program is to continue.

The 4<sup>th</sup> and final payment of \$24 000 for the Seniors Office has been received from the International Grenfell Association. Under the existing funding arrangements, the program will be concluded in October 2023. A new application to IGA was submitted for an additional 2 years was submitted in November. In the meantime, the SLDA office will continue to search for other sources of funding for the program.

Funding applications for 2022-23 were also made to the provincial Age Friendly Communities Program for \$12 000, Seniors Social Inclusion fund for \$3 000, and the 2023 federal New Horizons for Seniors Program for \$21 000. **Funding has been approved for the Age Friendly Community program for \$11 300 and the Seniors Social Inclusion for \$3 000.**

### **SLDA Website/Organizational Review/Governance**

The website is still under development but now up and running: [slda.ca](http://slda.ca). The sections on the Pioneer Footpath and business directory will be completed in the near future.

The organizational review and governance piece of the project has completed by KDP Consulting Inc. as per our agreement. The new by-laws, Memorandum of association, and policy manual have been reviewed and edited by the consultant. The by-laws are ready for review by the Board and ratification by the membership at next AGM. The policy manual will require considerable work as the existing one is basically a HR policy. KDP has recommended a framework for the manual to enable the writing process.

## **Regional Community Garden**

\$57 600 approved by ACOA. Waiting for \$15 000 request from IGA.

### Some pre-planning thoughts:

- I. Meet with LAL Council and advise of plans.
- II. Meet with prospective gardeners to discuss proposed setup, garden management, and sustainability.

### Proposed Setup

1. Garden plots to be designated by stakes and numbered. Sizes of plots will be consistent with the average size normally required.
2. Existing garden area will be tilled and cleared for maximum efficient use.
3. Rubble at the far end of the garden to be removed and any topsoil to be salvaged wherever possible.
4. Improvements to garden entrance and road for better garden access.
5. Existing garden area to be extended following an inspection to determine the best/most efficient way of doing so.
6. An adjacent area to be cleared and prepared for the installation of raised garden boxes designed for a greater variety of vegetable planting. Boxes to be prepared with soil/nutrients and ready for planting. Access to water to be explored.

### Garden Management

7. Determine size of plots.
8. Determine how plots will be allocated.
9. Existing gardeners (first option?)
10. Who will have access and cost to gardeners.
11. Oversight. Who to monitor garden activity? Committee?
12. Sign and info at garden entrance. Rules?

### Sustainability

13. What needs to be put in place to ensure sustainability of the garden?

## **Farmers & Crafts Market**

All financial reporting on the Farmers & Crafts Market project is now complete and all payments received from ACOA.

### **Community Hub SLDA/MUN**

Progress is being made on establishing the community hub. We are in the process of promoting the project locally as well as a community assessment to determine the type of activities, learning programs, etc that might be needed for the Labrador Straits. Monthly Hub meetings are now being held with MUN.

### **Labrador Straits Welcoming Communities Strategy**

The proposed 2-year project has been submitted to three potential partners including ACOA, provincial Labour Market Partnerships Program, and International Grenfell Association for requested total funding of \$343 900. Potential local partners are also being identified. Discussions are on-going with all funders.

### **Community Recovery Services Fund**

The \$400 million Community Services Recovery Fund is a new federal program designed to assist non profits and charities recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic. The fund is being administered by the Canadian Red Cross, United Way, and Community Foundations of Canada. SLDA has submitted a proposal designed to boost and assist our Association through the development and implementation of a membership drive project. If successful, the project would start in June 2023 and completed by June 2024. Funds requested: \$94 000.

### **Office Management**

1. I have changed the Quick Books desktop to the QB Online version mainly because of cost and versatility. The desktop version now costs \$142/month while the Online version cost \$38/month for the next 6 months. After 6 months the cost will be \$86/month plus taxes. The online version can be accessed anywhere where this is an internet connection.
2. The Xerox photocopier is out of service and requires repairs. There is no maintenance agreement, so any repairs are our responsibility.
3. There has been a water leak in the IET office (Jamie Pye). The leak is not serious at this point. There may have been damage to a computer.
4. The office adjacent to the Seniors Services Office has been rented to Labrador South Home Care for the period February 13, 2023 to June 30, 2023. It is expected that SLDA will need the office space after that time.

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