



**Upper Fraser Community Council Meeting**  
**Date: September 16, 2010**  
**Address: Garden Park Towers, Abbotsford**  
**Time: 6:00 pm**

**Present: Kerry Lawson, Jerry Laidlaw, Cathy Bonnett, Sylvia Dirks, Heidi Schneider, Maggie Metcalf, Julie Unger, Cheryl Lewis, Kathy MacDonald, Ann Cain**

**Regrets: Bryce Schaufelberger, Brenda Gillette**

**Guests: Rachel Schmidt, Megan Verheyden**

AGENDA TOPICS			
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Introductions	Kerry welcomed Julie Unger from the Chilliwack Society, who is acting for Brenda Gillette while she is away on vacation. Megan Verheyden is a practicum student who will be working with mainly Community Planning and Development staff on identified projects and with individuals and families at CLBC until December 2010.		
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Review of Previous Minutes and Updates	Cathy Bonnet approved previous minutes, Sylvia second. Northview Church – plans to put on a theatre group have been postponed. David Pasko, facilitator with CLBC (Community Living BC) is to take the lead in the project, and Megan will be assisting as she had past experience in drama and theatre. Northview Church is hoping to mentor other churches in the area. They are working on moving forward in projects to support families who do not have any support from any other sources Working with Families – It was felt that both positive and negative feedback came from the meeting. Families feel “they are losing hope” and feel that alternatives are fading. It was agreed that families need to better understand the policies. Overall, the meeting was a positive thing as it brought information from the family perspective to CLBC staff and helped families voice their concerns.		
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Introduction of Rachel Schmidt	Rachel is the Community Relations Specialist with CLBC and spoke of the meaning behind the term "Community Engagement". The three steps are Inform, consult and involve. The purpose of Community Engagement is to connect with families in regards to needs and supports. Rachel asked for members to explain how they felt the council and CLBC were involved in community engagement. Some examples were the drama group, involving Northview Church, the "Hi" program, and the partnering with the Globe and Mail to help bring awareness to the public.		
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Resignation of Kathleen Rake	Kathleen Rake has resigned from the Community Council, as well as the board of the Provincial Advisory Committee, due to family commitments. Members are asked to send nominees for the two positions to Maggie to be presented at the next meeting. The Vice Chair must be a parent of a developmentally delayed individual, or a self-advocate.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Nominations to be sent to Maggie Metcalf	Council Members	October 14, 2010
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Transition Activities	Julie Unger of Chilliwack Society has been doing research in regards to transitioning kids, and has worked in the field for many years. She spoke of many different areas that are available to find information for families and workers within the organization. MCFD had a number of manuals and information on their website. Julie is to send the website address to Ann for distribution to the council members.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	To send web site address for transitioning information to council members.	Ann Cain	ASAP

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Other	<p><b>Free Globe and Mail Newspaper Campaign</b> - This will involve the handing out of free Globe and Mail newspapers, inserted with information on CLBC, as well as information regarding support of people with developmental disabilities. The intention is to bring awareness to the public, as well as to inform those who may require supports as to what is available. This will take place the morning of October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Tim Horton's restaurant at Gladwin and South Fraser Way in Abbotsford. Start time will be 7:15 am. Anyone wishing to volunteer is asked to contact Kerry.</p> <p>There is now a self advocate page on <b>Facebook</b> that is getting wonderful results. Self advocates can connect and discuss issues and concerns, as well as just getting together to chat with others with disabilities. At this point there is believed to be over 3,000 members, and families have requested/suggested that a site be set up through CLBC. This has now become a "pilot project" on a temporary basis, as it will have to be very closely monitored.</p>		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>			
8:05			
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>			
October 14, 2010 Garden Towers @ 6:00 pm			