



Portage la Prairie
Community
Revitalization
Corporation

Join us for

Building Momentum:

Creating a Vibrant Portage Together



March 12th from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
at the Canad Inns Portage la Prairie

*This symposium will allow **you** to be a Community Change Maker,
to develop and exchange strategies on how to create
economic security and prosperity for all residents.*



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Building Momentum in Portage la Prairie

Community building is not for the select few - it involves all of us!

Thursday, March 12, 2015

8:30 Registration

8:45 Opening Remarks

9:00 **Keynote Speaker:** *Elicia Funk*, Executive Director of PCRC. Elicia will share the findings from the Momentum Project: Removing Barriers to Economic Security. How can we learn from the success to date and as a community keep this momentum going?



10:00 Networking Break

10:20 Morning Workshop Sessions

Impacts of Poverty (Part A) Understanding the Complexities: What does poverty look like in Portage? How does it impact more than just those living in poverty? Why should a community care enough to balance the social budget alongside the financial one? Our speakers *Michelle Laidlaw*, Principal of North Memorial school, *Cynthia Desjarlais*, Portager, and *Molly McCracken*, Manitoba Director of the Canadian Centre of Policy Alternatives will answer these questions.

Child Care Builds Vibrant Communities: We are told quality early learning and child care services support child development, reduce poverty, increase employment, and stimulate the economy. Our speakers, *Kerry McCuaig*, a researcher on early childhood learning, *Susan Prentice*, Professor at the University of Manitoba, and *Natalie Verwey*, Early Childhood Educator, will share their insights on how child care helps build strong communities, why it is good for children & families, community development, and a good community investment.

Reducing Barriers for Workforce Development: Portage businesses struggle to meet all of their human resource needs, while some Portage residents have difficulty entering and remaining in the workforce. Herein lies an opportunity. This session will highlight successful practices to meet labour needs by identifying and reducing barriers to success in the workforce. Presented by our speakers *Shaun Loney*, Social Enterprise Developer, and *Holly Leost*, Regional Director Aboriginal Employment – Southern Health – Santé Sud.

12:00 Lunch

Keynote Speaker: *Diane Roussin*, Project Director of the Winnipeg Boldness Project, will be speaking on the power of partnerships and how that creates resilient communities.

The Winnipeg Boldness Project is an ambitious initiative to create new conditions to dramatically transform the well-being of children in Point Douglas.



1:15 Afternoon Workshop Sessions

Impacts of Poverty (Part B) Collaboration for Greatest Impact: *Diane Roussin* and *Shaun Loney* will discuss possible solutions to the effects of poverty. The Winnipeg Boldness Project is an initiative that is aiming to work alongside the North End community to improve outcomes for young children in Winnipeg's Point Douglas area. Diane will share lessons learned along their journey, on how a community can come together to create its best future. Shaun will discuss how the social enterprises he helped build have created a healthier community.

Possibilities for Public Transportation: Did you know 1 in 5 Portagers is transportation insecure? How can people without reliable vehicles get to work or school on time every day? What of our aging population?

Is public transportation possible for a small city like Portage? *Deepa Chandran*, a University of Manitoba student and *Dr. Richard Milgram*, City Planning – University of Manitoba will share models used in other small cities. *Darlene Swiderski*, Selkirk City Councillor and *Charlene Dunning*, Transit Supervisor of Selkirk Transit will share how Selkirk implemented public transit in 2009.

Economic Development is More Than Just Numbers: Economic development encompasses more than creating jobs and recruiting businesses. Creating the environment for businesses to flourish requires a partnership of economic, community, and social development. *Douglas Barill*, Executive Director of Portage Regional Economic Development and *Richard Frost*, CEO of the Winnipeg Foundation will speak to this premise.

2:50 Think tank session: During this session we will capture the collective wisdom and strengths of the group.
How do we keep momentum and create a vibrant Portage together?

4:00 Wrap up and Closing Remarks

**By creating opportunities for individuals and families to prosper,
together we will build a vibrant, prosperous community.**

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Registration Form

Date: _____

Name: _____

(first name) (last name)

E-mail address: _____

Phone number: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Please return registration forms to:

PCRC
Unit B 56 Royal Rd N
Portage la Prairie MB R1N 1V1

You can also register online at

www.portagecrc.com

by phone at (204) 240-7272 or

by email to info@PortageCRC.com

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11th

Living on the Edge: Poverty Simulation

in partnership with the United Way Portage Plains

1 – 4pm Canad Inns

I will be attending this workshop

There is no fee to attend the

Living on the Edge Poverty Simulation.



THURSDAY, MARCH 12th

Building Momentum: *Creating a Vibrant Portage Together!*

Registration Fee - \$25

Included with this form (cheque/cash (circle one))

(please make cheques out to Portage Community Revitalization Corporation)

Please invoice: _____

I would like to attend but this fee is a barrier to my attendance.

I need child care to attend this event

I need transportation to the Canad Inns.

Please pick one (1) morning session:

Poverty – impacts and solutions (Part A)

Child care builds vibrant communities

Reducing barriers for workforce development

Please pick one (1) afternoon session:

Poverty – impacts and solutions (Part B)

Possibilities for public transportation

Economic development is more than just numbers

Lunch is included – *please list any food*

intolerances/allergies/dietary restrictions:

