

### South Cariboo Sustainability SocietSEP 2 7 2019

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Re 2020 Grant Application

26 September 2019

Attention: Mr Roy Scott, Administrator District of 100 Mile House

Dear Roy, attached please find a grant application for a workshop we, South Cariboo Sustainability Society wish to do in the spring of 2020. We'd appreciate if you would pass it on to the appropriate people – presumably the Mayor and CRD council for their consideration.

We believe strongly in the importance of these workshops and the dissemination of local food production into the community. Here's hoping for a successful outcome.

Thanks very much.

**Hugh Thomas** 

Chairperson SCSS

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Name of Organization:

South Cariboo Sustainability Society

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Purpose of Organization:

Provide leadership and advocacy in sustainable practices through education, information sharing and community engagement.

How Long has the organization existed in the community:

1st meetings 2008, Society Registration 2011

What Community does the organization serve?

The South Cariboo, centred around 100 Mile House, with people mainly living within 50 km. For special events we draw from as far as Horse Fly, Riske Creek, Sheridan Lake and 70 Mile House.

BC Society Registration Number: S0058159

Federal Charitable Registration Number: Not applicable

Chairperson's Name: Hugh Thomas

Telephone:

Treasurer's Name: Barbara Jarvis

Telephone:

Date of last Annual General Meeting:

15th May 2019. Copy of minutes and list of current Directors attached.

Last financial statement (signed by Treasurer) attached.

Previous Grants from CRD (indicate year, amount and project):

2010, \$800, Sustainability Challenge

2013, \$2030 (\$1680 CRD, \$350 District of 100 Mile House), Rebel Garden Zone 2016 \$1000 (\$650 CRD, \$350 District of 100 Mile House), General Expenses, Permaculture

Current Grant Requested from CRD: \$1500.00

### **Grant for Assistance Application**

### 1. What plans has your organization made to fund its activities over the next 3-5 years?

The SCSS receives funding through new memberships, donations from each of its events – participation in Seedy Saturday, Film night and individual donations and receives lots of support in volunteer labour and material donations (building materials, soil, manure, seeds, gardening tools etc). We are always researching other funding organizations in order to apply for more grants. In the past the SCSS has received grants from CBAC, BC Hydro and CRD/Corporation of 100 Mile House to fund projects and annual expenses and continues to receive seed donations from seed manufacturers which are donated to local schools and other groups or planted at the Community Place Garden (CPG). We continue to expand our membership/volunteers through advertising of our education program. Our goal is to have more individuals and organizations volunteering in our community.

### 2. If your organization charges user fees/membership/admission, attach your current fee structure:

The SCSS charges a lifetime membership fee of \$10 for individuals and \$15 for a Family membership fees. Most events are by donation to maximize participation and ensure that nobody is excluded because of lack of funds. The only recent exception to this was the *Era of Megafires* film presentation at the PSO high school.

### 3. What are your organization's specific goals and objectives for this year? How do they differ from previous years?

The SCSS ongoing goal is to provide leadership and advocacy in sustainable practises – with emphasis on:

- sustainable local economy and food system,
- green development standards,
- renewable energy and low footprint transportation,
- environmental stewardship,
- reduction of consumption and waste and
- healthy and safe communities.

Recently we have concentrated on local food production and energy issues. These goals are achieved through education programs, growing healthy fresh vegetables at the Community Place Garden, acting as a central point for the collection and dissemination of sustainability information and encouraging people and governments to act in a sustainable manner. SCSS accomplishes this through education programs on permaculture (gardening), healthier food choices and renewable resources using films, workshops, meetings and presentations, operation of the CPG (in partnership

with the Family Enrichment Centre) at 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and Birch Street and the SCSS Facebook page. The CPG has been in operation since spring 2015 growing vegetables and providing a green space for locals and visitors to relax in.

In the coming year the SCSS intends to continue with the winter film series, monthly meetings, participation in Seedy Saturday, site visits to local examples of sustainability and other community events and operation of the CPG activity and food distribution at the CPG and to the Food Bank.

Next spring (2020) the SCSS is planning a Permaculture Workshop to further educate the local population in growing food for all. Permaculture emphasizes growing plants in a sustainable manner in so that all natural systems (including people) benefit using such techniques as companion planting and no till/low till gardening.

The SCSS in conjunction with David and Laura Laing, of People Power, is aiming to increase the production of vegetables at the CPG for the needy delivered to the 100 Mile House Food Bank.

### 4. Who does your organization serve? (% of clients from District % of Clients from South Cariboo)

The SCSS consists of 80 regular members (57 memberships) and has a contact list of over 150 contact families who have expressed interest in receiving SCSS updates. Our membership (based on 57) includes 25 people from 100 Mile House from the district and 28 from the South Cariboo and 4 with either no address or further afield. The SCSS serves people who are looking for knowledge on growing their own gardens and places to learn about sustainable life styles – really this is everyone.

### 5. Does your organization receive a rental subsidy from the CRD and/or District? If so, how much?

No.

6. Does your organization receive any benefit from permissive tax exemption, and if so, how much (information available from District Tax Department)

No.

7. Does your organization use CRD or District owned facilities? If so which ones?

No

### 8. How will you indicate that the CRD and District are contributing to your organization?

All program advertisements will acknowledge CRD and District contribution. In the introduction to each education session the CRD and District will be mentioned as contributors. Our Facebook page will also state that the CRD and municipal contributed to the program.

### **Project Summary Sheet**

### 1. Brief Description of Proposed Use of Grant Being Applied For.

The SCSS continues to provide excellent programs on sustainable gardening, free fresh vegetables (at the Community Place Garden and the Rebel Garden Zone –a previous campaign), film series on sustainable or alternative life styles, researching solar heating and power systems, alternate forms of transport (electric, car pooling, trains, etc.) buildings, sharing information sustainable living e.g. beekeeping, passive housing and examples of sustainable living from our local pioneers.

The SCSS is seeking funding to continue our various programs and specifically a Permaculture Workshop to educate (beginners and intermediates) on growing plants in accordance with Permaculture principles - growing in a sustainable manner and incorporating the needs of other natural systems. The program plans to draw 10 to 20 people and would be a minimum of two days with the first session concentrating on general principles, soil components and improvement, types of plants suitable for the Cariboo and later sessions being more hands on – learning, building or maintaining no-till beds, raised beds, conserving water and nutrition, composting etc. and would take place at the CPG.

As well as practical knowledge these programs encourage mentorship, potentially increase number of gardens around town, and probably more importantly provide opportunities for networking and friendships.

### 2. How do you know there is a need for this service/project in our community?

At the CPG and other meetings and events questions always arise on how to grow and harvest food, what type of food to grow, how to prepare it, how people can help and if the food in the garden is free to all. We continue to draw 10 or more volunteers to any of events or garden workbees and the audience of our winter film series continues to grow – typically 15 to 25 people and for larger events – such as the Mega Fire film over 100 people.

Across the province, there is an increasing public awareness around the importance of local food security and improved energy efficiency (home and transportation) for communities.

While much can be produced during our short South Cariboo growing season and high elevation, many residents are not aware of what can be grown successfully. Providing access to locally relevant gardening information, acting as a central resource point and generating enthusiasm and excitement around food security will increase people's chances of gardening success. This project would be an exercise in strengthening community and demonstrating the potential to feed our own community.

### 3. Is your agency applying for funds from other levels of government or other sources for this project?

Not at this time, but we will be. SCSS has been scouting and will continue to scout additional sources of funding. Usually these other sources are looking for a single larger project, either single program or physical building project and we have not yet decided on such a project and realistically do not have the capacity to manage one (without hiring someone).

### 4. Would you still be able to complete the project if you do not receive the other funds applied for?

Yes, but at a much reduced scale. The volunteer hours would still be available and limited funds, perhaps \$500 to \$1000 from present resources and future fund raising could be raised keeping to our present level of activity but new projects or expansion of old projects would be very limited. Volunteer burn out is always an issue. The existing team might be able to organize a minimal program but no program additions or modifications would be available. There would be no funds for advertising, programs, film procurement, the purchase of seeds for schools, speakers for workshops, etc.

### 5. Please describe the impact of this application being denied or approval of an amount less than requested.

Our hope is to expand the number of people we reach through a new education program on such topics as; permaculture, gardening mentorship, and renewable energy projects (solar and geothermal/heat pump space and water heating). Denial or reduced funding would mean that the proposed projects would be less effective in reaching the outlying areas of the South Cariboo. The intention is for the project to engage individuals across the region, not only within 100 Mile District.

Previous funding allowed the SCSS to develop programs such as the film series, the Rebel Garden Zone, work with local schools gardening program by providing seeds, developing seed sharing, previous permaculture workshop, research on solar heating systems. These programs will all be in jeopardy without the funding we are applying for.

We share information on our projects with everyone in the Cariboo through our Facebook Page.

6. Start Date of the project: estimated 1st April 2020,

Permacuture Workshop - spring 2020.

End Date for the project September: 30, 2020

### 7. Please describe the key activities that will take place to complete the project and any associated timelines.

The Education Project will cover a Permaculture Workshop:

Weekend program in the spring of 2020, a week or two after Seedy Saturday. The course will consist of an evening program to introduce workshop leaders and participants, describe the weekend program, distribute handout materials, and possibly watch a film. On Saturday in a classroom environment, seminars on general principles of soil (composition, improvement, composting, inhabitants ...), plants suitable for the Cariboo (description, growing methods, harvesting, seed saving, storing, cooking ...) and general "market gardening" principles all with an emphasis on Permaculture practises and philosophy. Depending on interests topics could be shortened or enlarged given the limitations of one day and depending upon the location, a tour of the local garden could be included. On Sunday, the group would meet at the Community Place Garden to learn, hands on, how to build a no-till garden (also called lasagne bed) and a raised bed garden. A good deal of advance preparation – delivery of materials, digging trough, fabricating raised bed retaining walls, etc. would be required to achieve this in one day.

At the end of the weekend each participant, in addition to the Permaculture and horticultural knowledge gained, would leave with a network of people, sources of information and enthusiasm for local food growing in the Permaculture methodology.

The workshop would be recorded on the SCSS Facebook page and a brief report submitted to the CRD/Corporation of 100 Mile House.

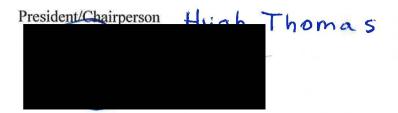
### 8. Please provide a detailed financial budget for the project.

Seminar leader and supplies:	\$1620
Advertising, facilities rental, project management	\$ 900
Materials for No - Till Beds. Raised Beds, Wash Station:	\$1260
Margin (10%):	\$ 380
Total Gross Cost:	<u>\$4160</u>
In Kind Savings	\$1510
Estimated Project Income (workshop fees)	\$ 750
Total Savings:	<u>\$2260</u>
Total Net Cost:	<u>\$1900</u>
SCSS General Funds	<u>\$ 400</u>
Grant Request:	<u>\$1500</u>

### 9. Please explain how you will measure and evaluate the impact of this project on the community? How will you determine if it is successful?

We will continue our previous practise of recording the number of schools and the quantity of seeds supplied and the number of people who signed up for activities and for a major project writing a brief summary report.

THE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE



### SOUTH CARIBOO SUSTAINABILITY SOCIETY MINUTES \_ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 8:00 PM Friendship Centre, 100 Mile House

Present, Hugh Thomas, , Howie MacMillan, Ewa Foik, Voytek Foik, Shelly Tegart, Micheline Brown, Julie Bereziak, Barb Jarvis, Peter Jarvis.

Prior to AGM: Oliver Berger from the Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society gave a presentation on Composting as well as a brief description of CCCS and handed out several copies of several pamphlets the CCCS had either made or obtained from others with the request that they be distributed. Oliver amongst other things looks after the composting bins at the Potato House in Williams Lake and is very knowledgeable on the various techniques of large and small facilities.

Welcome & Call to order, 8:00PM

Reviewed last year's AGM minutes and all Action Items have been completed. Howie moved to accept minutes, seconded by Hugh.

### Report from Treasurer

Barb tabled a 2019 Financial Report (copy attached). SCSS has a total of \$3,109.46 (\$1,147.33 General, \$837.74 Garden, \$389.00 Bridge Creek Watershed, \$500.62 Workshops, \$5.61 Films, \$229.16 Marketing). Bank balance total is correct but there is sub account disagreement between the monthly reports and the annual report with the monthly report showing \$55.98 to much in the Garden sub-account and a corresponding amount too little in the general account – correction will be made to next months Financial report. A total of \$1382.89 was spent across all categories with a revenue of \$682.38 received.

Acceptance of Report moved by Barbara Jarvis and seconded by Shelley.

Report from Chair read by Hugh Thomas. Hugh reported that SCSS is still solvent and active in a number of areas. Highlights include SCSS involvement in the 100 Mile House Community Place Garden, donation of seeds and books to six elementary schools in the area; three winter films, table at Seedy Saturday, summer field trips to Merrit - passive house building and Jane and Peter Murray's solar system, issued a letter to District of 100 Mile House regarding single use plastic, Fire Smart presentation at 2018 AGM and Composting presentation at the 2019 AGM, helped Peter Murray start a Greendrinks program and ongoing activities with Climate Change, EV transportation, renewable energy, gleening and plastic waste and other local issues.

Elected by acclamation:
Hugh Thomas -Chair
Howie McMillan - Director
Shelley Tegart- Director
Ewa Foitek - Director
Barb Jarvis-Treasurer
Peter Jarvis-Secretary

### Miscellaneous:

Peter will fill out and send society filing form and fee to BC Society Registry Services. Move to adjourn by Hugh Thomas, seconded by Peter Jarvis, adjournment 9:00 PM

### Financial Statement as of 15th May 2019 AGM

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# South Cariboo Sustainability Committee - Our Vision

# Sustainable Regional Economy

- Local production of goods & services
- Green business opportunities
- Sustainable business practices





## **Green Development Standards**

- Sustainable planning and design
- Energy efficient buildings/ homes
- Green infrastructure
- Sustainable development checklist

**Energy** 

Renewable energy (solar, geothermal,

Reduce carbon footprint

Energy conservation & efficiency



### **Low Footprint Transportation**

Reduce fossil fuel dependence by promoting:

- fuel efficient and alternative-fueled vehicles
   increased use of public transit &
- increased use of public transit & carpooling
- more biking and walking paths
- increased use of railways for freight & travel

### Consumption & Waste

- Reduce, re-use, recycle, and re-think
- Reduce water use
- Reduce solid waste/ increase composting
- Move towards "zero-waste"



### **Healthy & Safe Communities**

- Healthy ecosystems are the foundation for healthy communities
- Inclusive social networks
- Equal access to education & health care
- Vibrant arts and culture sector

### **Environmental Stewardship**

- Clean air, water and soil
- Protect air quality, water quality, biodiversity, fish and wildlife
- Manage resources for the future

# **Sustainable Local Food Systems**

- Vibrant local food economy: production, marketing and distribution
- 100 Mile Diet for South Cariboo
- Community Gardens and Green Fingers
- Expanding Farmer's Market



A sustainable community is one "living in balance" for the long term and for future generations.

### Websites of Interest

### **Greening Your Home**

BC Hydro Power Smart Team BC Solar Hot Water Project Province of BC Live Smart Eat Local BC Eco Energy

http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca www.eatlocalbc.com www.livesmartbc.ca www.bchydro.com www.solarbc.ca

### **Environment**

Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society www.ccconserv.org Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions Ministry of Environment, Cariboo West Coast Environmental Law David Suzuki Foundation Friends of Bridge Lake

### www.friendsofbridgelake.org www.env.gov.bc.ca/cariboo/ www.davidsuzuki.org www.pics.uvic.ca www.wcel.org

### Community Sustainability

Local Governments for Sustainability Sustainable Communities Network BC Climate Action Toolkit 100 Mile Food Network Green Bylaws Toolkit Fraser Basin Council Smart Growth BC Pembina Institute The Natural Step **Transition Towns** 

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### For Kids:

www.canadiangeographic.ca/kids/ kids.nationalgeographic.com www.youthactioncentre.ca www.nrcan-rncan.gc.ca www.planetpals.com

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# For more information contact:

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