

May 6, North End Multi-service Roundtable, Veith House
Hosted by North End Community Circle.
Notes by NECC Community Facilitator Lisa Roberts

Matthew McCarthy (mccarhm@halifax.ca)– North Branch library. Wednesday morning, women's group, running for 30 years. Sometimes just conversation, other times special programs; e.g., Gaelic stepdancing; Naturopathic hormonal health. Tobacco cessation program: a 5-week program starts May 23. People register through the health board (gethelpstopping.ca).

Hope Blooms is running the group from library for the summer. Sorting out details.

Involved in planning for Gottingen 250; Sept 11-14. People have been asked to bring old photos of Gottingen to the library. Also collecting stories through Centreline studio.

Ben Rodgers (ben@familysos.ca)– Family SOS – lead youth worker. Planning for summer program; free summer camps usually fill up. If anyone has activities – for 12 youth, junior high – high school aged – he's looking for fun things to do. Have volunteer opportunities for 18-yr-olds. Currently enrolled youth get priority along with youth from the neighbourhood, but some capacity to take youth from out of the area.

Kat Kitching (kat@outdooractive.ca) – runs Outdoor Active Fitness – private business of Nordic pole walking. Most classes involve walking with poles, which is rehabilitative and strengthens joints. Runs the business as a social enterprise with a sliding scale. One program at Northwood now with people in 70s. Converting business to a non-profit cooperative. People who take classes help already. Now has formed an interim board. Hopes to get grants. Will do a Nordic pole workshop for free/ cheap.

Melodie Skeete (mskeete@phoenixyouth.ca) – Phoenix – Mulgrave Park. This summer: youth programming re. employability/ pre-employability. Never had a problem filling spots. Junior high program and high school program, ages 12- 24. Hiring for summer program and aim to hire from community. For the 12 youth in junior high, they take morning workshops on building employability: conflict resolution, first aid; etc. In the afternoon, they normally go into volunteer experiences. Really trying to expand volunteer placements: trying to build some more meaningful experiences (even leaf raking, lawn maintenance).

Winnie Kwak– resident.

Craig Wilkington (cwalk@eastlink.ca) – Halifax Community Investment Fund Society – successor to group that started with Harbour Solutions program; city gave a community integration fund; \$1million. HCIF distributes the income from capital to recipients living in the area Cogswell to North St. , Barrington to North Park/ Agricola. 10 - \$2500 bursaries/ year; run a pro-bono wills program – match them

with McInnes-Cooper; gave grant to North Central Community Council Association that is trying to acquire St. Pat's- A; have also made a loan to the Community Carrot; volunteer board, no staff or space; have handed out \$250K in past 7 years; Michelle Strum, Paul from United Way, have the sense that organizations in Gottingen St. are poorly connected and want to address that. HCIF is also looking at how to get more funding to give more bursaries; HCIF doesn't duplicate community services. Needs to increase profile.

Jennifer Watts (Jennifer.watts@halifax.ca)– Councillor, District 8 – Participatory Budget process kicking off; \$96,000 capital funds available. May 28 deadline for projects. June 11 voting on projects. Idea is that people learn about what is happening in the community; science fair-level presentations. Cap of \$20K per project.

Halifax Explosion – 2017 – commemorative committee; will be a call for members.

St. Pat's High School – Quinpool/ Windsor - May 21 meeting at Halifax Forum to talk about what should happen with that property.

Neil Bailey –(bailey.neil@gmail.com) Halifax Tool Library –funding drive almost completed; skill-building sharing a big part; will be operating on Almon St. 790 sq feet that they'll share with Bike Again (moving out of Bloomfield by end of June); starting in June. Two existing tool libraries in Canada operate with all donated tools; don't expect to seek grants. Cost of membership will be \$35 - \$50. Will continue to accept donated tools.

Stan Levy – Mulgrave Park Baptist Church – trying to get involved.

Genevieve DeYoung – social work student.

Lynn MacDonald – school social worker with HRSB.

Tamsyn Brennan – (tamsyn.brennan@veithhouse.ns.ca) Veith House. Looking for community members to join Veith House staff for upcoming trainings. Safe talk training – May 17, 9 – noon, 3 hours, \$30; anyone 15 and over. Mental health professionals would find it repetitive, but good for anyone else. Also will do Assist (suicide intervention training) in September. Need to partner with some other organization(s) to get minimum 12 people for training. Broke ground on Halifax Explosion Children's memorial garden; NSCAD students are working on mural for inside of fence. Looking for large (28oz +) soup cans; will be planning in soup cans; community kids project.

\$2.50 yoga continues on Tuesday mornings.

Lisa Davis (lisa.davis@communityjusticesociety.org)– restorative justice case worker with Community Justice Society. Looks to community organizations to host youth for community service hours (like volunteer work). CJS has funding to employ six youth this summer;

Nicholas Williams (williamn@halifax.ca)- June 1 is recreation day. There will be lots of free programming (swim, gym, classes.) Ongoing free gym time on Saturday afternoons; free family swim Thursday evening.
On board of Northern Lights Lantern Festival – looking for sponsorships and also in-kind donations, including of mason jars.

Will Hill (will@ecologyaction.ca) – EAC food program –

- HRM food strategy
- Hiring a summer student for 10 weeks
- Helping with a few gardens

Julian West (mt@ecologyaction.ca)- Trax – EAC.

Making Trax – getting youth/ children using active transportation; has trained 5000 youth; try to deliver programs in community – by training trainers;

Bike Again – EAC's voice for Bike Again.

Can work on a bike for free; can take a bike home; can purchase a used bike refurbished by volunteers;

Jaime Dobson – ReBoom – program of Northwood. 50+ Block party happening on July 19th. Placemaking at Northwood/ Black St. will be repainted.

Devon Bundy – Schools Plus at SJAM, Highland Park and others.

Alex – St. George's Youth Net – afterschool/ lunch program – new director of St. George's youth net.

Shawn Martin – Family SOS. BSW social work student.

Lisa Roberts – North End Community Circle – with advisory board, NECC is requesting that groups support the NECC through an annual membership fee. Not all groups will be able to, but some.

Considering developing a proposal to the Inspirit Foundation for work with youth, 18-30, around pluralism.

Community garden being established near Needham Centre with support from EAC's food program.

North End Community Barbecue will be held June 18 (raindate June 19), from 4 – 7 p.m. at Isleville Park.

Kate Matheson – (katemcoverdale@eastlink.ca) Coverdale Legal Services. This summer partnering at Alderney Gate to offer a program to girls from any neighbourhood. Will have a summer rec program in partnership with the Friendship Centre at Macdonald Beach - lifeguards. Working on transportation.

Sherri Moffatt – (moffats@halifax.ca) HRM Recreation, manages programs/ facilities on peninsula; Canadian Tire Jumpstart – funding for children in programs;

can go to our website \$200/ child/ year. Some restrictions but can apply to most recreation programs.

Isleville Centre – people rent it for birthdays; neat facility. Want to use it more. There will be programs at the Oval this summer – rollerblading, rollerskating. Daycamps can book as can schools in June.

Next Roundtable: June 3, 9 a.m., Veith House