



**Upper Fraser Community Council Meeting**  
**Date: August 27, 2009**  
**Address: #304 – 32463 Simon Avenue, Abbotsford**  
**Time: 6:00 pm**

**Present: Kathleen Rake (chair), Jerry Laidlaw, Clayton Arkestyn-Volger, Bryce Schaufelberger, Sylvia Dirks, Maggie Metcalfe, Jai Birdi, Kerry Lawson (minutes)**

**Regrets: Brenda Gillette, Heidi Sneider, Cathy Bonnet**

AGENDA TOPICS			
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Introductions and Review of Previous Minutes	Sylvia and Maggie were introduced as two potentially new members to the council. Sylvia is a parent of a young woman with disabilities in Abbotsford while Maggie is a parent of a young gentleman with disabilities in Mission. Welcome Sylvia and Maggie!		
	As Ann Cain is away due to the sudden illness and death of her mother, minutes were not forthcoming.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
To send a brief bio on Sylvia and Maggie to the CLBC Provincial Advisory Board for approval	Kerry will collect the bios from Sylvia and Maggie		October 31, 2009
To distribute previous minutes of council members	Kerry		September 30, 2009
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
CLBC Community Council Draft Terms of Reference	In July 2009, on behalf of the Upper Fraser Community Council, Kathleen attended a "Terms of Reference" committee at CLBC headquarters to review the draft terms of reference for the councils and to provide feedback. Doug Woollard and Megan Tardif facilitated the discussions. The draft terms of reference reflected upon the feedback provided at the gathering of the community councils across the Province on June 20, 2009 where the councils were requesting changes to the terms. The council reviewed the distributed terms of reference and further feedback was provided to Kathleen.		

	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Council members are able to provide further feedback to Kathleen if necessary	Council members	September 13, 2009
	As part of the terms of reference with respect to community connections, to invite Rachel Schmidt (Communications, CLBC) to next Council meeting	Kerry	October 7, 2009
	In order to plan community events, to bring council budget to next council meeting	Kerry	October 7, 2009
	Updated manuals are required by all members of the council	Kerry	October 7, 2009
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Transfer of children supports and services from CLBC to the Ministry of Children and Family Development	It was confirmed that children services currently under the umbrella of CLBC will be transferred back to the Ministry of Children and Family Development at the end of October 2009. This will result in staff changes as staff need to decide which employer they will be working with.		
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	No action was needed		
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<p>Review of new initiatives occurring in the Upper Fraser</p>	<p>A number of initiatives are taking place in the Upper Fraser, spearheaded by CLBC. Community Council members are encouraged to participate in planning of these events. The following were reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The possibility of self advocates hiring their own job coach instead of going through a service provider is being investigated. This will be raised at a self advocate meeting in Mission. It was recommended that a process be put in place in order for this to occur. There needs to be more of a connection with the business community – council is willing to identify what is missing in the community. It was also recommended that the proposal of self advocates hiring their own job coach be taken to the service provider currently providing the service to see if the provider is willing to address what is missing and finding ways to work closely with self advocates.</li> <li>• Individualized funding is starting to take off. It is the goal of the Upper Fraser CLBC that ten individualized funding contracts be in place by the end of March 2010. Kerry has been in contact with Linda Perry (Vela) to put together a workshop for families interested in individualized funding and to explore ways with interested families that they can pool their dollars together, using their admin costs to hire a person to assist with the staffing responsibilities. The hope is that this workshop will be in October but this will depend on whether or not Linda Perry is available.</li> <li>• David Pasko, a facilitator in Abbotsford has worked in conjunction with community to set up a concession stand at a park in Abbotsford that will provide a training ground for self advocates who are interested in the food industry. Contacts will be made with local restaurants so that the training caters to the hiring expectations of those restaurants.</li> <li>• There is a mentoring program through Big Brothers in Mission that involved the training of interested self advocates to act as mentors to at risk youth in the Mission school district, helping to connect them to community and to listen to their concerns within the schools.</li> <li>• One of the goals of CLBC is to host an innovation forum in identified areas through the Province. A forum will be arranged for all of the Fraser region for some time in March. Due to the work involved in the transition of children services going to the Ministry, it was felt that not much planning will take place until November. A representative from the council to participate in the planning is encouraged.</li> <li>• It was noted that Community Living Month is October. Would this be a good month to host a workshop on supported decision making? The recommendation of this workshop arose out of recent challenging situations where the self advocate has decided he/she wants something different than what the family or caregiver want. Jai has approached Arlene Schouten, parent support work for MSA Society, and Richard Hart, Executive Director of MSA, who are willing to partner in the planning of this workshop. Both Bryce and Kathleen expressed an interest in participating.</li> <li>• Kerry is planning to arrange a workshop for the Ministry of Children and Family Development on supporting self advocates having children and what supports may be required so that the self advocate has an opportunity to parent her baby.</li> </ul>
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	To meet with self advocates to determine if there is interested in the concept of hiring their own job coach	Kerry	October 30, 2009
	To begin planning a workshop on supported decision making	Kathleen, Bryce, Jai, Kerry	September 9, 2009 @ 5:00 pm at Jai's office
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Review of current council members	<p>Clayton informed the council that he will be leaving the council to pursue other interests. He has served on the council for the past three years. The council acknowledged all the wonderful contributions Clayton made to the council. He will be missed!</p> <p>Kathleen informed the council that she is planning to step down as chair in January 2010 but will remain as a council member. A new chair will need to be elected at that time.</p>		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	No action required		
ADJOURNMENT			
8:30 pm			
NEXT MEETING			
<b>October 7, 2009; 6:00 p.m. at CLBC #201 - 2777 Gladwin Rd, Abbotsford</b>			