

Performance Results for 2019-20 Stó:lō Community Futures

Community Futures (CF) is a program that supports community economic development and builds the capacity of communities to realize their full sustainable potential. The purpose of the CF Program is to help communities develop and implement *local solutions to local problems*.

Community Futures Performance Results	Results as of 2019-20
<i>Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation</i>	
1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going)	34
2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated	1
<i>Rural access to business development services</i>	
3. Total number of business training session participants	54
4. Total number of business advisory services	1,355
<i>Rural access to capital and leveraged capital</i>	
5. Dollar value of loans	\$284,028
6. Total number of loans	11
7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending ¹	45
Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc...)	
<p>Stó:lō Community Futures (SCF) started 2019-2020 with new General Manager, Rocio Zielinski, along with the SCF Board's strong focus on returning to its grassroots and core mandates.</p> <p>Reconnecting to the Stó:lō Communities and Indigenous Community Members was critical in this endeavour. In order to accomplish this, the three existing Satellite Offices were expanded to seven by March 2020. They include: Kwantlen First Nation (Fort Langley); Soowahlie First Nation (Cultus Lake); Sumas First Nation (Abbotsford); and Leqá:mel First Nation (Deroche), in addition to the existing offices in Seabird Island First Nation (Agassiz); Sq'éwlets First Nation (Lake Errock); and, Sts'ailes (Harrison Mills). The result was extremely positive, with many of the Indigenous leaders and community members excited about our outreach into the communities.</p> <p>SCF hosted the very successful S'ólh Téméxw Indigenous Business Forum from October 21st and 22nd, 2019. The event brought together Indigenous leaders, decision makers and businesses together to engage and discuss topics from Indigenomics, Federal business procurement, community projects and the overall Indigenous economy in S'ólh Téméxw. There was also an evening of networking and cultural entertainment.</p>	

¹ Estimated at the time of lending

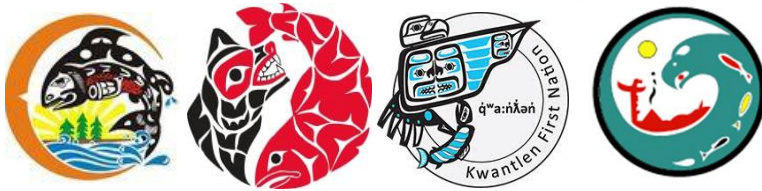
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SCF held several training sessions, attended various networking events to continue to build new relationships and partnerships, and its involvement in community-based events that benefit our Indigenous Communities, businesses and members, that are outlined in Section 13 of this Report. Although the biggest challenge SCF faced was winding down the year-end amid the COVID-19 pandemic, SCF is pleased to report that it had very successful year and met, or exceeded all of its Targets for 2019-2020.

SCF is pleased to highlight various events, activities and extremely successful community-based events held throughout 2019-2020:

1. Expanded SCF Satellite Offices - Added Satellite Offices in Leq'á:mel, Sumas, Kwantlen and Soowahlie.



2. April 25th, 2019 – Drone Training
3. May 8th, 2019 – UFV Presentation to UFV Professors regarding Indigenous lending and building relationships
4. September 17th, 2019 – FUNdamentals of Financial Literacy was held in Leq'á:mel First Nation
5. October 9th and 10th, 2019 – World Indigenous Business Forum
6. October 29th, 2019 - National Chief Perry Bellegarde luncheon – SCF Board Member, Al Stobbart and SCF General Manager, Rocio Zielinski were invited to attend the event by CEPCO.
7. November 4th to 8th, 2019 – Construction BEST was held in Leq'á:mel First Nation
8. December 17th, 2019 - Presentation to City of Chilliwack City Council - Rocio Zielinski made a presentation to the Mayor and Council of the City of Chilliwack on the impacts of the Indigenous business economy in Chilliwack, and the programs and resources available to Indigenous entrepreneurs in S'ólh Téméxw

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9. January 18th, 2020 - Business Excellence Awards - Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce – SCF Sponsored the Indigenous Business Award. SCF Vice Chair, Valerie Sam, presented the Award to Stó:lō Bannock.
10. February 11th, 2020 – Rocio Zielinski attended the Globe Conference – Part of the SCF’s participation in the Fraser Valley Clean Economy Initiative Committee.
11. February 15th, 2020 – Stó:lō Business Awards

SCF was a proud Sponsor and SCF Vice Chair, Valerie Sam presented the Community-Owned Business of the Year Award to Chief David Jimmie and Chief Derek Anthony Epp of Ts’elxwéyeqw Tribe Management Ltd. It was such an amazing evening, witnessing the recognition of so many Indigenous businesses that are growing and thriving in S’olh Téméxw, especially many former and current SCF Clients, such as Lyn Kay Peters of Ringing Bell Robes; Joy Farms, Joy Hall; A.J. Towing Inc. Mary-Ann Jones-Siebert and Douglas Siebert; 604 Traffic Control, Megan Costella; Bear Image Productions, Sandra Bonner-Pederson; Serenity Chiropractic Kara Bonnefoy-Martz; and, Marnetta Felix, with her catering company that became Stó:lō Bannock with Joy Hall and Brandee Felix-Hall!



12. March 4th, 2020 – Indigenous Entrepreneurship – Interview with Activ8



On March 4th, 2020, Rocio Zielinski had a video interview with Loa Fridfinnson of Activ8 Corporate Relations + Training, about Indigenous Entrepreneurship that was posted on her YouTube channel.

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13. March 6th, 2020 - Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce Women's Event

Rocio Zielinski had the opportunity to attend the Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce Women's event on March 6th, 2020, celebrating International Women's Day. It was an amazing event, and truly inspiring to hear and be in the presence of such strong women, as well as the men, families, businesses and communities that support them. Netty Tam, CEPCO's Manager of Business Development and SCF Board Member, was one of those amazing speakers! SCF Board Member, Jessie Ramsay, Partner with Baker Newby, also attended the event, and was recently featured in the Chilliwack Progress as part of International Women's Day featuring amazing female lawyers! Two amazing women who inspire us every day!



14. March 7th, 2020 – BC Association of Farmer's Markets

SCF assisted with the Community Futures BC (CFBC) booth at the BC Association of Farmer's Markets Conference, held in Harrison Hot Springs, on March 6th to 8th, 2020. It was a great opportunity for SCF to support our Regional Community Futures (CFs) from South Fraser CF, North Fraser CF, and CFBC, and to share all of the supports and resources that are available for businesses, through the CF network! Rocio Zielinski met with businesses and entrepreneurs from all over the Province!



15. March 11th, 2020 – SCF was invited to be part of the Indigenous Leaders Focus Group on Clean Technology.

Please visit our website to see more details and pictures at <https://www.stolocf.ca/news--events.html>.