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**Edmonton Social Planning Council - Project Summaries 1998**

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## ***A. Nobody's Perfect - Provincial Coordination***

### **1. Project Name**

Nobody's Perfect - Provincial Coordination, Alberta.

### **2. Program Area**

Projects.

### **3. Type Of Project**

Coordination of a province-wide parenting program.

### **4. Funding Bodies**

Health Canada, Regional Office through the Community Action Program for Children (CAP-C).

### **5. ESPC Contribution**

The Council is not contributing directly to this project.

### **6. Project Timelines**

March 31, 1997 to March 31, 2000.

### **7. Staffing Complement**

Christopher Smith, Lynda Christianson.

### **8. General Description**

The Council acts as the provincial coordinator for this parenting program.

The project is guided by an Advisory Committee.

### **9. General Comments**

The Council acts as the provincial coordinator in the absence of any significant participation on the part of the provincial government. In other provinces it is the provincial government that plays this role.

## ***B. Nobody's Perfect - Regional Enhancement Project***

### **1. Project Name**

Nobody's Perfect - Regional Enhancement.

### **2. Program Area**

Projects.

### **3. Type Of Project**

Support for local agencies delivering Nobody's Perfect.

### **4. Funding Bodies**

Health Canada, Regional Office through the Community Action Program for Children (CAP-C).

### **5. ESPC Contribution**

The Council is not contributing directly to this project.

**6. Project Timelines**

January 1, 1998 to July 15, 1998.

**7. Staffing Complement**

Christopher Smith, Lynda Christianson.

**8. General Description**

The Council acts as the provincial coordinator for the parenting program, and, as an extension of this role, is working with four pilot communities to examine potential strategies to strengthen local community program delivery.

**9. General Comments**

The Council acts as the provincial coordinator in the absence of any significant participation on the part of the provincial government. In other provinces it is the provincial government that plays this role.

***C. Release Kit for Female Inmates***

**1. Project Name**

Release Kit for Female Inmates.

**2. Program Area**

Projects.

**3. Type Of Project**

Design/demonstration initiative.

**4. Funding Bodies**

Health Canada, Regional Office through the Population Health Strategy

**5. ESPC Contribution**

The Council is not contributing directly to this project.

**6. Project Timelines**

January 1, 1998 to July 15, 1998.

**7. Staffing Complement**

Christopher Smith, Kathy Storm.

**8. General Description**

The project builds on the Council's work completed as part of the AIDS/HIV prevention initiative with female inmates.

The project is guided by an Advisory Committee which includes Nancy McPherson.

**9. General Comments**

The Council works on this project with partners from the inner city, the Edmonton Institute for Women, and Alberta Justice. Currently, federal inmates receive support and resources to help prepare them for release back into the community. Provincial female inmates do not.

## ***D. Seniors Gambling Program***

### **1. Project Name**

No Time to Lose - An education and support program for Chinese Seniors with gambling problems.

### **2. Program Area**

Projects.

### **3. Type Of Project**

Design/Demonstration.

### **4. Funding Bodies**

Health Canada, Regional Office through the Population Health Strategy, and AADAC Community Partners Program

### **5. ESPC Contribution**

The Council is not contributing directly to this project.

### **6. Project Timelines**

January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998.

### **7. Staffing Complement**

Christopher Smith, Stella Yeung (contract).

### **8. General Description**

The Council, in conjunction with the project partners, is developing and designing educational resources and support services for Chinese seniors with gambling problems and their families.

The project is guided by an Advisory Committee.

### **9. General Comments**

The project builds on the design work completed as part of the first phase of the seniors gambling initiative.

## ***E. New Canadian Youth Team***

### **1. Project Name**

New Canadians Youth Team.

### **2. Program Area**

Projects.

### **3. Type Of Project**

Design/demonstration.

### **4. Funding Bodies**

Intersectoral Committee on Youth (Ottawa) with additional funding from Edmonton 2005.

### **5. ESPC Contribution**

The Council is not contributing additional resources to this project.

## **6. Project Timelines**

June 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998.

## **7. Staffing Complement**

Christopher Smith, Lynda Christianson.

## **8. General Description**

The Council, in partnership with the Edmonton Chinese Community Services Centre, is working on the formation of a youth team of new Canadians. The team will complete a review of recreational opportunities for new immigrant youth.

## **9. General Comments**

The project continues the working relationship developed with the Edmonton Chinese Community Services through the previously funded early intervention initiative.

## ***F. Cost of Living Measures***

### **1. Project Name**

Cost of Living Measures.

### **2. Program Area**

Projects/Advocacy.

### **3. Type Of Project**

Research.

### **4. Funding Bodies**

To be determined.

### **5. ESPC Contribution**

The Council will contribute some staffing and resources.

### **6. Project Timelines**

May 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999.

### **7. Staffing Complement**

Brian Bechtel, Christopher Smith, Ronda Baxter.

### **8. General Description**

The Council in partnership with the Canada West Foundation will develop two cost of living measures - a 'basic' level, and a 'participation' level.

### **9. General Comments**

The need for community validated cost of living levels remains critical. Such levels have the potential to function as vital tools in policy debates concerning income security.

## ***G. Vegreville Head Start Evaluation***

### **1. Project Name**

Vegreville Head Start Evaluation.

**2. Program Area**  
Projects.

**3. Type Of Project**  
Evaluation.

**4. Funding Bodies**  
Vegreville Community Association for Lasting Success.

**5. ESPC Contribution**  
The Council is contributing no resources to this project.

**6. Project Timelines**  
February, 1998 to July 31, 1998.

**7. Staffing Complement**  
Christopher J. Smith, John Reilly.

**8. General Description**  
The development of an evaluation protocol which captures program outcomes.

**9. General Comments**  
None.

## ***H. Performing Arts North***

**1. Project Name**  
Performing Arts North.

**2. Program Area**  
Projects.

**3. Type Of Project**  
Demonstration Project.

**4. Funding Bodies**  
Edmonton Community Foundation  
Clifford E. Lee Foundation  
Edmonton 2005

**5. ESPC Contribution**  
The Council is contributing office space and some resources to this project.

**6. Project Timelines**  
September, 1997 to September, 1998.

**7. Staffing Complement**  
Christopher J. Smith, John Reilly.

## **8. General Description**

The Council is the sponsor of a demonstration project that supports the delivery of music and dance classes to 'at-risk' children in three communities within the city. The aims of the project are to demonstrate the benefits of delivering music and dance classes to at-risk children, to promote community development activities within the three host communities, and to model effective partnering structures and processes among community agencies and the City of Edmonton, Community Services.

## **9. General Comments**

This project draws on the Council's traditional role of supporting new models of service delivery.

## ***I. Drayton Valley FCSS Program***

### **1. Project Name**

Drayton Valley FCSS Program.

### **2. Program Area**

Projects.

### **3. Type Of Project**

Strategic Planning.

### **4. Funding Bodies**

Town of Drayton Valley.

### **5. ESPC Contribution**

The Council is contributing no additional resources to this project.

### **6. Project Timelines**

December, 1997 to December 31, 1998.

### **7. Staffing Complement**

Christopher J. Smith, Lynda Christianson.

### **8. General Description**

The development of a strategic plan for the implementation and operation of the FCSS program for Drayton Valley and District.

### **9. General Comments**

None.

## ***J. Children's Services Initiative Monitoring Project***

### **1. Project Name**

Children's Services Project.

### **2. Program Area**

Community Development.

**3. Type Of Project**

Advocacy/Policy Analysis.

**4. Funding Bodies**

Clifford E. Lee Foundation.

**5. ESPC Contribution**

The Council is contributing \$10,000 to this project in fiscal 1998.

**6. Project Timelines**

June 1996 to September 1998.

**7. Staffing Complement**

Brian Bechtel, John Reilly.

**8. General Description**

This project is designed to provide an independent community analysis of the effectiveness of the public monitoring mechanisms developed to protect the interests of children involved in the new privatized child welfare system.

It will also serve as the focus for a lobby effort aimed at reinforcing the need for a continuing strong public (government) role in the protection of children. This is definitely at risk given some of the forces at play.

**9. General Comments**

The completion of this project has been hampered by continued delays at the government level in the advancement of the reform initiative.

***K. Edmonton LIFE***

**1. Project Name**

Edmonton LIFE: Local Indicators For Excellence.

**2. Program Area**

Community Development.

**3. Type Of Project**

Community Development.

**4. Funding Bodies**

The development phase (one year) was funded by the Wild Rose Foundation. The 1998 update will be funded by four partners (\$20,000).

This project is scheduled to run more or less unchanged for five years. There is, however, no multi-year commitment to funding. The ESPC is a member of the Steering Committee as well as the agency which conducts the research and writes the report.

**5. ESPC Contribution**

The ESPC is contributing \$5,000.

**6. Project Timelines**

The 1998 update will be completed in September 1998.



**7. Staffing Complement**

Brian Bechtel, Ronda Baxter.

**8. General Description**

The focus of this project is to develop a set of indicators on the quality of life in Edmonton.

**9. General Comments**

This project has the potential to be a "flagship" for the Council. Its multi-sectoral approach is very timely and, while very challenging, has great potential.

***L: Community Calendar Project***

**1. Project Name**

Community Calendar Project: Voices In Action 1999.

**2. Program Area**

Communications.

**3. Type Of Project**

Calendar.

**4. Funding Bodies**

PLURA and others yet to be determined.

**5. ESPC Contribution**

The Council is contributing the time of researcher and editor/designer. This will be recovered through the sale of the calendar.

**6. Project Timelines**

April 1998 to December 31, 1998.

**7. Staffing Complement**

Sheila Hallett-Kushniruk.

**8. General Description**

This calendar will feature the stories and photos of individuals and families who are living (or have lived) on social assistance. The calendar will dispel some of the myths associated with living in poverty. It will also educate the public on issues surrounding income security.

**9. General Comments**

This will be our third calendar after two successful years.

***M: First Reading, Alberta Facts and Edmonton Facts***

**1. Project Name**

First Reading, Alberta Facts and Edmonton Facts.

**2. Program Area**

Communications.

**3. Type Of Project**

In house publications.

**4. Funding Bodies**

Membership fees supplemented by Council's core funding.

**5. ESPC Contribution**

The Council supports this project financially.

**6. Project Timelines**

First Reading is published quarterly. Alberta Facts is published twice a year. Edmonton Facts is published as issues arise.

**7. Staffing Complement**

Brian Bechtel, Sheila Hallett-Kushniruk.

**8. General Description**

First Reading is our social issues magazine. Alberta Facts and Edmonton Facts are statistic-based information sheets focusing on emergent issues.

**9. General Comments**

Circulation is about 750 with another 950 distributed at public events, magazine stores and to agencies working in the featured topic area. These publications are sent to those holding a current membership, politicians, the media and libraries.

*N: Alberta Quality of Life Indicators*

**1. Project Name**

Alberta Quality of Life Indicators.

**2. Program Area**

Community Development.

**3. Type Of Project**

Indicator.

**4. Funding Bodies**

Health Canada.

**5. ESPC Contribution**

There will be no direct ESPC contribution to this project.

**6. Project Timelines**

The project will be completed in the fall of 1998.

**7. Staffing Complement**

Brian Bechtel, Ronda Baxter.

**8. General Description**

This project will review an Ontario-based set of social health indicators to assess their applicability in Alberta. In our wildest dreams this might form the basis of a national set of

indicators because indicators take on much greater meaning when comparative measures are available.

This project will work through the FCSS directors' network as a means of assessing the interest of local communities in participating.

**9. General Comments**

If successful, the ESPC may find this a potentially lucrative field in terms of contract opportunities, as well as an effective advocacy tool.