



South Island Community Council Meeting

Date: March 30, 2010

220 – 4460 Chatterton Way, Victoria

Present:

David Steeves (Chair), Bill Hustler, Carol Antoine, Rosemary Juszko, Mary Valeriote, Bev Kissinger, Sharon Bearpark, Sharon Sinclair, Lesley Lambert, Manager Community Planning & Development.

Regrets:

Louise Doucet, Mary Emmond, Roger Palmer, Michael Hayes, Kristen Kay, Nina Linqanti, QSO Manager, David MacPherson, Director of Regional Operations (participated in a portion of the meeting via conference call).

Guests:

Stephen Russell, CLBC Manager of Special Projects; Caitlyn Sassaman, CLBC Community Relations Specialist

AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Approval of last meeting's minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order • Motion to adopt minutes of February 2010 meeting by Bev Kissinger <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seconded: Sharon Bearpark o Carried
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Introduction Presentation and Discussion, Stephen Russell	Introduction to Stephen Russell, CLBC Manager of Special Projects Stephen Russell: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided council with handouts of the Community Council Members' Manual and Terms of Reference for Community Councils (can be found in the meeting minutes binder). • Stephen provided an overview of his 30 plus years of involvement in the Community Living field. His current role as Manager of Special Projects involves working with community councils, the Provincial Advisory Committee, regional projects and special projects (such as the Nanaimo forum, which will be discussed later). • Stephen, along with many others, worked on the Community Council Members' Manual. The main differences are in the terms of reference; they looked at what worked and what didn't. The new version downplays the financial aspects and emphasizes community engagement. Stephen welcomes any feedback on the new manual. • In regards to the PSI, there are perhaps a few hundred people in BC who are eligible for support. This population

can, in some ways, be resistant to support; initially it may be a steep learning curve for all involved. Bill Hustler added that in some circumstances this population can be difficult to reach. It was recommended that Ellen Sharpe, the PSI facilitator, be invited to a future council meeting to discuss this new initiative.

- Stephen noted that it has been quite revealing to travel and meet with many of the Community Councils. He added that he is impressed with the work that the SICC is doing. David Steeves asked where community councils fit in, now that changes have taken place. Stephen responded that councils need to look at what they can accomplish, and be clear in choosing a focus, as they cannot do everything.
- There are currently 13 Community Councils, with approximately 13 members on the PAC. Two of the current Board members are regular liaisons with the PAC. It is the intent of the PAC that issues from councils will be taken to the Board, and vice versa. Given the upcoming change in the constituency of the Board, what that will mean in the future is an issue in various parts of the province.
- Stephen stressed that the council should not lose sight of their power in community engagement. If the council chooses to work on real things, that have outcomes, this will be the measure of success for councils. He noted that while it is important to fight a good fight, “don’t not do what matters to people on the ground”.
- Bill added that with the turnover of the Board, it gives us the opportunity to ensure replacements 1) meet the criteria, and 2) are sympathetic to our position. He also noted the importance of other councils and CLBC staff to identify potential members.
- David noted that at Council’s upcoming planning session the group should look at how we as councils, and PAC, can make sure that what goes forward makes sense.
- Stephen referenced a new DVD entitled “Come Together”, which is intended for councils to take to service clubs, etc. to educate groups in the community regarding CLBC. Sharon Sinclair and Roger Palmer sat on the committee with Rachel, who developed the DVD. It will be distributed to CLBC managers, who will then deliver it to councils.
- Doug Woollard is writing a paper on Community Engagement. It will provide a conceptual framework around CLBC’s role in this regard.
- Bill asked for a report on the meetings that have taken place with MLAs. Rosemary Juszko commented that this would be included in the Communications Committee report.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephen has been involved in planning a forum that will take place in Nanaimo on Monday, May 10th. It is being led by the PLAN Institute, and facilitated by Charles Holmes from the Dalai Lama Centre. “Participants will engage in a discussion about possible futures for community living and the roles that adults with developmental disabilities, families, service providers, CLBC and other stakeholders can play in shaping that future”. There is no cost to attend this event, however attendance is by invitation. The venue can hold up to 200 people and Stephen asked the council to identify individuals who may like to participate. Please forward this information to Keri, who will then pass it on to David and Bill. 						
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CLBC Staff Reports	<p>Conference Call with David MacPherson, Director of Regional Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A brief discussion was held on the 2010/11 budget. There was some preliminary discussion around strategies to address the challenges, including negotiations with service providers, meetings to work with parents, looking at all aspects of the work done, retraining of staff where necessary, etc. Further information will become available as the organization begins to move forward on working on the challenges. David Steeves noted that as this begins to roll out, it may create communication issues for Councils. Bev Kissinger added that, particularly for parents whose children are transitioning to adult services this is already a challenging time as they don’t yet know “the lay of the land”. David MacPherson urged council to direct any anxious families to contact him, Nina or Lesley. If groups of families require updates they are also willing to do this. David MacPherson also noted that he would be happy to provide more details on this matter at the council meeting in April. <p>Lesley Lambert, Manager Community Planning and Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLBC staff have participated in sessions with Dr. Frances Ricks in regards to planning and working with families. Dr. Ricks wrote the planning guide that facilitators currently use. Bev asked about the status of the Community Support Team. The team’s roles and functions are being reviewed at the present time and the final decisions on how the CST looks and operates are still to be determined. At this time Dorothy Tait is gone, but can be consulted on an individual by individual basis. Based on a recent matter regarding the Municipal Pension Plan, Bill asked Lesley if council could be kept informed as new issues arise, so that members can respond appropriately to the community. Lesley 						

	<p>acknowledged that while issues such as these are not council issues, in future council will be provided enough information to direct individuals in the appropriate manner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Steeves commented that many issues and themes arose at the recent “You, Me and CLBC” meeting. There is a sense that many questions and concerns exist. Rosemary added that families would like a way to talk to one another. • Caitlyn Sassaman, CLBC Community Relations Specialist, noted that the CLBC website is in the process of being revamped and redesigned to make it more user friendly. They are aiming for a completion date of May 2010. • CLBC wants help connecting with people. Lesley added that CLBC could support the Second Wave group to print pamphlets if desired. • Bev commented that the Second Wave group reports feeling less isolated than previously. • Confusion on transitioning – the challenge will be for those who have not yet turned 19. It was noted that it can’t hurt to do joint planning and to pool funding. 						
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Committee Reports	<p>Membership & Planning – David Steeves (written report provided)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CLBC Board nomination process is in hand. • Planning Session – further discussion will take place at April’s meeting. At this time the thought is that during the morning part of the session the chairs of each committee will brief Council on where the committee is in relation to the commitments made in September 2009, and also provide the individual committee’s perspective on the direction and objectives for the 2010/2011 year. Planning will then take place for 2010/2011. The balance of the morning session will include discussion by Council on the direction of committees and whether there are other areas that the group as a whole feels need to be included in the individual committee plans. In the afternoon the issue of communication amongst councils will be addressed. How are these important links to the community throughout BC going to communicate with each other? In addition we will look at the relationship of councils to PAC and to the Board and develop recommendations on how these relationships might change in the future. • Lesley requested that council contact the church from whom we are renting the space for the planning session and inquire about an invoice being provided, as there were some difficulties with making the payment last year. Keri will follow up on this. 						

- Annual Report – must be completed by April 15th. Each committee is asked to update their information from the Activity Report to include March, and provide this information to Keri and David. The report will then be altered slightly at the beginning and end to form the annual report. Mary Valeriote indicated the desire to include recommendations from the community in the report so they go forward in writing. David noted that the recommendations could also go forward to PAC, apart from the annual report.
- David met with Neil Belanger, Executive Director of the BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society. The question of how CLBC interacts with individuals on reserves was asked at the council meeting. Carol Antoine indicated that there is no federal funding for special needs, and given that reserves fall under federal jurisdiction, an agency cannot come in and provide support. Individuals must move off the reserve to receive support, or the Band can create something. David added that given that Neil acts as a resource for a variety of information, it may be of interest to have him attend a council meeting or vice versa.
- Budget – thank you for your input. It will be passed on to Lesley.
- David has put his name in for a Board position with Community Living BC.
- Bill thanked those who have put names forth for potential Board nominations.

Communications Committee – Rosemary Juszko (written report provided)

- Information sheets – still have some available, some were given out at the Resource Fair. A new picture will be taken at the planning session.
- Victoria Rotary Club presentation – about half of those present (approximately 90 attended) knew of CLBC and one person asked about employing someone. The meeting was both a success and a learning process.
- Caitlyn asked about, and received a positive response, the possibility of sharing the Information Sheet with other councils up island. Sharon Sinclair noted that a date should be added to future sheets.
- PSI Information – There is a need to develop a master list of agencies to which the Communications Committee can send articles and information. Sharon has a list from the resource fair, some of whom are generic and others whom are not. Bev will provide a list of other agencies in the Victoria area. This will be discussed at the next

Communications Committee meeting.

- Meeting with politicians – Rachel Schmidt and Caitlyn are planning meetings for the next six months. They are identifying MLAs who they haven't met for awhile and will update them on items such as the PSI and Service Redesign. It was suggested that they also meet with MPs – this is something Caitlyn would need to discuss further; she will report back to council on the response.
- Community Council Video – this will be viewed at the next meeting.
- Self Advocates Conference – June 16th at the Unitarian Church. There is great ambiance at this location and approximately 80 people will attend. There is a preliminary list of presenters. Self advocates are being included in the process wherever possible. Suggestions have been made to include music between sessions, a Tai Chi demonstration, and art in the afternoon, etc. Lesley will provide a contact name for Tai Chi. Handy DART has been contacted and vans will be provided at the Royal Oak bus exchange as this is 6 kms from the venue. Mary Emmond and Michael Langridge have been very involved and information is being taken to the self advocacy groups.
- Paralympics Torch Relay - was here in Victoria on March 6th. 31 torch bearers of varying abilities went back and forth within the inner harbour. A resource fair was part of the event, which included a CLBC booth. Five self advocates worked at the table and distributed posters, pins, etc. related to the Start with "Hi" campaign. 600 people dropped by in 3 hours! Caitlyn followed up with a letter to the organizers and asked to be included in future events.
- Display table backdrop - hope to do as collaboration and perhaps use at Meet and Greets. Caitlyn suggested having some velcro areas that would allow the information to be changed according to the situation.
- CLBC is looking at using Facebook as a means for families to communicate online.
- The Citizen – the next edition contains an article on Tim Palmer, who was one of the Olympic Relay Torchbearers. It was suggested that perhaps Roger might share, at the next council meeting, the DVD that was done on the torch experience. The Citizen can be requested on the CLBC website.

Self Advocates Committee – no presentation, but written report provided

Family Committee – Bev Kissinger

- Have welcomed Deb Senger (Adult Respite, Community Options) to our committee as a community member.
- 200 visitors attended the recent Resource Fair; almost twice as many as last year. Next year we may look at collaborating with Second Wave.
- Meet and Greets – Salt Spring Island in April and Sooke in May.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are looking at how to work around individuals with disabilities that are aging? What are the demographics? Does CLBC have a direction/goals in this regard? We don't want to duplicate. Maybe develop a community plan and speaker? Could the Communications Committee look at seniors centres re: education? Next year working on 1) transition issue and helping with transition checklist, 2) Family Governance model, 3) continuing to work with aboriginals. WOW Award – Bev is involved in the selection process – closes April 4th. DDMHT – due to the psychiatrist being away for a family emergency they are frozen around their ability to provide support. No referrals for a month and no medication reviews. It is problematic to rely on only one psychiatrist. 						
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New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training Videos – the 3rd of a series is now available and being used to assist in training new staff. It covers the topic of assisting with personal care and hygiene. The videos are financed by BCACL and can be obtained through www.mediasales@viha.ca. 						
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ADJOURNMENT							
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm Moved by Sharon Bearpark 2 nd by Sharon Sinclair							
NEXT MEETING							
Date: Tuesday, April 27th Time: 5:00 p.m. Location: 220 – 4460 Chatterton Way, Victoria, B.C.							