

## Upper Fraser Community Council Meeting

Date: February 17, 2011

Address: Garden Towers, Abbotsford

Time: 6:00pm

Present: Kerry Lawson, Heidi Schneider, Maggie Metcalfe, Jerry Laidlaw, Cheryl Lewis, Sylvia Dirks, Cathy Bonnett, Kathie MacDonald, Tiffany McCurdy (minutes)

Regrets: Brenda Gillette, Bryce Schaufelberger

Guest: James White

Agenda Topics			
Topic	Discussion		
Review of agenda and previous minutes dated January 20, 2011	Minutes accepted by Cheryl Lewis, seconded by Heidi Schneider, all approved. Agenda accepted by Heidi Schneider, seconded by Sylvia Dirks, all approved. Nomination form was emailed to Cheryl re: provincial advisory committee.		
Topic	Discussion		
BCACL Funding	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	* Discuss at next meeting.	Bryce	March 17, 2011
Topic	Discussion		
Forum on Ageing	Dates have been set and confirmed with Jules and Kim for the Ageing Forum. April 12 <sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm in Langley, April 13 <sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm in Abbotsford and April 14 <sup>th</sup> 1-4pm in Chilliwack. Venue locations still to be confirmed. Idea mentioned to have one forum take place in the evening. Service providers to receive mail out as well. Discussed inviting professionals, Fraser Health staff, and people from hospices. Post flyers in libraries; put a write up in a newspaper. Examples of flyer & invite passed around. Members raised the concern that a more generic flyer was needed. Decided that flyer should include an RSVP by April 4, 2011 for attendees.		
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Send out invite to members of the Community Council	Kerry to contact Terry to send out invites.	
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Invite Rena Zapp from Mental Health	Maggie	
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Create a generic invite to share with the community	Kerry	February 21, 2011
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Contact Jules about	Tiffany	March 3, 2011

	having an evening forum in Abbotsford as well.		
Topic	Discussion		
Council Membership Terms	Council member may have membership six years in a row. Sylvia Dirks to renew membership in June 2011. Cheryl Lewis to renew membership in May of 2012. Kathie MacDonald to renew membership in March 2012.		
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Terry to type out list of membership terms.	Tiffany	March 17, 2011
Topic	Discussion		
Transition Family Meetings	Koreen, facilitator for Eligibility, Laurie, facilitator for Personal Supports Initiative & Kerry to present to schools in April on transition. Hope School District to have meeting on April 6, 6:30pm at Hope Secondary. Abbotsford School District to have meeting on April 27 <sup>th</sup> time and location to be confirmed. Chilliwack School District to have meeting April 13 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, location to be confirmed. Agassi school district interested in hosting a meeting as well. Maggie mentioned that Langley should be having a meeting as well.		
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Write letters to be sent to family members. Send to Community Council.	Kerry	February 25, 2011
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Contact Langley School District	Tiffany	March 4, 2011
Topic	Discussion		
Self-Advocate Forum	Self-Advocate Forum to be held on March 17, 2011. Invitations sent out. Jerry Laidlaw gave Community Council an update. Jerry to oversee a table on housing, Bryce a table on employment, Sky a table on transportation. Both a finance table and a First Nations table need representatives still. Shelly Nessman to talk about storytelling in the morning. Chilliwack self-advocates will be provided with hotel accommodation. Forum to expect 80 self-advocates attending. Next Self-Advocate meeting to be held on March 11, 2011.		
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	No action was needed.		

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Strategic Planning Day	Kerry brought forward the idea of having John Talbot come to a meeting in the near future. Kerry to email John and invite him to Community Council meeting in April.		
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Email John Talbot to invite to April meeting.	Kerry	February 25, 2011
Topic	Discussion		
WOW Awards	James White presented on WOW; Widening Our World. James visits community councils to ask for nominations. Nominations go to Marsha at head office. WOW presents an opportunity to celebrate individual achievements in each community. Desire to have a member from each community council form a committee which will vote for a winner. James also mentioned ESATTA: Empowering Self Advocates to Take Action. It is a program where self advocates help others to develop person centered plans. Heidi Schneider will be the Upper Fraser Community Council member to join the committee for voting.		
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Call Marsha Goldford to confirm that Heidi is our rep	Kerry	February 25, 2011
Topic	Discussion		
Passing the Torch	Maggie spoke about the BCACL Conference that she attended for transitions from birth to death. There was discussion re: the need for Ageing Parents to pass on information about their loved one to someone else who will be caring for the loved one. The group would like to continue to talk about transitions through their loved one's life. A committee has formed to develop online tools to be used by the public. There will be meetings to develop these tools. Next meeting will be held March 14 <sup>th</sup> and 1:30pm in Burnaby.		
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Email to be sent to council with more info.	Maggie	
Adjournment			
8:30 p.m.			
Next Meeting			
March 17, 2011; 6:00 p.m. at Garden Towers, Abbotsford			