

Partners in Action - STRATEGIC GOALS: 2012

Strategic Goal	Implementation	Measurement/ Monitoring Tool	Results
<p>Address Homelessness</p>	<p>Continue to implement homelessness strategy.</p>	<p>Track the benchmarks and performance measures.</p>	<p>In the Summer of 2012, an action team reviewed the benchmarks and results of the homeless strategy. Suggestions were made for updates and new indicators for the Committee to track.</p>
<p>Increase Number of Safe Affordable Housing Units</p>	<p>Source out funding for a housing needs assessment to be used by agencies applying for capital funding.</p> <p>Identify other land sites, agencies and partnerships for supported and low cost housing projects. Ensure planning of future projects directly correlates with meeting the identified gaps/targets.</p> <p>Strategies for families currently living in “less than adequate housing” (eg mobile homes, basic safety).</p> <p>Affordable/attainable home ownership models and legal documents.</p>	<p>Track number of business plans and units created as a result of action teams.</p>	<p>In 2012, a North Okanagan Affordable Housing Developer’s Package was developed which included a land inventory of affordable housing.</p> <p>The City of Vernon will fund a housing needs assessment as part of their OCP Review that will be completed in the Spring of 2013.</p> <p>The Viridian affordable housing project has been approved by BC Housing that will see 20 new units of affordable housing constructed in Vernon. Construction began in the Fall of 2012.</p> <p>Partners in Action liaised with City of Vernon Fire Department which is initiating a program to target low income families.</p> <p>The City of Vernon and the Land Trust are developing a partnership to deliver an attainable housing home ownership program in 2013.</p>

<p>Increase Awareness/ Access to Childcare and Early Childhood Development</p>	<p>Work with business community and City Council to promote need for childcare.</p> <p>Continue to partner with the ECD Coalition. Focus on community forum in May.</p>	<p>Track number of businesses that become engaged in child care issue. Track number of new childcare spaces created as a result of action teams. Track number of learning opportunities around ECD.</p>	<p>There were no action teams that focused on increasing child care spaces this year. Partners in Action did support the ECD Coalition to complete a Children's Charter in conjunction with the City of Vernon.</p>
<p>Increase Sense of Safety Downtown/Community</p>	<p>Work with DVA to identify action teams as needed.</p> <p>Understanding the sex trade in Vernon (report/research).</p>	<p>Track number of action teams. Evaluate response from DVA/community on success of initiatives.</p>	<p>Partners in Action continued to work with the DVA and create action teams in partnership (for example, Justice Park).</p> <p>An action team was created in the Fall of 2012 to Support Sex Trade Workers.</p>
<p>Building Neighbourhood/ Community Capacity</p>	<p>Continue to identify neighbourhood sites/projects/partnerships.</p> <p>Keep recreation issues on our radar (sports fields, pool etc).</p> <p>Keeping youth in our community.</p> <p>Increasing volunteerism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ create opportunities for youth ✚ engaging with own community ✚ school age programs ✚ "speed volunteering" 	<p>Track the number of projects/partnerships created. Evaluate success based on access by neighbourhood and/or community to shared amenities.</p>	<p>A number of action teams were created in this category:</p> <p>The creation of the Community Farm partnership which will provide access to food production to marginalized populations as well as the community as a whole.</p> <p>The City Centre Greenspace Audit which resulted in the Justice Park action team which seeks to increase the safety/accessibility of a park in the City Centre.</p> <p>The Harwood Neighbourhood Council where we assisted with the development of a Good Neighbour Agreement and neighbourhood security plan.</p>

<p>Implement Harm Reduction Strategy</p>	<p>Continue to initiate action teams based on the strategy recommendations.</p>	<p>Track the benchmarks and performance measures.</p>	<p>The Harm Reduction Evaluation Action Team met twice in 2012 to monitor the implementation of the plan. A number of recommendations have moved forward including:</p> <p>The FASD Protocol Action Team, the Methadone Presentation, Home Detox Action Team, Supporting Sex Trade Workers and Responsible Gambling Awareness Week.</p>
<p>Create Community Awareness of Partners Committee</p>	<p>Initiate media coverage.</p> <p>Engage in community presentations.</p> <p>Seek wide community representation on action team.</p>	<p>Track the media coverage and presentations.</p> <p>Track the action teams for number of different agency, business, and organization representation.</p>	<p>The Vernon Morning Star wrote approximately 25 articles regarding various action teams. There were 10 radio interviews and three television interviews.</p> <p>We had over a hundred different groups and organizations take part in various action teams throughout the year.</p> <p>The Coordinator made presentations to four local groups including Kalamalka Rotary and the Old Age Pensioners Group. She also made presentations across the province at various conferences/training including: UBCM, CHMC Municipal Workshop Series, Capilano University Professional Development for Local Government, and the Building Sustainable Communities Conference.</p>