

**VANCOUVER CLBC COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Saturday, February 21, 2009**

Present: Peter Swayne, Tina Stagnitta, Ernie Baatz,  
Ken Wakeman, Richard McDonald, Rachelle Czerwinski,  
Rita Leedholm, John Davies, Yaming Chen

Regrets: Sue Salter, Mara St.Onge-Dueck, Jan Wood, Natalie  
Marach, John Tsang

**1) Reviewed minutes**

Council reviewed the minutes of January 17, 2009. CLBC will provide orientation on RDSP to staff. Mandy (facilitator at Vancouver CLC) is the liaison worker for Kids-Up-Front. Kids-Up-Front is an organization that provides quality entertainment and educational experiences to kids and families across Greater Vancouver by redistributing unused event tickets.

**2) What is the Buzz?**

- "Walk Beside Me" Workshop will be held on March 3, 2009. This inspiring workshop will offer a detailed overview of the steps needed to develop and sustain 'circles of friends' as a means of cultivating the possibility of friendships in the lives of vulnerable people.
  
- Building Personal Support Networks - Peter attended this workshop that was held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Accent Inn. Some good practical suggestions were given such as a weekly Planning Sheets, mapping of area where the individual lives and problem solving techniques such as "Solutions Circle".

- CAN - Canucks Autism Network - Jodi Simkin gave a presentation to Vancouver CLC staff about this organization. Starting in September CAN will be running a peer friendship pilot project in various schools in the Lower Mainland. The aim of this pilot project is to create an easy to use system that will enable kids with ASD to have multiple opportunities to form friendships, via volunteer peer interactions. In April CAN is organizing a special event for "World Autism Day". For more information you can go to the CAN web-site [www.canucksautism.ca](http://www.canucksautism.ca).

### 3) **CLBC update - John Davies**

- John is meeting with various organizations such as BC Housing, City Hall and Vancouver Coastal Health Authority to increase the visibility of persons with disability.
- Budget - discussion on provincial and local finances.
- Staff at Vancouver CLC is at full compliment now.

### 4) **Sub-committee reports**

- Community Rec. Committee - John and Peter to meet with Presidents of the Community Centre Association on March 5, 2009 to discuss better access and availability to community recreation programs for our individuals.
- Youth in Transition Committee - Planning a family meeting that focuses on planning and transition issues. Suggested committee members are John Davies, Ruth-Anne Lesar, Peter Swayne and Rachelle Czerwinski. Suggested that this family meeting be organized for sometime in April. The transition committee is working closely with the Vancouver Schoolboard. An information session will be held in March to explain CLBC services and improve communication between Vancouver Schoolboard and CLBC.

5) **Selection Committee** - Procedure to nominate new members was discussed.

6) **Family Meeting Debrief** - It was suggested that at the Family meeting we conduct small group sessions with a council member at each table. These meetings should also be an opportunity for family member to network with other family members.

7) **Advisory Committee** - Advisory Committee representative to be recommended by council once draft has been approved.

8) **Community Council Annual Report** is due in March. Council members reviewed and updated the Vancouver CLBC Community Council Annual Report.

**Next council meeting will be held on:  
Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.**