

RÉSEAU D'INCLUSION COMMUNAUTAIRE

Vibrant Communities Saint John/ RIC 2

DIALOGUE PUBLIC

Centre communautaire Carleton

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Qu'est-ce qu'un RIC?



- Groupe établi pour mettre en œuvre les objectifs du plan provincial de réduction de la pauvreté (EVP)
- Dans la région 2, Vibrant Communities Saint John agit comme RIC et mène la stratégie de réduction de la pauvreté pour la région du grand Saint John
- Au cœur de la sensibilisation communautaire
- Promotion de l'engagement communautaire
- Table ronde de leadership : résidents, gens d'affaires, organismes communautaires et 3 niveaux de gouvernement
- Vibrant Communities Saint John a été créé en 2004

Action prioritaire n° 1
ENFANTS ET JEUNESSE

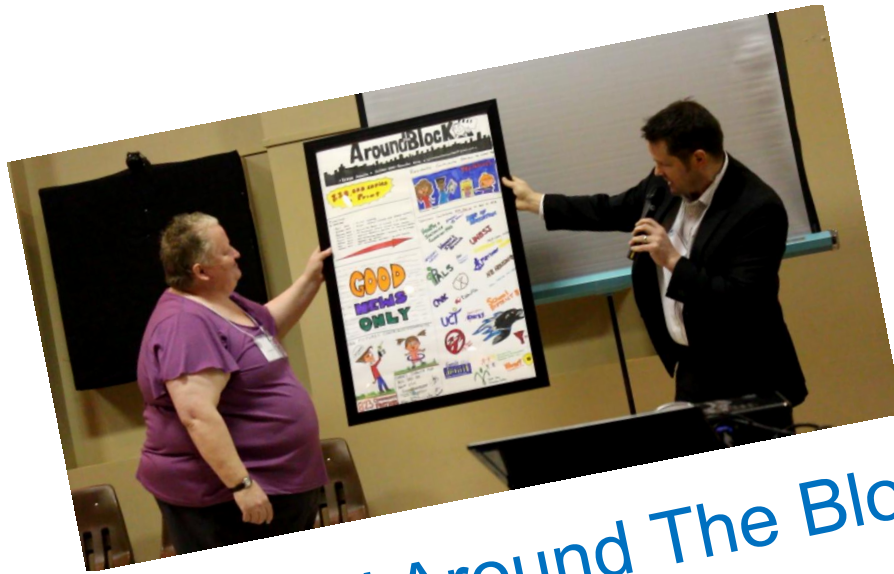
Action prioritaire n° 2
REVITALISATION DE QUARTIER ET LOGEMENT

Action prioritaire n° 3
PARTICIPATION DE LA MAIN-D'OEUVRE

Faits saillants : RIC 2 –Vibrant Communities SJ

- *Driving Toward Health: Vibrant Communities de Sussex et de la région.*
- Services à la petite enfance pour les familles des quartiers à faible revenus
- Transport à Saint John – *Getting Around if you are Just getting by* et initiative multi-ville
- Programme *Learn and Go*
- Plan social pour Saint John
- ÉVALUATION / MESURE DU PROJET PILOTE
- PARTICIPATION DE LA MAIN-D'OEUVRE

Projets avec les partenaires



Journal Around The Block



Petite enfance



Programme
Aller de l'avant

En manchettes

« Nous voulons mettre davantage l'accent sur la famille, l'enfant et le parent », a déclaré Monica Chaperlin, coordinatrice de l'initiative *Business Community Anti-Poverty Initiative*.

« C'est important pour nous. »

Wendy MacDermott, directrice générale de Centraide du grand Saint John, au nom des groupes de quartiers : « L'un des grands défis est de trouver des façons de surmonter l'apathie et de former nos propres chefs de file. »



Vibrant Communities hosted a gathering Wednesday morning at the Kent Theatre to discuss poverty reduction in the city. Many community leaders were in attendance. Here, Kit Hickey takes notes on ideas for neighbourhood improvement. PHOTO: KATE BRAYDON/TELEGRAPH-JOURNAL

A wealth of ideas

Community Vibrant Communities hosts poverty reduction strategy brainstorm

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SAINT JOHN – Barry Galloway was in a hardware store recently when he heard four women at the checkout chatting about poverty in Saint John.

As they shared their views on teen pregnancy and other challenges, Galloway, co-ordinator of Vibrant Communities Saint John, was struck by how openly the issue is discussed locally.

“In Saint John, we don't hide from poverty,” he said.

Some might say we can't. The city has the highest concentration of neighbourhood poverty in Canada. Almost half of the poor live in five neighbourhoods, one of which has a poverty rate of 68 per cent.

On Wednesday, Vibrant Communities Saint John hosted “Poverty Reduction ... Moving Forward,” a half-day community gathering at Kent Theatre to get ideas for a new iteration of the Saint John Poverty Reduction Strategy.

“We wanted to identify some more priority goals,” Galloway said.

It was last revised in 2009. “We are revising it again because we met some of our goals,” he said, citing the example of programs such as PALS and other spinoffs that have had success working with area schoolchildren.

After early sessions offering an overview of the last 10 years and speakers on the topic of “poverty reduction in action,” the crowd broke into groups to discuss four key topics: neighbourhood revitalization and housing, children and youth, workforce participation and single parents/economically disadvantaged adults.

For over an hour they explored: What the priorities for action? What do we need to know? Have we engaged the necessary leader/partners? Are there policy barriers?

Around the table on children and

youth, representatives from government departments, early childhood programs, medicine and more shared ideas.

Some themes emerged.

Integration is an issue between organizations, programs and services, but also in how families are serviced, not as units, but often individually.

Before breaking for a brown-bag lunch, the groups shared their findings, distilling the issues into a single priority.

“We want a stronger focus on the family, the child and the parent together,” said Monica Chaperlin, co-ordinator of the Business Community Anti-Poverty Initiative. “That is one of the things we want.”

Wendy MacDermott, executive director of United Way of Greater Saint John, spoke on behalf of the neighbourhoods group.

“One of the biggest things is finding ways to overcome apathy,” she said, and developing leaders from within.

Sharon Amirault, executive director of First Steps Housing, brought forward the suggestion that the federal child tax credit be issued on the 15th of each month – not the 20th, as it is currently, to bridge the gap between social assistance payments at the start of each month.

The feedback will be gathered and integrated into a report that will be shared with the 40 or so members of the local Vibrant Communities roundtable, which includes people from five city neighbourhoods, three levels of government, the business community, and the non-profit sector.

Galloway, a Newfoundland who has worked across the country, has been impressed by the co-operation he sees here.

“The thing that struck me is that this community works together,” he said. “Everyone works together.”

A final report is expected by the end of April.

- + **313** rencontres
- + **391** citoyens mobilisés
- **107 194\$** effet de levier produit par la communauté
- **284 521\$** valeur totale des projets
- **177 170\$** investis par la SIÉS
- **149** organismes partenaires
- **4** projets

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