



KOOTENAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2009

CHAIR SUMMARY

The East and West Community Councils have been just recently amalgamated. Prior to the merger, in both the East and West Kootenay areas there was a decision made by the Councils not to meet until it was determined whether or not the Councils would amalgamate. While both Councils were feeling frustrated in 2009-2010 with the seeming lack of concrete goals and overall progress, they are now excited and revitalized to be a part of one regional Council.

KEY INITIATIVES

BUILDING WELCOMING COMMUNITIES/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- A strategic planning meeting was held in April to determine the new goals. It was also held to define the role of the new Council.
- Goal 1- Community Council will educate self advocates, family, community and CLBC staff about honouring the voice with the Choice.
- The council defined and outlined a very task oriented plan about how they were going to achieve this goal.
- Goal 2- Community Council will create awareness and provide information to encourage self-advocates and families to do proactive planning regarding aging and end of life issues.
- The primary emphasis and time will be spent on achieving goal number one, with the hope to integrate goal two into community sessions that are planned.
- At this particular meeting Stephen Russell did an orientation on the New Terms of Reference and the new manual. Rachel Schmidt did a presentation on Community Engagement.
- In the past year Council members have made progress in accessibility awareness in the Castlegar area.
- The Council sponsored a successful t-shirt contest in Trail that had ripples throughout the broader community.
- Council has been involved in raising the profile of adults with developmental disabilities in the Nakusp area through participating in a variety of community events and endeavours.
- The Council has supported workshops and continues to seek more effective means

of communicating (brochures, webpage).

ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

Creative ways of meeting will need to be continually explored given the large geographic region. Questions relating to Council's usefulness and pending merger have dominated thinking over the past year. The children's transfer and the consolidation of CLBC's adult mandate have also been a focus.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Every member has tasks assigned to them in order to achieve the goals of the Council.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

NAME	COMMUNITY	MEMBERSHIP
Sandi McCreight (Chair)	Castlegar	Community Member
Janet Royko (PAC Rep)	Nakusp	Family Member
Madeleine Harlamovs	Trail	Family Member
Helen Lorimer	Castlegar	Family Member
Nick Toner	Nelson	Self-Advocate
Healthier Jensen	Cranbrook	Family Member
Denise Robinson	Cranbrook	Community Member
Mark Skelton (Vice-Chair)	Kimberely	Self-Advocate
Collen Mosimann	Cranbrook	Self-Advocate
Lynn Mace	Fernie	Service Provider
Donna McCready	Creston	Service Provider
Betsy Goolieff	Castlegar	Service Provider
Susan England-Williamson	Cranbrook	Community Member