



## **2023 Annual General Meeting**

**November 20**

### **Chair's Report 2023**

This year saw the welcome return to full-time in-person meetings, mostly in this meeting room kindly provided for our use by Community Futures. The year also saw us reconsider our role as an organization - still somewhat a work in progress.

#### **A summary list of our activities and accomplishments Nov 2022 - Nov 2023**

- The Public Space initiative, begun in May 2022, concluded with a report presented to Council, City Staff, and the public. Out of the public presentation came a separate, loosely affiliated group that formed to promote the idea of a Public Square in Nelson, which included holding a successful "Sunday Town an event" on Baker Street in October.
- Together Nelson wrapped up the first project implementation, focused on financial literacy ("Loonies and Sense", with KCDS as the backbone organization). Planning and implementation on a second project is underway, this time with a focus on economic inclusion via the facilitation of tax return completion for households with income up to \$70,000 pa. (NCFC is the backbone organization).
- Continued participation with the BC Living Wage initiative.
- Continued participation in the Nelson Housing Committee.

#### **The Year Ahead**

- Potential participation, in collaboration with other organizations, in the 2024 Provincial Election.
- Ongoing work of *Together Nelson* poverty reduction strategy work.
- Support for a "Social Development Officer" role within the City.
- Commissioning of a new Community Health and Well-Being Survey.

In closing, I want to express my heartfelt **thanks to many people:**

- The relatively small group who make it all happen at this table and with the various working groups that do the project work
- Rona and all the members of the *Together Nelson* Leadership Roundtable
- Tracey and the NPL for being an important part of our Public Space initiative.
- George for his ongoing initiative!

Respectfully submitted,  
Sean Ryan, Board Co-Chair.