



VIBRANT COMMUNITIES CALGARY (VCC) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

GOVERNANCE CLIPS

January 2018

Vibrant Communities Calgary (VCC) serves as a backbone organization in guiding the implementation of Enough for All, Calgary's community-driven poverty reduction strategy. The work is being done by diverse collaboratives of stakeholders advancing the four goals of the strategy. The VCC Board desires to keep everyone informed of its work. Governance Clips is one way of reaching out. The Board welcomes feedback and input.

Board Meeting: The Board met on January 24, 2018. The key discussion items included:

Reflective Practices: The Board has incorporated into its agenda a standing item for Board Committees and individual board members to share reflections of their participation in *Enough for All* activities. Participating board members shared reflections from a Poverty Talks event, The Longest Night of The Year, which is for remembering and honoring the homeless who had died in the past year. There were also reflections on the coordinated response to the Truth and Reconciliation Report by various non-Indigenous organizations.

Assisting Calgarians to Prioritize Poverty Reduction: The Board discussed the eight-month campaign to increase awareness and empathy for the Calgarians who are living in poverty. Evans Hunt is providing the creative direction for the campaign. Gisele Danis chairs a volunteer committee that is advising the campaign. The first phase of the campaign is "Portraits of Poverty" and will be launched in early April.

2018 Enough for All Operational Plan Priorities: There are 6 objectives in the *Enough for All* 2018 implementation plan. There are 37 initiatives to achieve the objectives. The highest priority initiatives are the public awareness campaign, bridging the Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, and Indigenous engagement—including support for the development of Calgary's Indigenous Gathering Place.

Governance: The Board identified that there is a vacancy on the Board and the Nominating Committee will be activated.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday March 28, 2018

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