

Inverness Community Leadership Centre

Placemaking to grow community prosperity

PHASE II

Owned and operated by Mill Road Social Enterprises



One stop-shop for community prosperity & health



Our Timeline

for growing community prosperity

MRSE Inverness Community Leadership Centre (ICLC) , Phase I completed

Name change from Inverness Cottage Workshop to Mill Road Social Enterprises - MRSE

\$2.5 million purchase and renovation of the old Mine pay offices on Mill Road in Inverness and the Inverness Community Leadership Centre (ICLC) is born.

MRSE expands services offered to persons living with disabilities

MRSE strategically grows its social enterprise operations—and revenue streams to build a sustainable business model for the ICLC.



old St Mary's hospital.

Inverness

Workshop

established

Formed in the

basement of the

Cottage

2019

2020- present

1981

2016

Phase I Equity Funding Secured

The Chase the Ace community fundraiser awarded proceeds totalling \$1.2M to the Inverness Cottage workshop.

Phase II MRSE, ICLC Design Concept Completed

Draft architectural drawings for phase II prepared by MacKay-Lyons Sweetapple

Phase II MRSE, ICLC Business Plan Development

Secured funding through Innoweave to host Spring consultation sessions with community. All sessions delayed to Nov 2020 due to the pandemic.

Hosted a total of 15 in person and ZOOM sessions with over 75 community members representing youth, seniors, We'koqma'q First Nations, business owners, educators, community development and cultural groups, individuals with disabilities, the municipality, elected officials, and health and wellness service providers participated.

Feedback during the pandemic illuminates community's need for a more integrated and responsive compassionate model of services for all citizens.





Groups & Community Leaders We Consulted



- ☐ Caregivers Nova Scotia
- ☐ Inverness Development Association
- → Youth
- Municipality of Inverness
- Cape Breton Partnership
- □ Medical Professionals
- □ Seniors of Inverness
- We'koqma'q First Nations
- ☐ Inverness Heritage Gathering Park
- Business Owners
- Mental Health Peer Support Groups
- ☐ Inverness County Centre for the Arts
- Mill Road Social Enterprises staff & participants



The Project

Phase I - 7,500 sq/ft (completed 2016)
Phase II - 15,000 sq/ft

Phase 2

community consultations was that Phase 2 needed to have more input into the design to incorporate the needs of the regions, people, organizations and businesses.

Phase 1

A key take away from

our November

OUR OFFER One-stop Shop for Community Prosperity and Health









Social support



Family income



Employment





Access to health services

Social Determinants of Health

The conditions in which we are born, we grow and age

The conditions in which we live and work.

The foundation for economic development

Prosperity; Focus on collaborations and partnerships

- -Support for social enterprises
- Spaces for professional development
- Access to shared work spaces
- New service integration opportunities
- Increased social networking possibilities
- Access to training and education spaces and platforms
- Accessible technology hub for all citizens

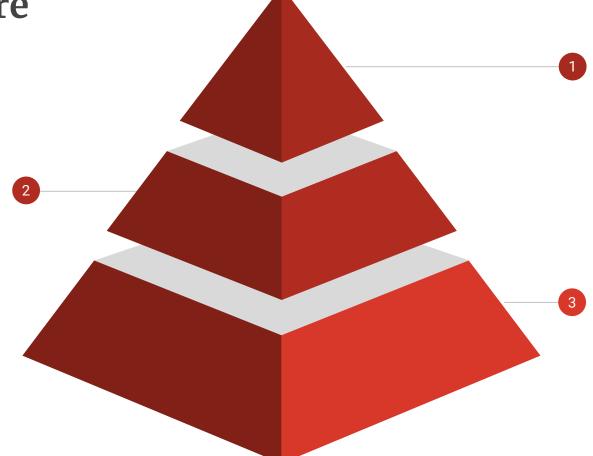
Health; Focus on "Upstream" approach

- Inclusive safe spaces to support resilience
- Key Infant and early child development services
- Mental health support through peer to peer connections
- Nutrition and food security programs
- Intergenerational programming
- Technology to support remote service delivery
- Compassionate leadership addresses factors affecting poverty - Education, training, isolation, addictions Mill Road

Inverness Community Leadership Centre PHASE II

Tenants and Community

Ongoing feedback will be collected from tenants, community groups and individual citizens to help shape the centre's operational priorities and programs.



Mill Road Social Enterprises

As an established social enterprise with an 8 member board, Mill Road Social Enterprises will own and operate the ICLC.

ICLC Community Advisory Group

Phase II will be guided by a volunteer, advisory group of citizens with business, health and wellness, education, employment and business skills that will support the diverse and intergenerational interests of community members.



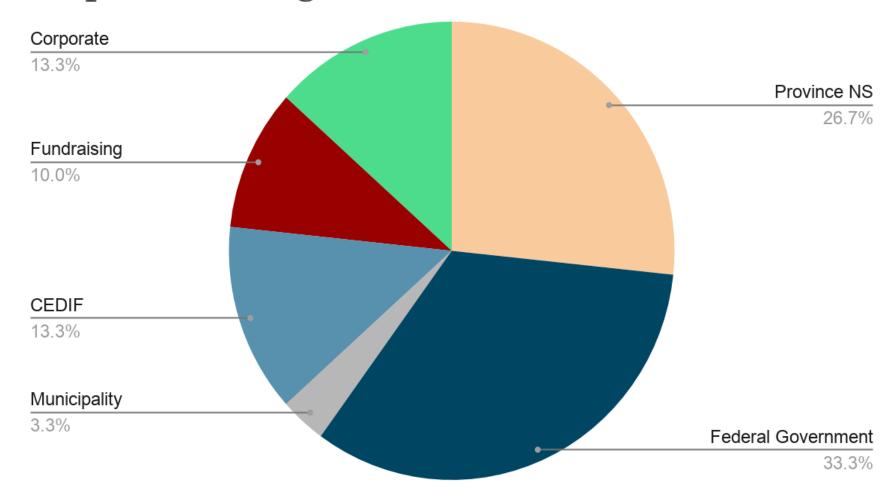
Leadership & Governance Model





Business Innovation and networking HUB Early childhood services/ cooperative **Business Innovation, Social** 01 Expanded space to grow existing and new social Enterprise & Economic Development enterprises Satellite campus for NSCC/CBU Financial literacy hub 02 **Education and Literacy** Workshop space Safe welcoming space for all ages Community kitchen and cooking classes Space for youth and programming Health and Wellness Meeting spaces for support groups Information and volunteer hub for all citizens Informal gathering spacee for all

Proposed Funding Partners





Estimated Phase II Cost \$5M - 7M

What we believe...



A great public space

cannot be measured by its physical attributes alone; *it must also serve people* as a vital community resource in which function always trumps form.

When people of all ages, abilities, and socio-economic backgrounds can not only access and enjoy a place, but also *play a key role in its identity, creation, and maintenance*, *that* is when we see genuine placemaking in action.

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Our thanks for your feedback on how to gather support for *phase II* of the

Inverness Community Leadership Centre, a place for growing community prosperity and health.

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