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To: The Board of Directors

From: Tammy Menssa, Executive Director

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Re: Annual Strategic Planning Meeting

As stated in Board Governance Policy *3.6 Annual Strategic Planning Meeting*, the Board acknowledges the significance of long-range strategic planning as a core function of governance and leadership. The resulting high-level plan provides organizational direction and a framework for monitoring progress.

The policy permits both internal and external facilitation of the planning meeting. Since 2018, the Foundation has used the services of an external facilitator, yielding positive outcomes and reinforcing the value of an external perspective.

At our most recent planning meeting, Lori Camire from Community Futures, Alberni-Clayoquot, Venture Connect, served as a guest presenter. Particularly impressive were her past experiences and the added value she brought to the discussion.

Community Futures and Venture Connect continue to be instrumental in local economic development. They provide crucial support to businesses and entrepreneurs, foster innovation, and contribute significantly to the overall well-being of communities.

- Venture Connect focuses on building entrepreneurial ecosystems, supporting startups, connecting entrepreneurs with investors, and fostering innovation and technology.
- Community Futures offers business support, access to capital, community development, and networking opportunities.

It is important to acknowledge the mounting challenges in funding that housing management bodies are faced with, necessitating a move towards greater self-sustainability. Funding cutbacks and the ongoing constraints with hold the line budgets have elevated the importance of strategic planning in ensuring the Foundation's continued success and adaptability.

Considering this, I propose that we extend an invitation to Lori Camire to facilitate the upcoming 2024 Strategic Planning Meeting.

Recommendation

Direct Administration to allocate the necessary resources to secure Lori Camire facilitation services for the 2024 Strategic Planning Meeting.

Tammy Menssa
Executive Director