

# Activities Update

January 20, 2018 – March 20, 2018

## CF Spring Training 2018

March 12 – 14 saw the CF Spring Training held at the Pinnacle Harbourfront Hotel in Vancouver. **Day 1** was a meet and greet reception for all the attendees and featured some valued CFBC partners.



From left: Sara Clark, Small Business BC, Cheryl Johnson CFBC, Kath Britton, Women's Enterprise Centre



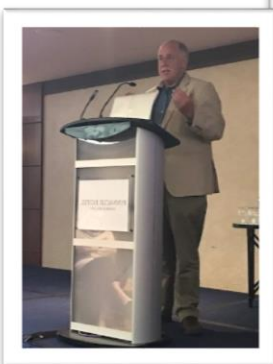
From left: Sara Clark, Small Business BC, Tammy Shulz, WED, Tanja Carlson, CF Shuswap, Rob Marshall, CF Shuswap



Bob Annis, CFBC welcomes attending guests



**Day 2** featured several great speakers on a variety of informative topics such as; Telling the CF Story, 10 Tips for Improved Workplace Communication, Introduction to the Export Process, BC Economic Outlook, Lets Socialize and Working Effectively with Aboriginal Peoples.



Dale Wheeldon,  
President & CEO,  
BCEDA



Heather O'Hara & Stewart Anderson, presenting "Lets Socialize".



Tiffany Bell, CF Haida Gwaii, Introducing Flavio Caron "Working Effectively with Aboriginal Peoples" presenter

## Upcoming events

### CFBC BOARD MEETING

April 16 & 17, 2018  
Revelstoke

July 19, 2018

### CHAIRS & MANAGERS ROUNDTABLE

June 14, 2018  
Via Zoom

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**Day 3** was filled with roundtable meetings for Self Employment staff, Business Analysts and Managers.



By all accounts, this year's Spring Training was a resounding success. The initial feedback, through our experience survey, is very favourable and we look forward to implementing the findings at the 2019 Spring Training Event April 4-6, 2019

### BC Future Fund Task Meeting



The BC Board and Futures Fund Task Force met in Richmond on February 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the transition of the BC Future Fund to an investment Lending Pool. On Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> the Board met with Rupert Downing, CED Advisor from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development, engaging on BC's Rural Development Strategy, specifically sharing CED Projects and challenges faced.

### Lending and Investment Pool Task Force

The first meeting of the Lending and Investment Pool Task Force took place in Richmond on February 21<sup>st</sup>. The purpose of the day's meeting was to advance the Community Futures BC Board of Directors request for the Task Force to develop and identify a framework for a BC Investment Fund Pool.

### CFBC Wildfire Business Transition Project

On March 21<sup>st</sup> members of the Wildfire Transition Project team met with WD at the All Nations Trust new offices in Kamloops, to discuss details regarding CF project implemented action in support of rural businesses recovering and transitioning after the wildfires.

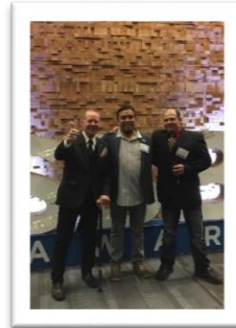


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## BC Small Business Awards Gala



CFBC attended the BC Small Business Awards Gala on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>. Assistant Deputy Minister Gerry Salembier, WED, was a speaker and presenter of the Best Innovation Award.



Left: Garry Angus  
EDP Coordinator at  
the awards



Cheryl Johnson CFBC ED,  
pictured with George Hunter is  
the CEO of Small Business BC

## Meeting with Western Economic Diversification

On Feb 15<sup>th</sup> CFBC ED Cheryl Johnson, Wendy Smitka CFNL Chair, met with Dylan Jones, Deputy Minister WED and Gerry Salembier, Assistant Deputy Minister BC, WED, to discuss the CF Network in BC and across Canada to identify opportunities for enhanced partnerships and engagements Western Economic Diversification and other Federal Ministries.



**From left to right:** Gerry Salambier, Wendy Smitka, Cheryl Johnson and Dylan Jones

## Pan West Meeting



Pan West representatives from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba met in Calgary on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> to participate in a Strategic Planning Session and to develop the Operations Plan for the coming year, with the assistance of Facilitator Paul Weist.

## Federal Budget 2018 Breakfast

CFBC & CFNC reps had the opportunity to attend the BC Businesses Council's #Budget2018 breakfast with Federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau.

As details of the Budget continue to unfold, CFBC looks forward to positive news in support of the national CF network and the economic sustainability & resiliency of rural communities across Canada.





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## Strategic Marketing Plan Meeting

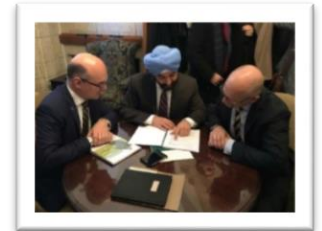
CFBC's Marketing and Partnerships Committee held a Strategic Planning session in Richmond on January 24<sup>th</sup>, facilitated by David Mailloux, a Board member of CF Central Island. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the development of a 3-5-year Marketing strategy with such priorities as advocating and raising the profile of the CF offices, increasing funds in the community and thereby increasing loans and leveraging marketing dollars. Participants had several excellent suggestions and ideas which will be incorporated into the Marketing Strategy



## CFNC

On Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Rémi Massé, Quebec Liberal Caucus Chair delivered our CFNC petition, with over 4000 signatures, to Minister Bains. The photo shows the petition being read and signed in the Chamber anteroom.

From Left: Rémi Massé, Quebec Liberal Caucus Chair, Minister Bains, David Lametti, Parliamentary Secretary



## Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program

EDP Renewal.

The EDP advisory Committee met February 14 to review progress in the current support contract. At Q3 of this fiscal, all contract performance indicators have been met and surpassed. Committee also discussed the expected EDP renewal and new performance indicators required by WD. Angus developed the following recommendation for Johnson to take to WD:

1. That WD define the new EDP performance indicators
  - a. And share this information with CFDCs
  - b. And inform CFDCs of their duty to report on them Quarterly
2. That WD provide CFDCs with a mechanism to capture the proposed indicators that will
  - a. not create an undue burden on the reporting requirements already required by WD in CFDC contribution agreements.
  - b. Will be easy, accurate and efficient in capturing the required data

WD has subsequently sent CFBC EDP performance indicator definitions. Committee members are concerned that CFDCs not be burdened by the new reporting requirements and urge that WD fund the required software development to capture these indicators, as there is no means of doing so at present in TEA software.



## Nuu-Chah-Nulth

CFBC had a great meeting on March 16 with Nuu-Chah-Nulth Economic Development Corporation #NEDC in support of Indigenous rural entrepreneurs & small business.

From left: Al Little Nuu-Chah-Nulth Economic Development Corporation, Cheryl Johnson, ED CFBC, Larry Casper, CFBC Director & Indigenous Advisor

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## Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is from April 15-21, 2018, when CF's Recognize the Volunteer of the Year for each Community Futures office throughout BC. Community Futures BC will be providing a certificate and gift to the offices to present to their Volunteer of the year during that week.

## Farewell

We bid a fond farewell, to Vanessa Tveitane at the end of February. Vanessa had been with Community Futures for 5 years as our Communications & Office Administrator. Her love of animals has taken her to work in a veterinary clinic in Abbotsford. We wish Vanessa well in her new career adventures!



## 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.

### Have you liked CFBC on Facebook?

CFBC shares information and client stories on both [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). When posting to your social media channels, use #communityfutures to make it easier for others to find your posts.