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Vibrant Community Roundtable

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Ontario Power Generation Visitor Centre

2500B Second Street West, Cornwall, ON K6H 5R6

Present:

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| Alex de Wit | Social Development Council of Cornwall & Area |
| Jim McDonell | MPP, Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry |
| Chris McDonell | Mayor of North Glengarry |
| Abram Benedict | Grand Chief of Akwesasne |
| Justin Towndale | Cornwall City Counsellor |
| Dan Parkinson | Chief of Police, Cornwall Community Police Service |
| Gary Cole | Mohawk Council of Akwesasne |
| Todd Lalonde | Chair, Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario |
| François Bazinet | président, Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien. |
| Jeanette Despatie | CEO, Cornwall Community Hospital |
| Maureen Adams | CAO, City of Cornwall |
| Chris Clapp | Seaway Valley Community Health Centre |
| JoAnn Hickley | Job Zone d'emploi |
| Raymond Houde | Counselling and Support Services of SDG |
| Patti Gauley | Eastern Ontario Health Unit |
| Josée Ménard | SDG Legal Clinic / Clinique juridique SDG |
| Jody Souka-Marleau | St. Lawrence College |
| Karen Roundpoint | Eastern Ontario Health Unit |
| Roy Perkins | Perkins Home Centre Ltd. |
| Bill Kaneb | Cornwall Warehousing Ltd. |
| Pierre Lefebvre | Marleau Insurance Bros. |

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| Lori Greer | United Way/Centraide |
| Tom Manley | Homestead Organics |
| Kat Rendek | All Things Food |
| John Towndrow | Transition Cornwall + |
| Susan Towndrow | Transition Cornwall + |
| Lorna McKendry | Transition Cornwall + |
| Susan David | Glengarry Inter-Agency Group |
| Leigh Taggart | Habitat for Humanity – Seaway Valley |
| Barbara Helms | Cornwall Interfaith Partnership |
| Lynne Rochon | Eastern Ontario Health Unit |
| Russell Roundpoint | Akwesasne Area Management Board |
| Neil & Jane MacMillan | |

Others:

Sylvie Kinloch, *Recording Secretary* – Social Development Council of Cornwall & Area.

Chantal Tranchemontagne, *Marketing* – Big Catch Communications

Guest speakers:

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| Liz Weaver | Co-CEO, Tamarack Institute |
| Dr. Paul Roumeliotis | Medical Officer of Health, Eastern Ontario Health Unit |

Regrets:

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| Eric Duncan | Mayor of North Dundas |
| Deb Stava | Dean, St. Lawrence College – Cornwall Campus |
| Cathy Ashby | House of Lazarus |
| Sandy Casselman | Linking Hands |
| Penny Scott | Community Hubs Division |
| Terry Besner | Economic Development of the United Counties of SDG |

Alex de Wit welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

In a brief opening statement, Alex mentioned that today's gathering is the first step of many and is intended to initiate dialogue between the community partners as it relates to building community vibrancy.

Alex, introduced and welcomed Liz Weaver, Co-CEO of the Tamarack Institute.

Liz Weaver welcomed everyone and started her presentation by asking the members what prompts community change? The members responded as such:

- Headlines in the newspapers
- Complaints at the municipal level
- Increase access to services (eg. Mental health, food banks, etc.)
- Census data
- Social media chatter
- Government

Liz Weaver led the members by a Power Point presentation, here were the highlights:

- Five ideas for making significant community change:
 1. Collective impact
 2. Community engagement
 3. Collaborative leadership
 4. Community innovation
 5. Evaluating community impact
- Setting the stage for Collective impact → four important considerations:
 1. Community readiness
 2. Community context
 3. Complexity of issue
 4. Collective impact approach
- Five Community Rhythms:
 1. The waiting place
 2. Impasse
 3. Catalytic
 4. Growth
 5. Sustain or renew
- What is our task? Our task:
 1. Co-develop robust practices of Collective impact (principles, methods, techniques).
 2. Co-build the capacity we need to support these practices (eg. Skills, mental models, spirit).
 3. Co-create the ecology required to support the work (eg. Networks, policies, resources, culture).
- How will we do it? What will it take:
 1. Ideas
 2. Dialogue
 3. Early adopters
 4. Case studies
 5. Investment
 6. Networking
 7. Tools
- Timeframe → 3-5 years → goals setting → short-term deliverables

Alex, introduced and welcomed Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, Medical Officer of Health, Eastern Ontario Health Unit.

Dr. Paul led the members by a Power Point presentation, here were the highlights:

- See slideshow provided by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit.

Alex thanked Dr. Paul for his presentation and presented him with a gift.

Liz Weaver resumed her presentation by asking the roundtable to get into groups of 4-6 people and to answer the following questions:

What do we need to consider when building a Vibrant Community? What are our next steps?

Group #1

- Grass roots approach → do it **with** people not **to** people
- Research
- Education → support parents
- Inclusion → intervention
- Presence of lived experience
- Inventory of who is present and who is missing at the Roundtable
- Duplication
- Look at “How to approach”

Group #2

- Mental Health → lack of resources
- Social cohesion → not work in silos
- Who are the “Champions”?
- Lack of employment opportunities → how to retain youth in our community and attract businesses.
- Every meeting has to produce action

Group #3

- Early childhood development
- Working together as a community “as a whole” → effectiveness
- Generational issues
- Initiate inter-ministerial conversation
- Provincial funding
- Look at the small successes (eg. Situation Table)
- Early intervention → Fight crime in the “highchair” not in the “electric chair”

Group #4

- Philosophical approach
- Starts with local → business owners & neighbours
- “One” community
- The poor feel unworthy → they need a sense of belonging

Group #5

- Next steps need to be concrete
- Collaboration
- Mapping exercise
- Social determinants of health affect all sectors
- Break barriers
- Partners → collective approach

- Look at service delivery models and work with partners
- Process vs. Product

Group #6

- Community partners → committed to change
- Community pride
- Work as a region
- Choose a priority and move forward → based on data

Alex thanked Liz Weaver for her presentation and presented her with a gift.

Next steps:

Alex de Wit shared the next steps:

- Data mapping
- Next Vibrant Community Roundtable meeting → May 2018 to discuss data and deliverables.

Comments/Questions:

- ❖ Stay focused, stay with plan
- ❖ Commitment → action → accountability → results
- ❖ Structure → strategic plan
- ❖ Identify leverage points → make it happen
- ❖ Identify priorities
- ❖ Short term goals → 3-5 years
- ❖ Mapping
- ❖ Lived experience → Community Forum → Questionnaire (SurveyMonkey)
- ❖ Identify barriers
- ❖ Need adequate representation from the Community
- ❖ Which area is represented? → City of Cornwall, the three (3) counties (Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry) and Akwesasne.

Todd Lalonde commended and thanked the Social Development Council of Cornwall & Area for coordinating the Vibrant Community Roundtable.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.