

ACW PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thursday, September 13, 2012
Board of Directors Meeting
Room 310
ACWI, 181 Higgins Avenue
Winnipeg, MB

Good day! My very concise report for September/12.

Tripartite

The City of Winnipeg is hosting the next Tripartite/Joint Management Committee (JMC) meeting in Winnipeg next Monday, September 17/12. ACW received a letter (copies provided with your kit) from AANDC (Metis and Non Status Relations Directorate) today. This letter confirms the recent changes within the Department and that they will continue to work with ACW. Jeff Betker will continue on as our lead officer. We will get more info in the above noted meeting next week. AWC anticipates receiving this year's contribution agreement within 2 weeks and a 1st payment within a month of that. We are managing our cash flow accordingly.

ACW Workplan 2012/13: We anticipate completion of all activities required by the end of the fiscal year and within budget.

Reporting by Portfolio (only those with new activity since my last report)

Economic Development: The offer to purchase an existing recycling business has been accepted by the owner. Financing arrangements are in process. A closing date is anticipated sometime in October.

Emerging Issues:

- ACW is exploring the opportunity for provision of mental health programs and services to the Aboriginal community in Winnipeg. Meetings are being arranged to identify needed programs and services and ways and means to provide same. Work in this area is only beginning, so we will provide updates as required.
- ACW is pleased to report that the Urban Aboriginal Strategy Committee in Thunder Bay has decided to organize the Aboriginal Peoples Council of Thunder Bay. This proves that urban Aboriginal communities are beginning to realize the potential for collective action with a critical mass of individuals and families in one place.

Community Development

ACW is exploring ways and means of improving our effectiveness to engage with the community we serve. I have had an initial meeting with a consultant who well known and respected for her knowledge and practice around collaboration and conflict resolution/mediation.

Homelessness and Housing

ACW (President Johnston) is participating in the Downtown Biz CEO Sleepout scheduled for Thursday, September 27/12 at Portage and Main. I will also be speaking at the press conference for this event tomorrow morning at 11:00am at the same location (old Can West Bldg courtyard).