



Region Community Council Meeting

Date: November 15, 2014

Time: 9:30 am

Present: Gord Robertson, Debbie Still, Vincent Sherry, Colleen Tuson, Sheryl Demers, Eldon Carter, Penny Soderena-Sutton Lisa Peters, Patricia Marshall, Ann Lewis

Regrets: Justin Pylatuk

AGENDA TOPICS		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	
Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	Sheryl Demers motioned the minutes from the October 18, 2014 meeting be accepted as presented. Vincent Sherry seconded the motion: all in favor. <u>CARRIED</u>	
Additions to the Agenda	None	
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Managers Report Pat Marshall	The posting for the CPD manager position is now closed, HR is now in the screening process before short listing them and sending them to the DRO to panel. This whole process will take approx 6 weeks. This will extend Pat's term as the integrated Manager into January. Pat went to the regional management team meeting in Kelowna, integrated manager in Vernon is working on a Self-Advocate conference for the north and interior next spring and is looking for a members from this council to help - a member + a self advocate and how can we support this. Email Pat by Nov 21 st . Rick Matthews DRO for Van-coastal is no longer with CLBC and position will be posted shortly. Bob Usef QSM is acting in the interim	
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Chair Report Gord Robertson	Provincial Chair conference call on Oct 30 th . Seonag Macrae was on the call and Gordon shared a short report and will send out the formal minutes when he gets them. Caitlyn Sassaman was on the call and announced Randy Schmitt is the new Director of Communications. Onkar Biring is the new self advocate member for the board. CLBC website focuses on the Commitment document. Gord brought up the issue of the WOW award, previously it was only self-advocates who could nominate employers. Gord suggested build a number of themes to use over and over, he got nowhere. Councils are still working on housing among other issues, less than half the councils were represented on the call. Lisa Porcellato, sent an email seeking council members to help judge the wow awards the email distribution list she had was very out of date.	
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Work Plan	Penny Soderena-Sutton motioned the North Region Community Council Work Plan be accepted as written. Colleen Tuson seconded the motion. All in favor. <p style="text-align: right;">Carried.</p>								
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Committee Discussion	<p><u>Membership Committee</u> Colleen Tuson, Vince Sherry This committee has not met. Sheryl Demers wishes to apply for reappointment for another 2 year term. Colleen Tuson made the motion to accept Sheryl Demers application for reappointment for a second 2 year term, Vincent Sherry seconded the motion. All in favor Motion Carried. Membership committee needs to “get going” we are not representing the whole region. Gord has a name of a service provider, still looking for representation in the Peace region. Ann Lewis is connecting with another member from Smithers to discuss what membership entails. Vincent will check with a family from McKenzie</p> <p><u>Self Advocate Committee</u> Eldon Carter, Penny Soderena-Sutton, Colleen Tucson This committee has not met. Pat will submit their names to Bill to help organize the self Advocates conference.</p> <p><u>Community Awareness Committee</u> Debbie Still, Gord Robertson, Justin Pylatuk This committee has not met.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">ACTION</th> <th style="text-align: left;">PERSON RESPONSIBLE</th> <th style="text-align: left;">DEADLINE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Add the conference #'s to the TOL and redistribute</td> <td>Ann Lewis</td> <td>Nov 21, 2014</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	Add the conference #'s to the TOL and redistribute	Ann Lewis	Nov 21, 2014
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<u>Round Table</u>	<p>Gord – Nothing much to report – discussed the challenges in recruiting staff for Bree’s Microboard – Bree is not feeling well – flu/cold season hitting. House is in seasonal transition – Christmas decorating, was supposed to be in DC and FSJ but that is tabled till next spring. Bree and Gord will be volunteers at the Canada winter games for wheelchair basketball.</p> <p>Debbie – Great get together at the bowling alley. We had a blast! We get a really good response when it is a fun event, but when it’s just a meeting – not to many show up lol. One of her son’s friends is helping plan a Christmas party – it has to be a limited attendance because it is in someone’s residence. Debbie and family went to Vancouver – really good trip that got some health things sorted out, and they went through the Okanogan on the way back. Having some staffing issues, but they are working them out. They are looking at getting an accessible bathroom put in the park as the ones there are small and not accessible. City council supported the community garden and they did put in an accessible washroom – maybe we could commend</p>								

them?

Lisa – Nothing much happening, the variety show went well at the CDC. Lisa finds it very different participating via phone rather than in person.

Eldon – Not a lot going on right now. Quesnel Self Advocates did not have Halloween party but they did attend the retirement party for a retiring CLBC facilitator. Eldon is working two jobs – detailing for RCMP vehicles, and working at the lumber store. The Quesnel Self Advocated might have a Christmas get together.

Sheryl – As a member of the parent support group she met with the director of AIMHI, the support groups that are meeting there now have to have insurance to meet there. Issue asked; Sheryl wanted to know if it is a provincial issue with staffing regarding contractors meeting the minimum qualifications regarding casual staff. Pat replied that agency’s accreditation is reviewed by CARF. CLBC has this embedded in our contracts. If something is happening out side of this it could be IF, it should not be happening in contracting. Sheryl and husband are going to the Mayan Rivera for 9 days, and they are doing some house renovations.

Vincent – Vince is the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility for Prince George, if there are other things going on in the community, he is the contact person for this. How are people going to get around for the winter games are one issue they are looking into. Vince has been away for awhile, has not caught up on emails etc. If you have any names to submit as potential council members please forward them to Vince and he will contact the other members of the committee. Vince just returned from 5 weeks in Ireland, Brussels, Amsterdam and Paris - it was a great trip and great weather.

Colleen – Not much to add, she just got back from a great vacation in Florida - GRAMMY festival. Colleen will connect with Vince for the membership committee as she is feeling like she has not participated in a lot of council work.

Penny – Penny is on the Community Living Editorial Board and suggested asking Jessica Humphrey to attend a meeting in the new year. The Citizen is being revamped. Penny says the WOW awards are good but they are just focusing on employment and she feels it does not recognize any one else’s talents. What about people who do not have jobs, how do we recognize them? Community Living month with AiMHi went well. Penny put a display board of all the folks running for council in Prince George in the entrance hall at AiMHi with clippings from the newspapers so all folks will know what their platforms are.

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Invite Jessica for a meeting in the next year.	Gord will invite Jessica and let Ann know when she will be coming.	

Next meeting: January 17, 2015 9:30 am