

## Canadian Action Group Meeting Abbreviated Notes

March 10, 2016 at the North Country Council Conference Room, Littleton, NH  
1:00pm – 3:00pm

### Attendees:

Donald Dickson, Town of Colebrook  
Ben Amsden, Plymouth State University Center for Business & Community Partnerships  
Chuck Henderson, US Senator Shaheen's Office  
Beno Lamontagne, NH DRED  
Kevin McKinnon, North Country Council

### Attending UNH Cooperative Extension Staff:

Geoff Sewake, Extension Field Specialist

### Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by G. Sewake.

Kevin McKinnon was "volunteered" to take minutes.

Introductions were made all around.

Meeting location, date and times were discussed. The DRED building in Lancaster was picked as a central location and Beno volunteered to arrange a meeting if it was needed.

Roles discussed and tabled until we have more people at the table.

Participant list was next—reach out to Border Patrol (Chuck and Beno will get contact info.), a contact at Colebrook school), the Clinic in Colebrook, historical society and others.

Next meeting was discussed and decided to have it at Indian Stream Health Clinic using technology so people can click on a link to participate instead of traveling.

Won't need DRED building for now, Beno you are off the hook!

Ben will set up a doodle poll for time and date that works best for all.

Potential projects were discussed next.

Geoff passed out the list of things that were discussed at the Summit, Speaking limited French to welcome visitors, French menus, Canadian Flags displayed, exchange rate, politeness enhancement at the border for US agents, bus tours, signs, etc.

Geoff set up a chart with Impacts—high, medium, low and Feasibility—high, medium, low.

Number 1 high impact/feasibility was limited training in French and border agent politeness.

Number 2 was bus tours and brochures explaining exchange rate, where to exchange cash funds, using credit cards as being much easier, notifying phone and credit card/ bank that traveler will be out of his/her country.

Number 3 was teaching small amounts of French in schools, counting perhaps, some words but not an actual French curriculum per se.

Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

*A list of other potential members created at this meeting will be kept separate and is available upon request.*

Submitted by Kevin McKinnon

Minor editing by Geoffrey Sewake