



Related to its specific goals, SPAN Nelson has accomplished the following since 2006:

- 2012 Community Survey identified key community concerns around poverty, mental health and housing, which has helped to drive civic action in these domains of community life.
- *Nelson at its Best* cross-sectorial project to end poverty has, since 2013, worked with multiple sectors, including notably the business, arts, health and childhood development sectors, and has made significant progress towards including the voices of people with lived experience in all our initiatives.
A significant grant in 2018 will enable us to continue and expand the poverty reduction work with these sectors.
- Community Mapping project led to creation of the Nelson Housing Committee within the structure of the City of Nelson.
- Two focused community meetings around 'Life on Baker Street': one brought together the business, social, government and public safety sectors that identified both common ground and aired disparate views; the other permitted an often-forgotten voice, namely those with direct lived experience of poverty, to be asked for their input and listened to.
- Conducted a thorough and broad feasibility study for a Nelson Volunteer Hub in 2017, and we are currently moving forward in identifying and working with committed partners and umbrella organization to help bring an online hub into reality, initially through a pilot program, then into full operation.
- Collated data showing the specific nature of poverty in Nelson and what a Living Wage would be for Nelson
- Carried out 'Boom', a day-long workshop to create collaboration between the Arts community, Selkirk College and social sector (September 2008)
- All-Candidates Reverse election fora since 2009, focusing on all three levels of government, have provided a focused way for citizens to express their views to candidates in a process that usually has them just listening.
- Held many public engagement and education events around topics such as community visioning, poverty, housing, community social development, economic development, arts and culture.