



North Region Community Council Meeting

Date: May 9, 2015

Time: 9:00 am

Present: Gord Robertson, Anita Clegg, Debbie Still, Colleen Tuson, Eldon Carter, Justin Pylatuk, Sheryl Demers, Sweetie Sanghera, Ann Lewis

Guest: Anna Jones

Regrets: Penny Soderena-Sutton

AGENDA TOPICS	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	Justin, motioned the minutes from the April 18, 2015 meeting be accepted, Debbie seconded the motion: all in favor. <u>CARRIED</u>
Additions to the Agenda	None.
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Managers Report Sweetie Sanghera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New DRO started on May 4th, Jody Stuart. She has 15 years consulting experience, and has worked in many capacities, particularly in the development of adaptive leadership teams, and has worked on a large scale with organizational change. She is brand new to CLBC so she is currently within a steep learning curve. Some organizational changes will be implemented once all the managers are able to meet. - The June 6th conference in Vancouver: joint meeting for the Board, managers and council. Sweetie will be in attendance and hopefully Ann as well – just waiting on confirmation back on that. Gord will be there as will Sheryl. Ann is to make travel arrangements for council members so please get your info to Ann as soon as possible – flights preferences etc. - Sweetie got seven of the ten self-evaluation forms back from the community council self-evaluation and she has summarized them. Gord to review later in the meeting. - Discussion around the possibility of changing the time/day of community council meetings from the weekend to a weekday or a weekday evening. It was raised that meeting for the other community councils in the province were held either during business hours or on weekday evenings. This would help with cutting costs re: Admin hours etc. Council's feedback: this was a point that was raised previously and it was decided that weekends are generally best for everyone. It was again decided that the consensus is that meetings should remain at the weekend for a number of reasons: geographical challenges would make this

	impossible in some cases for certain members to attend, people are not able to leave work during the day, childcare for some is an issue, etc. During the day is not doable. Council feeling it would be a challenge to attend. Certainly a compromise can occur particularly during winter months when most are attending by teleconference anyway.		
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Chair Report Gord Robertson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meetings outside of PG: moving ahead with a roadshow – public meeting - going up to Fort St John evening of June 22nd recruitment – northern lights community college – Tumbler ridge contact. We’re going to try for the college in Fort St. John as it is more of a neutral area. Monday FSJ – Tuesday (23rd) down to Dawson Creek - 22nd a.m. – drive to FSJ. Public meeting (open house) that evening about 7-9 p.m. - 23rd meet with Community Living Association and any other stakeholders. Northern lights college has a program, CDC then drive to Dawson creek in the afternoon have the same public meeting that evening, possibly even meet with one of the stakeholders - 24th morning meet with someone else if necessary and then drive home Wednesday afternoon - CLBC staff in Dawson Creek (Truly and Donna) has been working hard in Dawson Creek and booked for us. <p>Hotel in Dawson has a nice room and a nice meeting room. Everything will be paid for to the per diem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This will not be taking the place of the regular council meeting. The regular council meeting is on June 20th - If we are holding meetings off of CLBC property, Ann has to fill out indemnity forms to protect members - At the June meeting will be discussing doing another public meeting session in September. - Missed chair conference call last week but one thing that was talked about was an agency working with CLBC on an interactive map that had some resources on it. 		
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	Caitlyn / Ann to finalize Gord to nail down a venue for FSJ		
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Self-Advocate Conference Planning	Arranged a meeting for some time in October in Vernon specifically for self-advocates and planned by self-advocates. Emails will circulate on the planning.		
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Work Plan/Annual Report	Complete and get to Ann by April 7 th in order to complete the annual report. Work goal: council to actively look for opportunities to send letters of praise to community partners who are making communities more		

	<p>inclusive/accessible – ultimate goal being to send 1 letter per meeting saying “Good job”. Ann will contact Caitlyn for a template/approval. Make it a standing</p> <p>Please tell Ann if you have anything to report - try to do that before she goes on holiday</p>		
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Self-Evaluation form	<p>Sweetie has reviewed these and has asked Gord to speak to it. Sweetie has summarized the result of the 7 out of 10 who responded. Key things identified as being something council needs to work on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Having a quorum at each meeting: this has improved and we have been able to meet requirements for the past 6 months - Attending as many meetings as you can: if you recognize that you cannot continue to commit, you need to communicate this to the chair and in some cases resign - Speaking up at meetings: Gord asks that people let him know if he is not being openly mindful of bringing people into the conversation. - Promoting the council’s work in the community whenever I can: this was discussed and it was mentioned that perhaps the low number is more to do with the phrasing/interpretation of the question than anything. <p>Overall the evaluation looks pretty good.</p>		
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Committee Discussion New dial in numbers will be available after April 1 st .	<p><u>Membership Committee</u> Colleen Tuson, Justin Pylatuk, Expert Committee member Terry Robertson. We’ve lost another member – Lisa Peters had to resign immediately to focus on other things right now. We need to recruit someone from Quesnel – Gord will be talking to people he knows there to see if. A Speech Language Pathologist who was a visitor a few years ago but was unable to join council and is now available – could potentially bring us back up to 9 members. There is a two year wait for past community council members. Looking for people from the Peace River area – Justin is our only one at the moment. People can attend meetings as a guest to see what council is about. Please advise Ann if you are bringing a guest so we can order adequate lunches. Colleen will be meeting with people from the Native Friendship Centre, Nezul Be etc. in regards to First Nations band representation. Priority being to actively recruit up North. We do not have any representation from a major SP association in this region.</p> <p><u>Self-Advocate Committee</u> Eldon Carter, Penny Soderena-Sutton, Justin Pylatuk. QCLA staff will coordinate with Ann to plan this. There hasn’t been a meeting since last year.</p> <p><u>Community Awareness Committee</u> Debbie Still, Gordon Robertson, Justin Pylatuk, Anita Clegg It’s too soon to plan anything for this year.</p>		
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<u>Round Table</u>	<p>Gord – Bree-Anne’s birthday – 29 years. Had a celebration at Boston Pizza yesterday with friends and tonight having people over. Went to Las Vegas – there were some issues with a hotel they were staying but a good time was had by the family. Bree had her picture taken with Donnie Osmond!</p> <p>Colleen – went to Vegas and the weather was great. Has agreed to sit on a friend’s Microboard. Winding down from her full-time job because she wants to take some personal time and concentrate on her health.</p> <p>Anita - Has a very busy household at the moment. Got some short-term funding recently that has opened up Jesse’s world.</p> <p>Eldon – had a bowling round-up a few weeks ago and had fun. He’s still working at two jobs.</p> <p>Sheryl – Grandbaby is on the way soon and everything’s fine. Sean did a commercial to do with his job with A.C.E. and he was really excited. He’s going to have an interview with the Citizen to tell his story. She was recently doing her Zumba moves at the Treasure cove with Elvis impersonator.</p> <p>Justin – Delivering pizza still but had to leave his other job because it was physically not good for him. He’s thinking of getting his class 1 driver’s license. Had a great trip to Australia and came back to 4 inches of snow on his car but is excited to be going to Jamaica next. Going to City Council to ask for its part in the development of disability housing. Wants to get involved with Habitat for Humanity because they helped out a friend of his.</p> <p>Debbie – was in Vancouver with Thunder last week and he got his teeth cleaned. Looking at a house for Thunder and a few roommates. Don’t want a group home – if it has 4 or more residents it’s a group home but if there are three Microboard individuals then it isn’t – just learning the pieces around getting that set up.</p> <p>Anna – Been busy at work with desk moves/new carpet – it was a bit of a zoo but calmed down now. Niece is graduating this year and it is her prom tonight. She’s going to get family pictures done after the meeting.</p>		
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Next meeting: June 20, 2015 9:00 am