

**Is a Hub Part of the Solution?
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
October 18, 2018**

Minutes

Attendees:

1. Jim Cahill (on several board);
2. Francis van Kessel - Yukon Association for Community Living;
3. Shonagh McCrindle - Yukon Association for Community Living;
4. Lindsay Cornell (Boys & Girls Club Yukon);
5. Tracy Erman (citizen);
6. Stephanie Padfiels - Yukon Mental Health Association;
7. Al Cushing (on several boards);
8. Julie-Anne Ames - Yukon Learn;
9. Kristina Craig- Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition
10. Natalie Taylor - FASSY;
11. Fumi Forigai- Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon (JCAY);
12. Rebecca Senko - Yukon Art Society;
13. Andrea Simpson - The Heart of Riverdale community Centre;
14. Alex Robinson - The Heart of Riverdale community Centre;
15. Duncan Sinclair (Jazz Yukon);
16. Wendy Morrison - Cpaws;
17. Angela Kruger- Big Brothers Big Sisters
18. Ross Burnet - YG,Arts Fund
19. Daniel Mackenzie - Free the Beat Foundation

Facilitators: Bruno Bourdache (VBY) & Julie Dufresne (Facilitator)

1- Introduction, Expectations

All attendees presented who they are, their motivation for the meeting, and their idea of what a hub is.

- Sharing resources,
- A platform where NGOs can share information,
- Facilitate cooperation,
- Partnership,
- Space sharing,
- Professional support;
- Sharing costs;
- Share administrative staff;
- Support advocacy;
- Mentoring,
- Access to legal support;
- What the mission will be,
- Need to know what are the issues we want to solve

Comments:

- New NGO legislation causes a feeling that creating NGOs in the future may be more restrictive.
- A desire for NGOs to maintain their individual sovereignty on things where there is no consensus within a hub.
- Success of a NGO hub has been demonstrated in other jurisdictions outside of the Yukon.
- Cost savings through resource sharing is a well-voiced motivation for many interested parties.

- Pooling resources could mean creation of full employment and also loss of many part time positions.
- Collaboration not competition (among NGOs).
- Another motivation for a hub is achieving further autonomy (financial and micro-management) from Government through resource sharing.

2- Reasons of the meeting

Steering Committee

- VBY organised this presentation to know if some NGOs are interested in forming a steering committee and work with VBY to define what kind of hub we need in the Yukon and to create one. There are 720 non-profit organisations in the Yukon (from Corporate Affairs) and we are aware that NGOs need to diversify their revenues or find solutions to decrease expenses, without alarming our clientele.
- The idea is to create a steering committee. Same process we did with the community thrift store last year: Who will ultimately be part of that steering committee, the mandate, vision, mission; everything has to be decided by the committee but the committee will need some type of organisation as well as the time length. There is a template (Term of Reference-Steering Committee) made by Julie that can be modified for this purpose. We believe we can have the idea defined within one year.
- We believe that NGOs should take the lead to create a hub that will be relevant for them instead waiting for government to be dictating what we should do.

VBY

- Over more than 10 years, VBY has heard several ideas for a hub from its membership. Some members requested to be in a same building with other organisations to share renting cost and administration fees, a website portal where we NGOs can share their reports, research, materials, etc., an organisation who will advocate for Yukon NGOs, and more.
- VBY is near to being a hub for NGOs, though more of a networking hub. We have 5 centres: Volunteer, Networking & communication, Training, Resources & Employment. We partner with organisations and businesses for the majority of our services.

Questions or concerns:

- **What if the committee realised another institution has the potential to be a Hub already?**

The steering committee can decide which organisation should take the lead.

- **Instead of creating a steering committee first. Would be better to define what type of needs this Hub can serve?**

The steering committee will define the type of needs. Surveys (for example) could be used to learn the needs of Yukon NGOs.

- **When did VBY do the survey about sharing space?**

It was around 2006 and 2009. Some people believe organisations with similar mandates should be together, but only 30% showed interest the first time and 50% the second time. Today, the answer could be different since some of us have been receiving the same amount of funding or less for several years.