**NOTE TAKER TEMPLATE**

**Table Theme: Organizations, Partnership and Collaboration**

**Issues and Opportunities**

1. The relationship between government and the community sector may not be well understood.
2. Accountability and risk management requirements can be onerous, especially when funding amounts are small.
3. There is a perception that some organizations are treated differently by government (e.g. ability to apply to certain programs).
4. Federal and provincial programs are sometimes not aligned, both internal to each order of government and from a government-to-government perspective.
5. Organizations often have to deal with multiple employees in multiple departments at both the federal and provincial levels of government.
6. Collaboration is happening in each region but it requires time and resources than can take away from program delivery.
7. There is little understanding of what happens to data collected from the community sector and how it is used.
8. Each partner’s respective value, knowledge and capacity is not fully acknowledged or leveraged (e.g., the private sector does not generally understand how the community sector helps it thrive).
9. Increased networking could allow organizations to know more about each other but supporting networking and collaboration is often not covered in funding programs.
10. Government contributes to many organizations across many sectors and could use that reach to help create linkages among them.
11. The public, private and community sectors share many common goals and there are opportunities for partnerships and synergies.
12. When you deal with government, it seems you take one step forward and two steps back.
13. Lack of people here on the ground who can deal with this stuff.
14. Non for profits are penalized if they show good profit.
15. Because we are a wealthy community, it seems that Government doesn’t always understand that things have changed; the companies are not as involved for certain organizations, but we do have lower paying jobs here, not just high paying jobs.
16. It is not the same for us in this region as we have to raise so much money to travel or other activities because we are so far – equity
17. Social benefits are endless for children and everyone

**Group 1**

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| What action(s) can **government** take to address the issues or seize the opportunities? | What action(s) can the **community sector** take to address the issues or seize the opportunities? |
| * Burn some of those roadblocks. If I want funding, I have to fill out a lot of paper work and it is not the most attractive. They need to make things more user-friendly. Some time, they don’t have the time or money to do it. | * It happens that you deal with that one person who is easy to deal with and understand, then they leave and we are now with a new person. That might become a challenge. |
| * Need more marketing on who can help and how to go about. | * Non-profits do not have money. |
| * We need some extra bodies in this area to alleviate the burden and time of getting funding. | * We do work together as a community and we manage to get our proposal done. We feel we are already doing what we can do. Less bureaucracy might alleviate the workload and we would be able to do more. |
| * Application include so much information, it could be streamlined. * Staffs we used to deal with have moved to other regions and have a lot more to deal with and less time dedicated to us. * Maybe have templates for filling out forms. * There is a general thought that we are wealthy and so the expectation is that everyone can pay the big money. But not all families work at IOC * Partnerships – is there legislation for big companies like IOC to ensure that they provide to their communities? * Maybe collaborate and have a recreation coalition. | * We have a lot of meetings and whatnot and sometimes nothing happens at the end. * Planning gets done, but the implementation does not always get done. * Comes down to funding and bodies. * There are less people on the ground then before. Most organizations are suffering; there is an issue to get coaches. 12 hour shifts are hindering as they are not available – they are now working 7 on 7 off so they are only available every 2 weeks. * New generation tend to have things now and pay for it later, so they focus on high paying jobs in order to pay for all of it. * Retirees – this is not welcoming town for retirees. The services aren’t really here for them. Volunteers are normally 60 years old or older. * It is a challenge to recruit new coaches and with all the regulations such as criminal checks, it seems to be more complicated to become coaches. * The Town gives the recreation groups money to help with running their groups. * Travel is always a big topic. Maybe charter flight for when groups are travelling at the same time. * The Town does advertise about their funding. * Maybe have training on social media such as messaging or other. * Lack of money for coaching training. * Maybe have a one stop shop on where to get funding or information. * More opportunities to have regular sessions like these and share information or have presentations done to inform the groups. |