



**2016-2017
Annual General Meeting**

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Growing communities one idea at a time.

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**COMMUNITY FUTURES WEST INTERLAKE
Annual General Meeting**

Moosehorn

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA:

1. Welcome and Greetings
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Adoption of Minutes of the last AGM, Wednesday, June 15, 2016
4. Business Arising from the Minutes of an AGM Nature
5. Reports (AGM Package)
6. Audit Report for the 12 month period ending March 31, 2017
7. Confirmation of the Auditor for 2017/18
8. Presentation of Council Appointed Slate for 2017/18
9. Confirmation of Investment Review Committee
10. Policy Manual amendments
11. Open Meeting
12. Adjournment

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - Annual General Meeting – June 14, 2017

Community Futures West Interlake has wrapped up another year of supporting our communities and businesses to grow. As this report demonstrates, CFWI has met the performance targets as laid out by our funder, but has also invested a great deal of financial, human and technical resources into our region.

The Interlake Community Development Project Support Initiative provided funding to three worthy development projects: the updating of the Woodlands strategic plan; access & signage improvements to the St. Laurent Welcome Centre and the first phase of the Woodlands community play space. The ICDPSI investment of \$20,000 helped leverage an additional \$50,000 in project funding from the proponents and other agencies. The ICDPSI funding is contingent upon our ability to transfer interest proceeds from our investment fund. The Board believes this to be a priority and will continue to work within the budget to continue the program.

Our business services were also increased this year by the introduction of the Elevate Program - a program that allows eligible applicants to access direct supports that will address barriers to entrepreneurship and business ownership. This program is a pilot initiative and is currently being evaluated and considered for renewal. This program complimented the Self-Employment Assistance Program and our regular lending activities.

Our funder, Western Economic Diversification (WED) has been reviewing all Investment Fund operations and this review was undertaken in our office in February. The intent of the review was to assure that appropriate policy and procedure is followed in administering the lending activities. The review went well and provided some positive suggestions to support the continued performance of the loan portfolio. On behalf of the board, I would like to specifically thank the staff for their on-going efforts to not only provide due diligence but to also hold the best interests of our clients in highest regard.

Every year our Board of Directors participates in a strategic planning session to determine how CFWI can best use our limited resources to better the region. To better align and effectively use our resources, the Board felt strongly about the need to develop the West Interlake Regional Development Plan & Collaborative Strategy. With funding support from the Partners 4 Growth Program (Province of MB), CFWI was pleased to be able to coordinate the strategy development. The culmination of four planning sessions, representation by over 30 stakeholders and regional partners has resulted in a realistic, effective strategy that is now under implementation. The CFWI Board has demonstrated its commitment to action on the strategy by allocating approximately \$20,000 in financial and human resources to implementation. We look forward to seeing the positive impacts of this investment in the coming years.

In closing, our corporation is fortunate to have a group of dedicated volunteers who contribute their time and energy to bettering our region. Our very capable, talented staff in turn, provides quality service and support to our communities and clients. Both board and staff demonstrate their care and commitment by going above and beyond for the benefit of the West Interlake. Thank you for your service - I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to serve as your board chair.

Respectfully,
Amanda Stevenson

GENERAL MANAGER'S AGM REPORT

April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017

2016/17 saw CFWI not only continue our core services and programs but also included some new initiatives that will return added dividends to our region. It is deeply rewarding to see that the Corporation's work has engaged our communities and made a positive impact on the development of the West Interlake.

With a "status-quo" nature of our budget, it is a challenge to take on new projects beyond our basic lending and community development services. I am grateful for the Board's direction and support of a number of important new initiatives, specifically, the Social Return on Investment (SROI) pilot project, coordination of the Townfolio community profile subscription and the West Interlake Regional Plan & Collaborative Strategy.

CFWI also participated in two new Manitoba/Western Canada wide initiatives - the CF Manitoba marketing campaign and the Elevate Program. In an effort to promote the services of the overall CF program, all 16 Manitoba offices have bought into a social media based, cooperative marketing campaign. The focus of the campaign will be to share entrepreneur-focused resources on-line and in doing so, build awareness and referrals to CFs. In order to take advantage of this opportunity, CFWI launched a Facebook page and is working on supplementing the marketing posts with local training, event and resource content. We ask for everyone's help in "liking" the page and sharing the content.

The Elevate Program is a pilot initiative designed to reduce or remove barriers to entrepreneurs with disabilities to succeed in business. From an administrative standpoint, the program has provided additional contract funding into our budget in return for significant time investments to support the client and reporting requirements. Being a pilot program, it is unclear as to whether the program will continue. I would like to thank Deb for her patience and commitment to assuring our clients get the most out of the program and streamlining the process.

Social Return on Investment is a tool to measure the often intangible nature of community development efforts. The project is focusing on measuring the impact Woodlands CDC initiatives, specifically youth engagement activities and establishment of the Woodlands Childcare Centre. The past year has included engaging the vast stakeholders affected by the projects and gathering input on the type of change that has occurred as a result of the projects. The final report and determination of the return on this investment is expected in the coming months. I have had the opportunity to learn this very complex process and believe it will be a valuable tool in evaluating and demonstrating the importance of community development investments.

Up to date community profiles are an important tool in promoting our communities as a place to live and do business. Maintaining current information is time consuming and in paper/print format only a snap shot in time. CFWI worked with all of our RMs to

investigate Townfolio - an online, electronic profile subscription that regularly updates 30 data sets. We were able to negotiate a regional pricing package for a three-year subscription and will act as the central body for handling payment and contract. Almost all of the profiles are now active and each community has taken the opportunity to customize the info offered. The group purchase of the subscription resulted in a significant cost savings to all parties.

The biggest project that CFWI coordinated this past year was the West Interlake Regional Plan & Collaborative Strategy. Looking at our communities on a regional basis, there are many common issues that could benefit greatly from a united, regional voice and collective action. The establishment of some regional priorities that could bring positive change also helped CFWI direct its limited resources. With the funding support of Partner 4 Growth and the facilitation/planning experience of Health In Common, we initiated the stakeholder meetings at the beginning of October. The true test of any process is the commitment and continued engagement of the participants. I am so proud of the partners and representatives that assured the process moved forward. The discussion was honest and constructive and resulted in four strong priorities that we can collectively take ownership of and make change. The process also produced some other benefits that are worth noting, perhaps most importantly, a better understanding of our region and appreciation of our commonalities and challenges. The plan has been shared with our local MLAs and MP and have received positive feedback and pledges of support. Implementation is underway and will be a main focus for CFWI in the coming years.

I am very excited about some of the new initiatives undertaken and I am equally proud of the Corporation's delivery of our core services. We continue to put our clients and communities first, helping to move the business or community project forward. This report contains highlights of that work and commitment.

As I reflect on the last year's activities, I am reminded and appreciative of the many community leaders and partners that we have the privilege to serve and support. To our Board, thank you for your dedication to and vision for our region - you are our greatest ambassadors and our connection to our communities. To Kelynda, Henry and Deb, your shared talents and dedication to this corporation is second to none and far beyond any requirements written into a job description. The coming year will see changes to our staffing, I am pleased to welcome Jenny Petersen back to the CF world and wish Henry and Deb all the best in their next chapters of life. We will work hard to build on the foundation you have built.

I look forward to the year ahead.

Respectfully,



Lana Cowling-Mason

COMMUNITY FUTURES MANITOBA (CFM) REPORT

Community Futures Manitoba continues a strong commitment to bringing its 16 CFs a collective voice at the national level.

Our provincial board has certainly seen some challenges with the rotation of its Board Members due to the change in policy by Western Economic Diversification. The policy limits the length of time a volunteer may sit on a Community Futures Board, but it is great to see so many committed volunteers continue to be there.

We have extended our agreement to provide management services with Community Futures Saskatchewan for another year. The arrangement seems to be working well for both organizations.

The work of securing another multi-year contract/funding agreement for the national program is still on the forefront of CF Manitoba.

Respectfully submitted,
Ila Buchanan

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Corporation is governed by a Board of Directors composed of ten (10) persons elected/appointed by their Municipal Councils. Two (2) directors are elected/appointed from each of the R. M.'s of Grahamdale, West Interlake, Coldwell, St. Laurent and Woodlands.

Community Futures West Interlake's Board of Directors is as follows:

R. M. OF WOODLANDS

Ila Buchanan, Chairperson of the Investment Committee and Vice-Chairperson of the Regular Committee – R. M. of Woodlands Councillor - Ila was appointed to the Regular and Investment Committee in November, 2014.

Rudy Reimer, R. M. of Woodlands - Rudy was appointed to the Regular Board in January, 2016

R. M. OF ST. LAURENT

Monte Carrier, R. M. of St. Laurent Councillor, Vice-Chairperson of the Investment Committee - Monte was appointed to the Regular and Investment Committee in October, 2014.

Tiffany Desjarlais – Tiffany was appointed to the Regular Board in April, 2016.

R. M. OF COLDWELL

Amanda Stevenson, Chairperson - R. M. of Coldwell Councillor -Amanda joined the Regular Board in November, 2010.

Marnie Mills-Holm, R. M. of Coldwell – Marnie was appointed to the Regular and Investment Committee in December, 2015.

R. M. OF WEST INTERLAKE

Carroll Hull, RM of West Interlake Councillor - Carroll was appointed to the Regular Board in March, 2015.

Diane Bottrell, RM of West Interlake - Diane joined the Regular and Investment Committee in December, 2015.

R. M. OF GRAHAMDALE

Linda Schroedter, RM of Grahamdale – Secretary-Treasurer. Linda was appointed to the Regular Board in April, 2010.

Randy Sigurdson, RM of Grahamdale – Randy was appointed to the Regular Board in December, 2016.

BOARD EXECUTIVE

Amanda Stevenson– Chairperson
Ila Buchanan – Vice-Chairperson
Linda Schroedter– Secretary-Treasurer

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE

Ila Buchanan –Chairperson
Monte Carrier – Vice-Chairperson
Linda Schroedter – Secretary-Treasurer

STAFF

Lana Cowling-Mason – Lana has been employed with the Corporation since August, 2014. Lana is the General Manager and Community Development Coordinator.

Henry Sikora - Henry started at Community Futures on May, 1993. Henry was employed as the Community Development Manager and in May, 1997 became the General Manager of the Corporation. In May, 2014 Henry went to part-time and has taken the role as the Business Analyst.

Debbie Falk - Debbie has been employed with the Corporation since November, 1990. Debbie is the Office Administrator and Self-Employment Coordinator.

Kelynda Springer - Kelynda started in August, 1996 and is the Administrative Assistant for the Corporation.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS 2016/2017

Community Futures West Interlake is committed to helping communities in the region to grow by helping them help themselves. This means that we are dedicated to helping communities, local governments, and volunteer groups with obtaining what they need in order to succeed in their projects. This may mean assisting with organizational development, training, creating by-laws, incorporation, setting up committees; facilitating strategic or project planning, creating budgets, work plans, and long-term visions; and identifying funding sources, help creating proposals and making applications. The following is a brief summary of some of the projects we have worked on in the past year.

Regional Highlights

❖ West Interlake Community Development Project Support Initiative (WICDPSI)



- CF West Interlake works to foster community and business development in the region. We have dedicated some of our resources (\$20,000) to create a contribution program that will assist community groups in undertaking projects that will create jobs and economic growth in our region. For 2016/17 - 3 projects were approved for a total investment of \$20,000 in projects totaling more than \$50,000.
- Projects approved were: RM of St. Laurent – Wheelchair Ramp and Signage; RM of Woodlands – Strategic Plan; Woodlands School PAC – Community Play Space. In 9 years, we have invested over \$277,000 in direct contribution to 42 projects totaling \$2,745,369 in Community Development Investment.

❖ West Interlake Regional Plan and Collaborative Strategy

Over the last six months, Community Futures West Interlake (CFWI) has been working with thirteen partners to develop a regional strategy that identifies common goals and clear actions that will benefit our region. Representatives of the Rural Municipalities of Woodlands, St. Laurent, Coldwell, West Interlake & Grahamdale; Chambers of

Commerce of Ashern, Eriksdale & Lundar; and Community Development Corporations of Grahamdale, Eriksdale, Coldwell, St. Laurent & Woodlands participated in a process that helped better understand the assets within the region, confirm common challenges and build consensus on actions to be taken. Prioritization of the goals was based on what every partner could support with a common voice and would result in tangible, positive change within the region.



Four areas were identified:

Health: To achieve consistent/quality emergency response across the region based on a 30-minute response time (regional guideline)

Housing: To establish and implement a regional housing strategy that assures access to the continuum of housing options within the region

Marketing: To develop and implement a West Interlake marketing initiative to capitalize on the "Corridor to the North"

Training: To expand locally offered training opportunities for skilled labour

Each of the partners have passed motions supporting the plan and officially signed off and launching the implementation on April 24, 2017. CFWI has committed to support the implementation by coordinating working groups, providing administrative support and establishing seed funding that can be used to move the plan forward. This investment will be matched by the partners' commitment of human and project resources. The goals are ambitious and important and will require the on-going collaboration of the partners in the coming years.

❖ **Social Return on Investment**

A pilot project focused on a local organization to implement a process that assists communities to measure the return on investment into community economic development initiatives to assure effective use of limited resources and provide measureable benefits based on values and social responsibility.

❖ **Townfolio**

Townfolio is a trusted community profile network used by municipalities and businesses to access hard-to-find public data. Community Futures West Interlake was able to negotiate a regional pricing package for five 5 RM's. Majority of the profiles are now active and each community has taken the opportunity to customize the information offered.

❖ **Resource to Community Groups**

Community Futures West Interlake staff sit as an active ex-officio Board Member on Interlake Tourism Association. Community Futures continues to be a resource on the Fieldstone Ventures Education Centre which has seen significant expansion of its outreach, programming and physical location and continues to adapt to training needs. We also sit as ex-officio members of all active Chambers of Commerce and Community Development Corporations.

❖ **Manitoba Rural Economic Development Strategy**

As reported in last year's report, the implementation of the Mb. RED Strategy has been focused on the capacity building for municipal leaders and practitioners and data collection that will help make informed decisions around economic development. The new provincial government is working with the committee to determine how to best move things forward and to align it with other strategies such as Look North and the Capital Region Plan.

In the meantime, the Economic Developers Association of MB (EDAM), as a strategy partner, is leading the development of a Community Economic Development training program. The program will include a number of modules that will provide the core concepts that municipal leaders and practitioners should understand in the delivery of community development. These modules will also be the basis for a certification process for the practitioners. The modules are currently under development and being tested over the next number of months. EDAM will be the owner of the program and seasoned EDAM members will be trained to deliver the modules throughout the province. The core modules are to be completed by the end of 2017.

As a member of the Education Committee, Lana has been directly involved in determining content and delivery methods for the program and will continue to serve as a representative on the overall MB Rural Economic Development Strategy.

❖ **Local Health Involvement Group**

The local health involvement group is a recently created committee of the Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA) as directed by the Minister of Health. The role is to preserve the community voice in the region in general topics dealing with the delivery of health services and how they can be improved. Henry Sikora is a member of the committee, his role and the role of Community Futures is to be aware of the needs and priority of our communities and to promote these to IERHA.

Local Activities Highlights

Our efforts at “getting the word out” about how we can help community organizations have resulted in a busy year. A combination of signage, print ads, direct mailings, and promotion of our services by our Board members and community partners enabled us to actively participate in many projects including:

❖ **2016 Community Futures Economic Development Award**

This year Community Futures West Interlake partnered with Interlake Tourism Association and Community Futures East Interlake, to celebrate Community and Business successes in the Interlake at the 15th Annual Celebration of Stars event held on September 29th in Lockport. The Community Futures Economic Development Award recognized a municipality, town, group or business that had undertaken a community project or activity in the last 18 months that has or will have a significant and long-term economic effect on the community. The two nominees were: Steep Rock Beach Park and the Grahamdale Community Development Corporation. The successful winner was the Steep Rock Beach Park.

Some other local projects Community Futures West Interlake assisted with in 2016/17 are:

- Contracted with the RM of Grahamdale CDC to be their interim Economic Development Officer.
- Assisted the Eriksdale CDC with the Eriksdale Business Park “Buyer’s Checklist”, to establish development requirements.
- Interlake Tourism Association ongoing support and assistance facilitating the annual planning process.
- Participated in meetings with the Lakeshore Communities Health Care Committee regarding expansion of senior health services.
- Assisted the Rosser Woodlands Rec Commission with their financials.
- Assisted the RM of Grahamdale CDC Lemiez Statue project to stabilize and promote the site.
- Planned and facilitate a community forum to generate some project ideas for the RM of St. Laurent CDC.
- Assisted and attended the Steep Rock Beach Park Board meetings and “Meet and Greet” for the seasonal campers.
- Host the West Interlake CDC Chairs Collaboration and EDO networking breakfasts. This gives the Chairs and EDO’s the opportunity to update one another on the projects they are working on.
- Assisted the Woodlands Playground Committee with the preparation of grant applications for play space.
- Provided resource support and bookkeeping assistance to Woodlands CDC.
- Assisted St. Laurent CDC with various projects under development.

The Community Futures lobbying activities for 2016/17 were:

- Ongoing leadership with regard to the Economic Developers Association of Manitoba efforts to develop training resources and support for rural community economic development.
- Ongoing involvement in Community Futures Manitoba including the Pooled Investment Fund and the Employee Wage Classification System. Our corporation is an active member of the Community Futures Investment Fund both as a lender to the fund in the amount of \$837,006, plus as a member of the board.
- Ongoing involvement in Interlake Economic Developers’ meetings and a commitment to cultivating a strong network of professional contacts.
- Meetings with MPs and MLAs when the opportunity arises.
- Partnerships: Work with other economic development entities such as CF East Interlake, ITA and MAFRD on topics of regional interest, and Fieldstone Ventures to explore training opportunities.

Corporate Marketing and Awareness

We promote our services in a number of different ways in order to reach the widest possible audience with a consistent message. We try to keep our communities and partners aware of our services, priorities and activities by:

- Maintaining marketing materials and billboard signs to promote our name and logo
- Twice annual newsletters to every household in the region
- Regular ads in local papers promoting our services
- Many email notices throughout the year advising of new grant programs and deadlines
- Spring and Fall West Interlake Service Providers meetings
- Having a current and informative web page, www.westinterlake.com
- Annual visits with the Financial Institutions in our region
- Regular visits with Councils
- Attend the North Interlake Career and Job Fair
- A part of a Provincial Strategy and Social Media Campaign - Community Futures
West Interlake is involved in a provincial cooperative marketing campaign to promote CF services. Community Futures website has been redeveloped so it is more mobile-friendly. We have a social media presence, with a facebook page.
- With CF East Interlake and Interlake Tourism developing a marketing video. The video will be used to promote the region at conferences, and assist with labour attraction and tourism.

COMMUNITY FUTURES PARTNERS

Partnerships are vital to successful economic development in our region and much of what we have achieved over the past year has been made possible by the support, involvement and often leadership of many partners, including:

- Ashern Chamber of Commerce
- Business Development Canada
- Business Info Centre (BIC)
- Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce
- Caisse Populaire
- Coldwell CDC
- Communities Economic Development Fund
- Community Futures East Interlake
- Community Futures Manitoba
- Conseil de Development Economique des Municipalities Bilingues du Manitoba
- Economic Developers Association of Manitoba
- Employment and Income Assistance
- Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program
- Eriksdale CDC
- Eriksdale Chamber of Commerce
- Noventis Credit Union Ltd.
- Fieldstone Ventures Education & Training
- First Peoples Investment Fund
- Independent Living Resource Centre
- Interlake Employment Services
- Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority
- Interlake School Division (WCI)
- Interlake Tourism Association
- Lakeshore School Division
- Lakeshore Communities Health Care Committee
- Louis Riel Capital Corporation
- Training and Employment Services
- Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
- Manitoba Business Start Program
- Healthy Living Youth and Seniors
- Interlake Metis Association
- Manitoba Young Entrepreneurs Program
- Members of Legislative Assembly and Parliament
- Office of Rural and Northern Health
- Rural Municipalities of the West Interlake:
 - Woodlands
 - St. Laurent
 - Coldwell
 - West Interlake
 - Grahamdale
- Society for Manitobans with Disabilities
- St. Laurent CDC
- Steep Rock Beach Park Board
- Western Economic Diversification Canada
- Women's Enterprise Centre
- Woodlands CDC

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

2016/2017

Business Support

- ❖ Assist in the development and planning of new business or business expansion.
- ❖ Assist with approaching Banks, Credit Unions and other lenders.
- ❖ Assist in developing a business or financial plan.
- ❖ Help in accessing government business support programs, including the Self-employment Program.
- ❖ Analyze business plans and access industry statistics.
- ❖ Repayable small business loans, loan guarantees, or equity investments.
- ❖ A regional site for the Business Info Centre (BIC) (formerly Canada/Manitoba Business Service Centre). We maintain a comprehensive business library and an internet access point available to you to search your business idea.
- ❖ Business training on marketing, cash flow management, how to start a business, taxation, and many more.

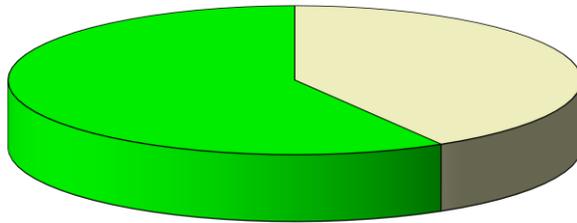
Business Financing

- ❖ Small business, Entrepreneurs with Disabilities, Youth and Social Enterprise loans up to \$150,000.
- ❖ Regular loans require a minimum equity of 10% in the business.
- ❖ Repayment terms up to 5 years with a maximum period of 10 years.
- ❖ Interest charges of bank prime +2% to +4%, minimum base rate of 6.5%. Disability and Social Enterprise loans interest charges of bank prime, minimum base rate of 5%.
- ❖ Youth Micro Loan Program loans up to \$2,000 for enrolled full-time students. Interest charges of bank prime for a maximum of one year repayment term. Rebate/grant of 10% borrowed will be returned if loan is paid in full and on time.
- ❖ Aftercare loan and business counselling.

Loan Statistics for 2016/17	
Business Client Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disbursed 10 loans, for a total amount of - \$326,174 • Dollars leveraged \$459,939 (owner's equity, assets, or other financial institutions). • Created or maintained 12 jobs
On an annual basis:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 213 in-depth services for individuals requiring technical and advisory services.
In a typical Month:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide services to 7 - 8 business clients • Have over 40 contacts with these business clients • Work on 2 to 3 business plans.

Loan Activity For 2016/2017

	2015/2016	2016/2017
Total Number of Loans Disbursed	6	10
Value of Loans Disbursed	\$325,038	\$326,174
Dollars Leveraged	\$1,061,000	\$459,939
Total Dollars Invested	<u>\$1,386,038</u>	<u>\$786,113</u>
Jobs Created or Maintained	19	12



Loans by Sectors and Value

Sectors	Number of Loans	Value of Loans	%
Arts, Ent. & Recreation	4	268,980	14%
Manufacturing	4	157,853	8%
Construction	2	339,546	18%
Professional, Scientific & Tech	1	37,546	2%
Retail Trade	3	206,559	11%
Other Services	7	254,456	14%
Accommodation & Food Serv.	10	619,317	33%
Total Value/Loans	31	1,884,257	100%

Loans by Municipality and Value

Municipality	Number of Loans	Current Balance	Amount Approved
Grahamdale	0	0	0
West Interlake	12	724,898	756,100
Coldwell	6	293,028	375,465
St. Laurent	2	176,066	160,000
Woodlands	10	641,315	1,040,235
Joint-Community Futures	1	48,950	150,000
TOTAL	31	1,884,257	2,481,800

TRAINING AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FOR 2016/17

- **Effective Fundraising – How to Plan A Capital Campaign** – We had an evening session on July 20th with 12 people in attendance. The evening focused on:
 - what is a capital campaign and how could it help meet fundraising goals while using volunteer time effectively.
 - Developing a case for support that can be used in grant applications and sponsorship requests.
 - How to develop fundraising targets and prospects to support your cause.
 - Information on grant programs and funders that may be interested in supporting your project.

- **Grahamdale Economic Development & Land Use Planning** – A Lunch and Learn session with the RM of Grahamdale on March 27th with 18 people in attendance. The day covered an overview of the basic components of land use planning and how this effects economic development activities. Regional Planning Services provided an overview of development plans, zoning bylaws, subdivisions, conditional uses and variations.

- **Charitable Tax Status - Senior Resource Council** – Delivered a training session to the Senior Resource Councils as an overview of non-profit organizations, charitable tax status and the process to obtain, maintain the status. Approximately 45 people in attendance.

- **Elevate Program** – Elevate is a business building program for youth and adults with a disability or health condition interested in starting a business. Provides assistance, support and resources to qualified individuals who wish to become self-employed. The program assists entrepreneurs locating their businesses in rural, remote or northern communities in Manitoba.

- **Business Info Centre (BIC) Satellite Office** – the Community Futures office is a satellite office for the Business Info Centre (formerly the Canada/Manitoba Business Service Centre) and has access to a collection of business resource materials and 2,000+ business resource books and community internet access site.

- **Self-Employment Program** – Community Futures West Interlake continues to deliver this program on behalf of Training and Employment Services. The program allows individuals on Employment Insurance to start a business while receiving program benefits. We have established a very positive working relationship with the program consultant to ensure sound delivery of the program.



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