

## **Appendix D**

### **NEDP Partnership Protocol**

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The Partnership will operate under the following principles:

##### **1. A Bond between Equal Partners**

This protocol promotes the development of a strong and effective partnership between three organizations of equal status that are each regarded and treated as equals.

##### **2. Understanding and Mutual Respect**

This protocol promotes the acceptance of and support for each organization's perspective on various approaches to economic development and seeks to foster a spirit of understanding and cooperation between the parties that results in a more effective use of resources, the development and expansion of new opportunities and the pursuit of new initiatives that serve to foster economic growth in Nelson and its surrounding area.

##### **3. Strength through Long-term Partnership**

This protocol acknowledges that local/community economic development is a long-term process that requires consistent effort, over time, to produce positive and long-lasting results. As such, the parties are committed to developing a long-term partnership that will build on the synergy that is created through the collaboration of three strong and clearly-focused organizations.

##### **4. Openness and Transparency**

This protocol promotes the open sharing of information and regular communication/consultation between the parties, recognizes that their objectives are complementary, and encourages the parties to work together, at all levels, in order to avoid duplication and to enhance the impacts that result from collaborative effort.

##### **5. Strategic Planning**

This protocol promotes a commitment to the pursuit of economic development that is strategic. As such, the parties are committed to undertaking and following through on a strategic planning process that will:

- clearly identify priority focus areas for economic development
- result in a clear delineation of roles and responsibilities, and
- facilitate the successful implementation of a wide range of activities aimed at developing the economic potential of the City of Nelson and its surrounding area.

## **6. Inclusiveness**

This protocol promotes a process that sees the parties working together:

- to involve a broad cross section of the community in their development activities
- to forge new and dynamic partnerships within the community, and
- to bring significant benefits to individuals, businesses and other community organizations/institutions in and around Nelson.

## **7. Accountability**

This protocol promotes the establishment and maintenance of a well structured partnership, with the proper systems and procedures put in place, as well as measurable indicators of success identified, so as to ensure that an appropriate level of accountability is achieved for the citizens of Nelson.