

**Health Matters**

**February 14, 2014**

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* Meeting Schedules
* Community meetings and Events
* Determinants of Health Promoting Health

Equity

* Calls for Proposals – Success By 6
* Petition to protect honey bees

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**CCHN Network Member Meetings-**

* **Next Admin Committee Meeting** Wednesday February 19- 5:30 Committee Room 2 CVRD
* **Next Our Cowichan Network Meeting –**Thursday March 13, CVRD Board Room. Light dinner at 5:30 pm – Meeting starts at 6:00 pm

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**Upcoming Events/ Workshops/ Community Meetings**

* **Cowichan Lake Health Fair-** Saturday March 1- 10 am to 3:00 pm – Centennial Hall

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**Great Resource on the Determinants of Health and Promoting Health Equity**

Although this is an American document it is well worth the read

[**http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dch/programs/healthycommunitiesprogram/tools/pdf/SDOH-workbook.pdf**](http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dch/programs/healthycommunitiesprogram/tools/pdf/SDOH-workbook.pdf)

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*The vision of Success By 6 is to build the capacity of parents and communities to support children ages 0 to 6 to become healthy, safe, secure, successful learners, socially engaged and responsible so they are ready to succeed in school and in life.*

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS – ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

There is approximately $28,000 of Strategic Implementation Funds, pending provincial funding for 2013 / 2014 to build the capacities of parents, families and child care providers in making a difference in the social and emotional development of young children. Research, community forums and the Early Development Instrument (EDI) results have identified that a priority for the Cowichan Valley is to improve and support the social and emotional development of our children.

To be considered eligible for funding, project proposals will successfully demonstrate:

* support of the social and emotional development or health of children and families within the Cowichan Region
* relevance to children 0 to 6 years old and/or their caregivers, (may include the perinatal period)
* collaboration and/or partnership with other agencies
* enhancement and/or development of spaces, places, or services for children and families

The request for funds and your proposal must signify how you plan to support the social and emotional development or health of children and families within the Cowichan Region.

Applications will be reviewed with an emphasis on sustainability.  Applications are open to all non-profit agencies. Funding must not benefit any individual, group or organization in terms of financial profit.

Grantees must meet all eligibility requirements. Grantees must complete both an interim progress report and a final report.

All proposals must be completed and submitted by **NOON, Thursday, March 04, 2014**

**Grant Application:**

If interested in applying, please contact Laura Court by email at [cowichansuccessby6@shaw.ca](mailto:cowichansuccessby6@shaw.ca) or call 250-701-3647 **to receive the grant application**.



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### Wedderspoon spearheading petition to protect honeybees

[Sarah Simpson](http://www.cowichanvalleycitizen.com/authors?author=Sarah%20Simpson) / Citizen   
February 7, 2014 12:00 AM

- See more at: http://www.cowichanvalleycitizen.com/news/wedderspoon-spearheading-petition-to-protect-honeybees-1.826602#sthash.svykWptX.dpufAs a company that relies heavily on its honey-based products for success, it's no surprise that the folks at Wedderspoon Organics here in Duncan are stepping up to the plate and advocating for honeybees. Though they source most of their honey from New Zealand, the rapid decline of North America's bee population is of great concern to Sebastien Martin and his employees. "While being in the honey business, Wedderspoon also owns a certified organic herb farm in B.C., which hosts millions of bees gathering nectar from its various organic crops and produces herbs and vegetables sold to the local stores," Martin, the company's co-founder explained. Seven years ago he organized a presentation about Canada's use of neonicotinoids - a type of chemical pesticide that has been linked to mass bee die-offs - and to his surprise, the majority of enthusiast beekeepers at the meeting were not aware of the impact they were having on bee stocks. Ever since, he's been working hard within the province to gain support for a ban. The impacts of neonicotinoids stretch much farther than the death of bees, reaching well into the realms of significantly disabling agricultural, farming, and food systems, Martin said. "Without the bees, honey and jams would come off your breakfast table amongst other staple items," he said. "While facing climate change issues which are affecting crops all over the world, it would be a disservice to our fellow Canadians and British Columbians to ignore the subject." Wedderspoon has set up a petition at change.org (http://chn. ge/19D8HWF), asking Premier Christy Clark to ban neonicotinoids within the province. "It is important to us to support the ban of such chemicals since it's in our opinion that such issues should become a priority to Ms. Clark as, like everyone else in B.C., she still shops for her groceries and needs to eat many produce items that bees do pollinate," Martin said. Support for the petition has been significant with more than 11,300 digital signatures already. But it's not enough for Martin. "As a business person, I am always driven to reach higher goals and while Ontario has reached over 50,000 signatures with their petition, we only have 11,300 votes for a province of 4.4 million of people. This petition does not cost anything to sign, takes one minute of your time while the information provided is kept private and not redistributed," he said. "I would hate to believe that B.C. people have become completely apathetic to the idea of supporting this movement rather than being an issue of not being aware of the situation." The awareness and education campaign continues to grow. "We have been in contact with organizations Canada-wide and are promoting the cause through our social media channels and petition," said Wedderspoon spokeswoman Holly Douglas. "However, we believe approaching news media with information about the issue will further help us achieve the goal of not only educating the public about neonicotinoids, but outright banning them in the near future." © Cowichan Valley Citizen - See more at: http://www.cowichanvalleycitizen.com/news/wedderspoon-spearheading-petition-to-protect-honeybees-1.826602#sthash.svykWptX.dpuf

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See You There - you will leave Healthier than when you came !!!](https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=377999075648637&set=a.292323300882882.1073741828.289579617823917&type=1)

Do you have a resource, event or information you would like to share?

Send it to [cindylisecchn@shaw.ca](mailto:cindylisecchn@shaw.ca) and it will be included in the weekly Health Matters Newsletter