#  Executive Council Meeting for Mino Bimaadizawin Partnership

**Friday, August 21, 2020**

**Time: 1- 2.30 PM**

**Executive Council Minutes**

**Attended:** Shirley Thompson (Chair) – University of Manitoba.

Marleny Bonnycastle – University of Manitoba

Lancelot Coar– University of Manitoba

Donna Martin- University of Manitoba

Shauna Mallory-Hill- University of Manitoba

Babajide Oni– University of Manitoba

Rezwanunul Hoque – University of Manitoba

Uche Nwankwo - University of Manitoba

Signey Barager- University of Manitoba

Jay Cowan– ATI

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| Topics | Items of Discussion & Notes | Motion |
| 1. Approve minutes from last meeting
 | * Motion to accept (no changes) (April 24, 2020, meeting)
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| 1. Approve of the agenda
 | * Approved (no change)
 | No motion |
| 1. Mino Bimaadiziwin Project update
 | * The partnership developed different courses with partnership students providing courses on:

They are available at:?* ATI is still working on the carpentry aspect of the housing curriculum and bundling the program for Private Vocational Institute for diploma status. ATI will submit it to the private vocational institute sometimes in the Fall, 2020.
* Draft Curriculum can be accessed here-
1. <http://ecohealthcircle.com/curriculum-developed/>
2. Personal development : <http://ecohealthcircle.com/curriculum-development-personal-development/>
3. Sketch Up flies: <http://ecohealthcircle.com/sketch-up-flies/>
* Four students were selected to continue to build the houses in Garden Hill for their Apprenticeship 2 level hours. The house will be completed in November/December 2020. The partnership will provide stipends to these students.
* More updates of the program can be found in our recent newsletter-

<https://mailchi.mp/f7f5004a3cda/mino-bimaadiziwin-partnership-summer-2019-newsletter-6445898?e=a9c9b0c90d> * New prospects of the Design studio will be discussed between Lancelot, Shauna and Shirley later, as well as with Chief Deborah Smith. One possible community will be Brokenhead Ojibway Nation.
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| 1. Graduation update and ceremony
 | * ATI is communicating regularly with Miranda, Garden Hill Employment and Training director, Bryce Wood, Garden Hill Community Coordinator, Ernie Harper, Wasagamack Employment and Training director with other partners for the graduation/ graduation ceremony. The ceremony was scheduled for August but delayed due to the COVID 19.
* Forty-five (45) students graduated from the Forestry and Logging program (2018-2019) and another 37 students graduating from Home Construction program (2019-2020).
* Of the 28 people that started the forestry and logging course, 24 graduated in Garden Hill. In Wasagamack, 21 people graduated from the 32 people who started the program with a 75% success rate.
* All 20 people graduated from Garden Hill while 21 will graduate from Wasagamack's class of 23 people, a 95% success rate for Home Construction phase.
* Six First Nation train-the-trainers were funded to teach different parts of the program.
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| 1. Midterm report
 | * SSHRC approved the midterm report with great reviews with a recommendation for more peer-reviewed documents and more seminar/workshops by Zoom.
* Full midterm report can be found here <http://ecohealthcircle.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/895-2017-1014_Thompson_Midterm-Evaluation-Final_July-31-2020.pdf>
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| 1. Recent WISE update
 | * Jide is involved in collecting WISE and program evaluation surveys together. Food Security questions are added in the survey with ethics amendments. Following the COVID-19 protocol, all the surveys are done over the phone/online.
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| 1. Food program update
 | * With ILTC and FARHA we were able to organize to get fishing nets and food to ILTC. Food Security questions are added in the evaluation survey with ethics amendments. Following the COVID-19 protocol, all the surveys are done over the phone/online.
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| 1. Budget updates
 | * Our total spending for students is $1,190,341 (Until Aug 16. 2020). Among them 91% or $1,092,486 spent on students’ stipend.
* The partnership also invested $97,856 in Building Student Capacity (airfare 38%, safety training and equipment’s 22%, workshops registration 8%, miscellaneous conference/travel cost 18%, Car rental 3%).
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| 1. Adjourn
 | 2:30 |  |
| Recording of the full meeting- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxQFSrmmU3Y> *Please note that the video is unlisted and not available for public. Only with the above link you can access to the video.*  |