

# October 2023

# **Executive Director's Message**

Greetings,

The Selkirk Community Renewal Corporation will be celebrating our 15<sup>th</sup> year since our Incorporation December 2008. This September marks my 10<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary with the Organization and it's been an amazing experience working with the residents of Selkirk as well as the amazing Organizations/Business' that provide so many great programs and services.

We are pleased to have supported many great projects again this past year with our Small Grants Fund which is available to Community Groups and Organizations annually from April 1st to March 31st to apply for funding up to \$2,500. For more information please see our website at <a href="www.selkirkcrc.ca">www.selkirkcrc.ca</a> or check us our on our Facebook Page "Selkirk Community Renewal Corporation".

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our Board of Directors, Staff and Membership for their continued support over the past 15 years. Also, we are very fortunate to continue offering Programs and Services free to the residents of Selkirk and surrounding areas with the support and generosity of various funders throughout the year for which we are extremely thankful.

I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful upcoming Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Ashley Monkman



Executive Director Ashley Monkman, pictured right and Community Facilitator Koral Walker pictured left, attending the P.A.S.S. Graduation and Luncheon June, 2023 where Ashley accepted the Crystal Community Leadership 2023 Award and Koral accepted the P.A.S.S. Alumni Gold Medallion 2023 Award for their hard work and dedication in the community.

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# **Selkirk Employment Services**

We have moved!!! Our new location is 218A Manitoba Ave. Selkirk, MB

We have also expanded our services in the Interlake region to offer Employment Services in the North Eastern with a branch office in Lac du Bonnet. MB.

North Eastman Employment Services areas include the R.M. of Whitemouth, including Elma; L.G.D. of Pinawa, Pinawa; R.M. of Springfield, including Anola and Oakbank; R.M. of Alexander, including Pine Falls and Powerview; R.M. of Brokenhead, including Beausejour, Tyndall & Garson; R.M. of Lac du Bonnet, including Pointe du Bois; R.M. of Victoria Beach; Bissett; Hollow Water First Nation; Little Black River First Nation; Manigotagan; Sagkeeng First Nation.

Selkirk Employment Services/North Eastman Employment Services offer FREE programming open to everyone.

Whether you are currently unemployed or looking to further your career you can book one-on-one sessions with our Career Counsellors to assist with all your employment needs.

#### Services available:

- · Job Search Assistance
- · Resume and Cover Letter Development
- · Career Planning
- · Basic Computer Skills
- · Interview Prep
- · Resource Area



### **Selkirk Employment Services**

218A Manitoba Ave. Selkirk, MB

Phone #: 204-482-8290

Email jobs@selkirkes.ca

Web: www.selkirkes.ca



## **North Eastman Employment Services**

4 Park Ave. Lac du Bonnet MB

Phone #: 431-770-3970

Email: jobs@northees.ca

Web: www.northees.ca

# The Girl's Wellness Program

The Girl's Wellness Program is for youth ages 11-16. The programming is offered during the summer months as a day camp and during the school year for three days a week every Monday, Tuesday/Wednesday, and Friday from 3:30pm-6:00pm at the Selkirk United Church. The program focuses on building healthy relationships, learning life skills including cooking, baking, sewing, crafts, games, self esteem building workshops, volunteer work, and confidence building including youth showcasing their skills/talents all within a safe environment.



# **Indigenous Cultural Club**

The Indigenous Cultural Club is open to families with children ages 5 & up. The children participate in traditional teachings and language classes, while the parents and older children have the opportunity to make mitts, ribbon skirts, moccasins, and learn traditional teachings. We have successfully completed two sessions and are partnering with P.A.S.S, and the Lord Selkirk School Division to expand our program.

We are currently working with Heather Fontaine and Ruth Hooker School making ribbon skirts with the student and teachers for the girl's drum group.



# Community Volunteer Tax Program

The Community Volunteer Tax Program is a collaboration between the Selkirk Community Renewal Corporation and the Canada Revenue Agency. SCRC has volunteers available to complete tax returns for free. This program is available to modest income and simple tax situations, including adults 65 years and older, housing-insecure individuals, Indigenous Peoples, modest-income individuals, newcomers, persons with disabilities and students residing in the City of Selkirk. Simple tax situations including but not limited to; if an individual has no income or if their income comes from these sources: employment, pension, benefits, such as the Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, disability insurance, employment insurance, and social assistance

# Suggested Income Levels: Family size/Total family income

1 person - \$35,000

2 people - \$45,000

3 people - \$47,500

4 people - \$50,000

5 people - \$52,500

# **ABOUT THE SCRC**

The SCRC operates as a non-profit entity within the boundaries of the City of Selkirk. It is currently governed by a 6 member Board of Directors. SCRC is a program under the Manitoba Government's Community Development Branch under the Department of Municipality Grants

SCRC also accepts and approves applications from local non-profit organizations for funding requests through our Small Grants Fund of up to \$2,500.

# SCRC'S MISSION, MANDATE & VISION

#### **MISSION**

As a non-profit organization, the Selkirk Community Renewal Corporation is committed to community development, renewal, and revitalization based on the priorities of the community.

#### **MANDATE**

The mandate of the Selkirk Community Renewal Corporation is to enhance community development and revitalization as well improve the quality of life for Selkirk residents by fostering community spirit and building the capacity of community organizations.

#### **VISION**

A healthy community with sustainable projects and partnerships

## SMALL GRANTS FUND

SCRC provides grants up to \$2,500 to local groups to support local projects that address the goals of the community plan.

Applications intakes will be monthly starting April 1st of each year and all project reports must be completed by January 31st of each year.

For more information or an application please contact Ashley at scrc@selkirkcrc.ca or on our website www.selkirkcrc.ca

Online application:

https://forms.gle/zAT9nYSmTAFxivBr8

## **5 YEAR RENEWAL PLAN**

#### PRIORITY #1: COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLBEING

- Support and coordinate more affordable and accessible sport and recreation programming for youth
- Create affordable and accessible arts and cultural programming
- Increase access to affordable, fresh food
- Create more options for/accessibility to seniors program
- Enhance and develop parenting programs
- Explore opportunities for creating a multi-use wellness and recreation centre

#### PRIORITY #2: HOUSING DIVERSITY AND SUPPORTS

- Identify current housing needs and strategies to address those needs
- Advocate for investment in low-income housing units and explore private investment incentives
- Strengthen tenant education and advocacy supports and facilitate relationship building with landlords
- Enhance and promote resources and supports for first-time homeowners
- Develop and enhance supports for homeless or those at risk for becoming homeless

#### PRIORITY #3: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Develop "Buy in Selkirk" initiatives to encourage shopping in Selkirk
- Encourage local business development
- Increase the involvement of local businesses in community building
- Encourage activity and investment on east Manitoba Ave.

#### PRIORITY #4: COMMUNITY SAFETY

- Identify and address lighting needs in Selkirk
- Increase the accessibility and visibility of Police
- Support safe, evening programming and meeting places for youth
- Develop and support strategies aimed at Improving crime prevention
- Increase pedestrian and cyclist safety

#### PRIORITY #5: AN AWARE & ENGAGED COMMUNITY

- Develop a strategy for sharing information about existing or new programs, services, events and organizations
- Engage and advocate City Council on community priorities
- Encourage neighbourhood based activities and events through incentives and supports
- Encourage and support engagement opportunities for youth, particularly in revitalization initiatives

#### PRIORITY #6: BEAUTIFICATION & REVITALIZATION

- Develop a strategy to address abandoned/neglected buildings
- Improve the exterior conditions of existing housing/business properties through incentives
- Support the restoration of important natural areas
- Encourage and support further development of the waterfront
- Support and encourage neighbourhood clean-ups and beautification activities

#### PRIORITY #7: COMMUNITY INCLUSION & HUMAN DIGNITY

- Develop a strategy to address abandoned/neglected buildings
- Improve the exterior condition of existing housing/business properties through incentives
- Support the restoration of important natural areas

#### **STAFF & BOARD**

## **Executive Director**

Ashley Monkman

## **Community Facilitator**

Koral Walker

Selkirk Employment Services & North Eastman Employment Services

## **Program Manager**

Amy Walker

## **Employment Counsellors**

Cherylynn Scramstad Jenny Petersen Kristian Neufeld

#### **Board Members**

Chair – Darlene Phillips Vice-Chair – John Buffie Treasurer – Jaimie Kozyra

#### **Directors**

Cindy Taylor Linda Anderson Shelley Leonard



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## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is free and allows you to get involved and be a part of the revitalization of Selkirk!

As a member you will receive the quarterly newsletter, notices of special meetings, events and the Annual General Meeting.

If you live, work or own property in the City of Selkirk and are interested in becoming a member you can fill out our membership form and return it to us.

Membership forms are available online www.selkirkcrc.ca

Email: scrc@selkirkcrc.ca or stop by our office at 630 Sophia Street