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1. Profile: The Winnipeg Taxi Co-op

By Terri Proulx

The Winnipeg Taxi Co-op is a newly incorporated cooperative, formed in response to the need for better working conditions and quality of life for the drivers who currently do not own their own cars.

SEED Winnipeg Inc. was approached by six individuals in March 2008 and as of June 24, 125 drivers have signed up to become members of this innovative business. By taking control of their economic livelihoods, the drivers are securing a future for themselves free from exploitation and marginalization in an industry comprised mostly of newcomers. The Winnipeg Taxi Co-op has applied for 150 licence plates from the Taxicab Board. The Taxicab Board issues these licences for \$200.00 each, however, they haven't issued a significant number of these plates for 20 years. This has created a secondary market where plates are being sold for up to \$280,000.00, making plate ownership attainable for only the wealthiest drivers.

Next to Hamilton, Winnipeg has the lowest number of plates per capita, in the country. At a hearing for Winnipeg Taxi Cooperative, Unicity and Duffy's, who had retained joint legal counsel to oppose the application, argued there was no need for more plates in the city. The co-op drivers, who currently drive for the existing companies were keeping their identities anonymous for fear of reprisal from their employers. The hearing will conclude August 6th, 2008.

Your letters of support are greatly appreciated by this group. These members have expressed their amazement and gratitude that so many people, unknown to them, are hoping for their success. They have had a heart-warming introduction to CED.

Terri Proulx works for SEED Winnipeg as a Community Business Counsellor, in the Community and Worker Ownership Program

[Read CCEDNet's Letter of Support Here.](#)

2. CED Tools

SFU CED Gateway

Looking for a bit of *Intro CED*? Simon Fraser University have put together an excellent resource to introduce the world of CED. [The CED Gateway](#) includes

- **1st World Forum on Social Enterprise**
- **Report: Engaging Communities in Support of Local Development**
- **Markham Ontario goes for Local Food Procurement**
- **CED Projects Receive Over \$170,000 from the Co-operators**
- **Beyond the Farmers' Market**
- **Under Construction - A History of Co-op Housing in Canada**
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- **Executive Director, Daniel McIntyre/St. Matthews Community Association Inc.**

case studies, activity-based exploration of CED, articles, links to on-line resources and much more.

Check out www.sfu.ca/cscd/gateway/overview.htm

3. Manitoba CED News

Emerging Leaders Manitoba - ELmb

Thanks to funding from the Winnipeg Partnership, ELmb began this spring with the placement of 5 CCEDNet interns at five local community organizations. These internships are intended to increase the capacity of the membership to work on CED initiatives and increase the capacity of new practitioners through work experience and peer-learning.

Host Organizations and CED Projects include:

1. Spence Neighbourhood Association – CED Coordinator
2. SEED Winnipeg – Social Purchasing Portal
3. IRCOM Inc. – Newcomer Child Care Training & Translator Coop
4. Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives – 'It takes all day to be poor'
5. West Broadway Development Corporation – The Good Food Club

Right to Housing Responds to Mackintosh

On May 1st The Provincial Government [released an update](#) on their affordable housing strategy. The Right to Housing Coalition responded with a letter to Family Services and Housing minister Gord Mackintosh, pointing out that the 142 rent geared to income units created by the current initiative is insufficient to meet the back-log of need.

[Read the full text of the Right to Housing's letter to the minister.](#)

CCEDNet Awards Student for Community Involvement



St. John's High School kindly let us use their gyms, theatre and classrooms for last year's CD/CED Gathering, and last Wednesday, we had a chance to show our gratitude. CCEDNet gave a \$500 award to a graduating student from the school who has a history of community involvement.

The recipient was Jorrel Camuyong who has been involved in the local Youth Justice Committee, peer tutoring, the Raise a Reader program, and is a past recipient of the prestigious United Way Community Service Award. Jorrel is off to the University of Winnipeg next year. *Congratulations, Jorrel!*

Summer Thursday's at the New Village Market

This summer and fall the Gas Station will play host to a long-awaited weekly farmers' market at River and Osborne, beginning June 26 and continuing each Thursday through September. There's growing excitement about a long-overdue initiative to celebrate local food and local people in the urban community where many of us live or play. Your presence at the market is a vote for local investment, responsible agriculture, stronger community and a closer connection to our food.

Aboriginal Youth Mean Business!

Check out the [Aboriginal Youth Mean Business! \(AYMB\) Newsletter](#). This newsletter provides info on exciting business news and events to assist Aboriginal youth start and grow their business and features the business support services that help youth become the Aboriginal business leaders of tomorrow.

Free Workshops on RESP Grants

My Child's Future offers FREE workshops that provide information and support to help families access the Government of Canada RESP grants.

The workshops include info on Money Management, How to open an RESP for your child, and How the Government RESP grants work.

Many families with small children are eligible for the Canada Learning Bond, a grant that can add up to \$2000 without any contributions from the family.

My Child's Future is currently booking workshops for the summer and fall. To book call Jenn Bogoch at 927-9941 or jenn@seedwinnipeg.ca

CED Interns Reflect on Co-op Development Training

This month, the three-day Advanced Co-op Development Training was held in Winnipeg, with 23 participants in attendance. Three of CCEDNet's new interns went to learn about co-op design and start-up. Here are some of their thoughts:

Tana Hendren, interning at Spence Neighbourhood Association

"Within the Spence neighbourhood, residents have an abundance of skills that are underutilized as a result of the lack of capacity in our current economic system. While the co-op model has been around for years, it is extremely exciting to engage in discussions about co-op development, as an alternative for marginalized groups, at a time when our current economic system has kept many inner city residents on the fringe of the economy. Co-ops continue to be an option that can provide residents with the chance to utilize their existing skills, build new skills, gain a sense of ownership and empowerment, and take steps towards a more equitable society."

Samiya Ahmed interning at IRCOM

"Attending this training was particularly important for me as I am working with new immigrant and refugee communities to start up their own Child Care Co-op. We have 112 childcare co-ops in Manitoba and they are helping communities (especially parents) be liberated from the many existing issues. Cooperatives can help the new independent immigrant and refugee to break down the barriers they face, such as lack of English, lack of work experience or knowledge about Canadian work and its norms. Co-ops can enable them to pool their resources, share risks and achieve common goals and also contribute to local economic development and job creation while building strong cohesion among the members and the community."

Janielle Brooks-Smith interning at SEED Winnipeg

"As a graduate student studying Rural Development, the Advanced Co-op Developer Training really helped to enhance my knowledge and provide me with an even greater appreciation for the significant role that co-operatives have and will continue to play in Canada as a tool for CED. Co-operatives function as social economy enterprises which serve to create, as well as retain social capital present in communities. Rural communities, in particular, require a foundation on which they can retain, train and attract people, all the while strengthening the services necessary for livelihood sustenance. It became quite clear to me that the heightened need and interest in social economy is testament to the presence of social capital

within our communities, and the need for channels through which social objectives can be achieved. Hence, cooperatives can serve to provide rural communities with the means to pool their resources, share responsibilities, and increase capacity while remaining open, democratic, participatory and community-minded.”

Manitoba CED Events

- [Manitoba Community Futures Conference - Registration Open September 16-18 in Gimli](#)
- [Volunteer Manitoba Fall Trainings 2008 \(Board Development, Volunteer Management, Organizational Development etc...\)](#)

4. National News and Events

Transforming or Reforming Capitalism Towards a Theory of Community Economic Development

edited by John Loxley, *Professor of Economics and Co-ordinator of Research, Global Political Economy Program, University of Manitoba*

Worldwide interest in community economic development has grown rapidly in recent years. There has been a blossoming of “how to” manuals, as well as analyses of co-operatives, development corporations, gender and CED, financing CED, planning CED, government and CED, etc. Yet, with a few exceptions, in all this discussion very little is said about the basic objective of CED: is it designed to fill holes left by capitalism or is it intended to replace it? There is equally little on a theory of CED - its rationale, modus operandi, successes, failures, strengths, and weaknesses. This book draws on several disciplines – particularly economics, sociology, and political studies – to assess the state of CED theory and to identify implicit theoretical issues for building that theory.

Get your copy from [Fernwood Publishing](#)

BBC Podcast on Social Enterprise

Check out the [podcast from BBC](#) discussing Social Enterprise in international development.

1st World Forum on Social Enterprise

World Forum on Social Enterprise will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland on September 2-5, 2008. Hosted by CEiS, a UK non-governmental organization and social enterprise and the Scottish Government.

For more info, follow the link <http://www.ceis.org.uk/events/sewf> to the dedicated World Forum site where you can access the programme, get an overview of the wide array of speakers and register for the event!

Places are going fast and we have passed 50% of the 450 capacity in the first 4 weeks of registration, so make sure to get registered!

Report: Engaging Communities in Support of Local Development

This report from SRDC indicates that communities can play an important part in improving local development and helping populations at risk of social exclusion. Access the full report [here](#).

[Thanks to Tamarack](#)

Markham Ontario goes for Local Food Procurement

MARKHAM, ON - June 4, 2008 — Markham is the first municipality in Canada to adopt Local Food Plus (LFP) procurement practices for its municipal food services, an initiative to help support Ontario's farm economy, address climate change, reduce green house gases and pesticide use, and to promote environmentally responsible purchasing."

[Read on...](#)

CED Projects Receive Over \$170,000 from the Co-operators

Eleven community-based organizations dedicated to helping disadvantaged Canadians build financial independence have received a total of \$173,096 in grants from The Co-operators Foundation. The funding supports the charitable and non-profit organizations' efforts to provide work experience and skills development opportunities to the people they serve. In April, The Co-operators announced a contribution of \$1 million to The Co-operators Foundation, through which it provides financial support to social economy enterprises and other worth causes in Canada, including the eleven grants announced today. Since 1995, The Co-operators has donated more than \$2 million to 54 community economic development organizations across the country. Read more at www.cooperators.ca

Source: On Co-op E-newsletter for June 13, 2008

Beyond the Farmers' Market by Sarah Hultine

The potential for community and economic development of local food systems and locally-grown food initiatives in Central Illinois

"The idea of developing local food systems is an attractive one, but the how to of developing local sources and markets for food is often a stumbling block. Even as consumers are shopping at farmers' markets, subscribing to community supported agriculture operations, dining at restaurants that buy locally, and developing new relationships with farmers, more would be better. This guide describes factors that contribute to the success or challenges of local food system projects." [Read on](#)

New Book

Under Construction - A History of Co-op Housing in Canada

by Leslie Cole

"To read Under Construction: A History of Co-operative Housing in Canada is to appreciate anew the remarkable evolution of co-op housing in Canada; the small but determined lobby that more than 40 years ago gave birth to a powerful national movement;" [Read on](#)

Cape Breton University's MBA in Community Economic Development

This program aims to deliver advanced business knowledge and skills in the context of the community and the world. The MBA in CED curriculum includes all business subjects found in traditional MBA programs, and covers economic development, leadership, strategy, governance and management of change. [Learn More](#)

National Events:

- [Creating a Modern Housing Policy: Tri-Country Symposium October 14 - Toronto, ON](#)

- [CANDO Nominations for Economic Developer of the Year Awards](#)
- [CANDO Call for Speakers, "Economic Development - Power of Technology". October 5 - 8, Montreal, QC](#)
- [Tamarack - Communities Collaborating Institute 2008. September 15 – 19, Kitchener, ON](#)

5. Job Postings

For the latest CED postings visit the National and Regional job pages on CCEDNet's website

[National](#) | [AB](#) | [SK](#) | [MB](#) | [North](#)

If you have positions to post, please send them to breimer@ccednet-rcdec.ca

Executive Director, Daniel McIntyre/St. Matthews Community Association Inc.

Starting in September 2008, this is an opportunity for an enthusiastic community-minded self-starter to lead a new community development organization in Winnipeg's inner city.

The Daniel McIntyre/St. Matthews Community Association (DMSMCA) is a new neighbourhood renewal corporation, which engages the people of Daniel McIntyre and St. Matthews, working in the primary areas of safety, community involvement, housing, physical environment, community economic development and parks and recreation.

Qualifications:

- Post secondary education in a related field or equivalent experience in community development
- Knowledge and experience with the development, governance and operation of community development organizations including community engagement, capacity building, consultation and multi-year planning
- Experience in fund raising including liaising with funders and fulfilling any reporting obligations
- Experience in working with and supporting a Board of Directors
- Ability to form working relationships and partnerships with various agencies, businesses and governments as well as community members
- Working knowledge of and commitment to principles of community economic development
- Human resource management training and experience
- Understanding of inner city communities and experience working with diverse populations
- Experience with financial and organizational management systems
- Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in written format
- Skilled in using office software programs

Forward resume with cover letter to Erika Wiebe, 102-583 Ellice Avenue R3B 1Z7, or email erika.wiebe@gov.mb.ca , by Friday August 22 at 4:30pm.

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