

Activities Update

December 2, 2017 – January 19, 2018

CF Network and Partnership Engagements



Community Futures representatives attended the BC Chamber of Commerce Premier and Cabinet Luncheon on December 8. Pictured from left to right Mike Guarnerly, Vice Chair, CFBC, Kevin Dorrius, GM, CF Revelstoke, Premier John Horgan, Lori Camire, ED, CF Alberni Clayoquot and

Cheryl Johnson, ED CFBC. The event provides an opportunity for BC businesses and stakeholders to engage in dialogue with the Provincial Executive Council.

That same day, Mike, Kevin, Lori and Cheryl met with George Hunter of Small Business BC, followed by a meeting with Val Litwin, CEO of the BC Chamber of Commerce. Both meetings focussed on strengthening relationships between our respective organizations and exploring partnership opportunities in support of CFBC SME's.

On December 15, 2017, Community Futures representatives met with Minister Ralston from the Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology and Minister of State for Trade, Chow. Pictured from left to right, Mike Watson, GM, Sto:lo, Minister of State Chow, Cheryl Johnson, ED CFBC, Mike Guarnerly, Vice Chair, CFBC, Minister



Ralston, and Lori Camire, ED, CF Alberni Clayoquot, CF. The group discussed topics such as the Export Navigator Program, Small Business Roundtable, Indigenous Business and Investment Council, Technology and Innovation Investments and the Great BC Business Sale. A commitment was made to reconnect in New Year.

Upcoming events

Chairs & Managers Roundtable

February 8, 2018

CFBC BOARD MEETING

March 8, 2018

SPRING TRAINING

March 12 – 14, 2018

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Wildfire Recovery Support

Karen Eden, GM of CF Cariboo Chilcotin, Greg Lawrence, GM of CF North Cariboo and Deb Arnott, GM of CF Sun Country along with Cheryl Johnson, ED of CFBC met in Williams Lake on December 30 to discuss the Wildfire Recover Support program. More information to follow.



BC Real Estate Board

Lori Camire, Darryl Goertzen, Cheryl Johnson and two representatives from the BC Real Estate Board met to discuss the Great BC Business Sale as well as additional ways that CFBC, the BC CF network and the BCREB and their members could work more closely together in support of entrepreneurs and small businesses throughout rural BC.

BC Natural Resources Forum

Cheryl Johnson attended the BC Natural Resources Forum in Prince George. The overarching message was that businesses need to grow and diversify exports. Key messages from the forum included the need for BC and Canada to diversify trading partners, becoming signatory to new free trade agreements and opening access to new markets. The bottom line for Canada being that economic growth will look much different in the future, NAFTA talks have highlighted the need to diversify trade sector, invest in the future through capitalization of technological innovation and improved productivity and to address environmental issues and demonstrate the opportunity in sustainable resource development. Canada and BC need to avoid the “banana” syndrome; **Build Absolutely Nothing Anywhere Near Anything.**

BC CF Network Spring Training

Spring Training is from March 12-March 14, at the Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront in Vancouver. A networking reception will be on March 12; March 13 will feature guest speakers and facilitators and March 14 will be a full day of roundtables for Managers, Business Analysts and Self Employment staff. [Click here](#) to register for Spring training. [Click here](#) to book your hotel room before February 12, 2018.

CFBC Board Committees

Board Committees have been consolidated and renamed in alignment with the Strategic Plan and goals of the CFBC Board. Current committees are:

Standing Committees

- Executive Committee
- Governance Committee
 - Human Resource Committee (Sub Committee)
- Finance and Audit Committee
 - BC Futures Fund

Operations Committees

- Business Analyst Support Committee
- Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Committee
- Indigenous Awareness & Engagement Committee
- Marketing and Partnerships Committee
- Self Employment Committee
- IT Committee

Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program

EDP Renewal

WD has indicated that CFBC may receive a three-year renewal of the EDP Support Contract commencing April 1, 2018 and terminating March 31, 2021.

This is the great news we have been working towards over the past five years of current one-year contract extensions, and will give us more flexibility to better serve the membership with respect to their EDP-eligible clients. There will be a new indicator in the EDP renewal: #business services provided to EDP -Eligible clients, further broken down to capture data for # EDP -eligible woman clients; # EDP-eligible indigenous clients. Angus is consulting the CF Tea experts around BC and WD to find a mechanism to capture this new data in a way that is not a further burden on reporting to the CFDCs.

Community Futures Network of Canada

In March 2017, the Community Futures Network of Canada submitted a proposal for the renewal and modernization of the Community Futures Program to Innovation, Science and Economic Development Minister Navdeep Bains. Ron Trepanier, Executive Director CFNC provided an update in early January that was distributed to the BC CF Network. The update along with the complete proposal is available at <http://bit.ly/2mjwiqN>

The update referenced a petition that has since gone live. The petition link was distributed to the BC CF Network who were encouraged to distribute the link to staff, volunteers, present and past clients. [The CFNC Petition](#) Ron Trepanier and the working group will be meeting in-person in Ottawa on January 24, 2018.

Communications

Are you receiving?

The weekly BC CF Network – Useful Updates and Information e-blast? The quarterly CFBC Futurescape Newsletter?

If you haven't received these communications and would like to, please contact Vanessa Tveitane to have your email address added to the distribution lists.

Do you have an account to access the CFBC Website Members' Area?

To access the resources available to staff and volunteers in the Members' Area you must create an account. To do so, visit <http://www.communityfutures.ca/user/register> to be guided through registration. Once you have done so you will receive an email with a one-time login link, which will then prompt you to create a password.

An account provides access to reports, committee minutes, board minutes, activity updates, links and access information to other resources available in the Network, including the Pan West Leadership Institute, the Branding Portal and much more.

Member account requests are processed during regular business hours. If you have registered your account, but are unable to remember your user name, please contact Vanessa Tveitane for assistance.

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