



We invite you to join us in an exciting process that we believe will influence the future of our community.

Revelstoke has a strong history of collaboration that has led to a great variety of programs, services and facilities for all citizens – from families and seniors to avid sports enthusiasts. We are in a time of great opportunity – attracting business, entrepreneurs and new people to our community.

Yet, issues of affordability are impacting an increasing number of residents. It is becoming ever more challenging to house and recruit our labour force. Anyone on a fixed income is having trouble making ends meet. It is challenging for young people to get ahead. We know that when affordability challenges exist for some, the entire community is impacted.

As part of a team, we have embarked on a process in the last few months that we hope will fundamentally shift how we think about what is possible. Revelstoke is a member of Tamarack Institute's Vibrant Communities initiative. Tamarack "is a connected force for community change" and works internationally "to empower community changemakers to achieve greater impact" (visit tamarackcommunity.ca/whoweare). We consider Tamarack to be one of the best groups of their kind in the world, and as members, we have invited Tamarack to help guide Revelstoke's own process towards change. In February, we started by looking inward – we brought people together to begin exploring our strengths and weaknesses, threats and opportunities. In March, we hosted a day of learning on how to be an influencer of change through the collective impact process.

Now, on the evening of June 4th and a full day on June 5th, we invite you to join us in conversation, learning and inspiration that we hope will inspire and impact how we think about what is possible for our community, and what it will take to significantly improve opportunities for all as we move forward through growth and change.

We have invited representatives from across the community to be part of this process, including City staff. We know how busy you are – but your voice is needed. Now is the time to set our course for the future of our community. It is up to us to be the agents of change to create a community that is vibrant, inclusive and affordable. This is an important process, and we are asking for your commitment to attend both days of our event.

Sheena Bell: "The obstacles individuals, families, and we as a community are up against are layered and impact all of us through stories and connections that tie all of our lives together in this beautiful place. Opting out when we don't personally share in the story of struggle is not an option. When we commit to working together to understand and support the whole community we will most certainly be better able to address these challenges and when we support all of our community, each of us benefits."

Kevin Dorrius: "Revelstoke has a long history of solving problems through collaboration. This is evident when you look back at some of our community accomplishments that addressed significant local issues at the time. This includes but is not limited to accomplishments such as the Revelstoke Railway Museum, Downtown Revitalization, and the creation of the Revelstoke Community Forest Corporation. However, over the years, we seem to have lost our way in terms of working together."

As a community, we face a number of challenges, especially around issues such as housing, affordability and transportation. We can only overcome these challenges if we work together as a community. The Collective Impact process of working together collaboratively like our community has in the past, gives us the best chance possible to overcome our challenges. Both myself and Community Futures are looking forward to participating in the Collective Impact process. We invite you to join us in this collaboration."

Michelle Cole: "What if the Mayor gave you the keys to the City and the freedom to create abundance for all? Join us as we collectively explore the possibilities!"

Mayor Sulz: "Communities are made up of individuals from all walks of life. Embracing each and every one in whatever capacity supports the whole. It is through this support that our community becomes stronger, more vibrant and diverse."

RSVP is required. Please do so via <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/collective-impact-for-a-vibrant-revelstoke-registration-60882978628?aff=ebdssbeac>

By registering, you can let us know about dietary, child care or transportation needs.

We hope that you can join us. Please contact us if you have any questions or need assistance registering. You can email us at collectiveimpact@revelstokecf.com or get in touch with any of us separately.

Best regards,



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