



## South Island Community Council Meeting

Date: September 28, 2010

220 – 4460 Chatterton Way, Victoria

### Present:

David Steeves (Chair), Bill Hustler, Louise Doucet, Mary Emmond, Rosemary Juszko, Bev Kissinger, Roger Palmer, Sharon Sinclair, Mary Valeriotte, Lesley Lambert, CPD Manager ; Christine MacKenzie, CLBC Facilitator (guest).

### Regrets:

Carol Antoine, Michael Hayes, Kam Judge, Kristen Kay, Mike Langridge, Nigel Livingston, Nina Linguanti, QSO Manager; David MacPherson, Director of Regional Operations.

## AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Acceptance of the current agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to Order</li> <li>• Two items were added to the agenda:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Time of Meetings</li> <li>○ Annual Reports</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Motion to accept agenda by Bev Kissinger               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Seconded: Sharon Sinclair</li> <li>○ Carried</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Motion to adopt minutes of June 2010 meeting by Louise Doucet               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Seconded: Mary Emmond</li> <li>○ Carried</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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CLBC Staff Report	<p><b>Lesley Lambert, Manager Community Planning &amp; Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ellen Sharpe (PSI facilitator) has resigned from her position as she has moved to Alberta. Her last day was September 14<sup>th</sup> – there is a posting for her position on the CLBC website. It is a two week posting and interviews for the position will be held soon.</li> <li>• Reappointment Forms – as council members are reappointed it is necessary to update your bio information, which will then be forwarded to the Board. Sheila Popadynech, office manager at the Wilson St. office, can send you a copy of your current bio which you can then update and return to her.</li> <li>• Reappointment - It is not a requirement to be renominated by Council. If you decide to continue on council, you are required to complete a reappointment form (Keri can send you this), update your bio and return the form to Sheila. Once you have received your confirmation of reappointment, if you could forward a copy of the letter to</li> </ul>

Keri, she will keep in on file and track reappointment dates. Currently a member can serve a maximum of 6 years (three, 2 year terms). At this time you could take a year off and then return, if you choose.

- Of the adults on the Request for Service List, at September 15<sup>th</sup>, nineteen of them had no service. Most, but not all, are in the transition process.
- The question was asked as to whether CLBC is considering group home requests at this time. Lesley responded that yes, individuals can still be placed in group homes, but at this time such a move would require David MacPherson to sign off and approve.
- Bill Hustler stated that CLBC needs to be clear that it is not closing *all* group homes and that the home share concept needs to be promoted.
- A great deal of discussion took place around what is being portrayed in the media and feedback that is being received from families and support staff. Families and staff want to ensure that individuals will be receiving the same supports and are concerned about how they are going to be supported with less money. Some are concerned about individuals being moved from situations in which they have thrived for many years. Some have a fear of the unknown. Family Committee members asked where families can go to get accurate information. Also, does CLBC have a communication strategy? Christine MacKenzie reported that CLBC staff is meeting with families, groups and individuals. She also stressed the importance of Service Providers to be talking with their staff.
- Some council members indicated that they feel it is a mistake for CLBC not to respond to the media and that remaining silent compromises the work that CLBC has done thus far. They stressed that choice is important and that while they recognize the current system is not sustainable, the message of what is occurring needs to be clarified and those with concerns need to know who they can go for more information. Lesley was asked to share these concerns with David MacPherson.
- Bev Kissinger noted that Nina's presentation at the Second Wave meeting was very helpful. She provided good information regarding the lay of the land, rationale behind decisions being made and the current reality of CLBC. Bev also asked what else can be done to support CLBC.
- Mary Valeriotte asked about the sustainability of home shares. As people age and retire, what will become of individuals' placements? Is there a plan in place? Lesley stated that each home share has a host agency, which will be

	<p>recruiting home share placements on an ongoing basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The question was also asked whether CLBC is encouraging parents to purchase homes for their children. Lesley reported that there is no directive in this regard, but that 'in home' support can be provided.</li> </ul>						
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Committee Reports	<p><b>Membership &amp; Planning – David Steeves</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>M&amp;P meeting minutes (attached) were reviewed</li> <li>In the meeting minutes it was suggested that the South Island's position, relative to Board members adopting Councils within their geographic service area, be formalized into a brief document, taken to PAC to see if it is supported, then taken to the Board for their consideration. David will put something together for October or November and provide to Council for review.</li> <li>It was suggested that M&amp;P formally take over the process of recruiting new Council members. M&amp;P is also looking for a new member – please let them know if there is someone you know who may be a good fit.</li> <li>It was suggested to Council that Arlene of <i>Inclusion Works!</i> be invited to a council meeting to provide an update on their work. Council agreed – Bev Kissinger will contact Arlene and try to set this up for October's meeting.</li> <li>Bill Hustler extended kudos to the Family and Communications Committees for all the good work they are doing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Communications Committee – Roger Palmer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written report attached.</li> <li>The SICC Information Sheet has been updated and will be posted on the CLBC website. Lesley will print the Information Sheet and have copies available in the CLBC office.</li> <li>A display table has been ordered and will be available for the October 5<sup>th</sup> forum on aging. The backdrop will contain much of the information that is on the Information Sheet and other information can be attached for specific uses.</li> <li>It was noted that if Committees have expenses, such as the display table, approval to spend monies is to come from David Steeves.</li> </ul> <p><b>Self Advocates Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kristen Kay and Mary Emmond will present information from the PAC meeting in October.</li> <li>The formal PAC report will be coming out soon. Keri will circulate it to Council at this time.</li> <li>Sharon Sinclair commented on the success of the 'One Day' event. There was a great turn out, excellent music and over 650 hot dogs and hamburgers were sold!</li> </ul>						

**Family Committee - Bev Kissinger**

- Meeting minutes were circulated and reviewed. An edited version will be emailed to Council by Bev.
- October 5<sup>th</sup> – Conversations on Aging at Ross Place.
- It has been identified that young adults who are eligible for Continuing Care funds are not able to access their full amount from Continuing Care due to a funding shortfall in CLBC. This is a systemic issue and has been forwarded to Jane Holland for review.
- Mary Valeriote is leaving in February. The Family Committee and Membership & Planning Committee need to discuss plans to recruit a new member who will bring skills like Mary’s to both Council and the Family Committee.
- David Steeves asked what will happen following the upcoming conversations on aging. Where will this information go and what will be done? Julie Hopkins will develop a strategic plan and forward on to CLBC.
- You, Me & CLBC update – Lesley reported that Sylvie Zebroff has identified themes and CLBC has been responding to specific suggestions. For example, directives are in place for CLBC staff in regards to returning phone calls within a certain time period and indicating on their voicemails if they are away on holidays.
- An update was requested on the status of the Crisis Response Team. Lesley will follow up on this.

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New Business

**Member Reappointment**

- As members come up for reappointment Keri will send you the Reappointment Form, to be completed and returned to Sheila Popadynech at the Wilson St. office. She will also provide you with your original bio to be updated. Once you have received your letter of reappointment, please forward a copy to Keri to be kept on file.
- Keri will send Louise Doucet a Reappointment Form.

**Selection of Chair and Vice Chair**

- Sharon Sinclair motioned that David Steeves continue as Chair and Bill Hustler as Vice Chair. Seconded by Bev Kissinger, Carried.

**Expenses**

- Council is running on a tighter budget this year. Not everything on the ‘ask list’ has been approved. Council asked for \$13 000 and received \$10 000.
- A reminder to submit expenses if you are doing legitimate CLBC work.

**Time of Meeting**

- There was some discussion as to whether it would be better to start Council meetings a half hour earlier and whether 3 hours is required for each meeting. Those at the meeting agreed to an earlier start time, as long as it does not present a problem for those absent from the meeting. Keri will follow up with the remaining Council members. Efforts will be made to keep the length of meetings reasonable, recognizing that when there are guest speakers, etc., meetings may run longer.

**Annual Reports (attached)**

Mary Valeriote commented on several notes/themes from the compilation of regional council annual reports. For example:

- Aging appears to be an issue across the board.
- North Region
  - Speaks to community engagement.
  - Provided QS with funding priorities
  - Evaluated Council members.
- Richmond
  - Recommended an information session on those with complex health needs
  - Members also sit on various regional committees (i.e. transit, etc)
  - Challenges – home sharing for complex needs and those with behavioural challenges
  - Realignment with Bill 20
- North Okanagan
  - Set aside funds for a journalist to write articles on contributions made by those with disabilities as a means of raising awareness.
- Upper Fraser – concern that CLBC will focus on budget issues, to the detriment of families and individuals
- Vancouver – kept Council rather than merging with two others in the region.
- Thompson-Cariboo – partnered with CLBC to develop a Family Governance Coordinator
- Member recruitment appears to be a general problem.

**June 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting with CLBC Board/PAC/Community Council and CLBC Management – David Steeves**

- Quality of reports is improving
- Councils have a better sense of what they are trying to do
- New Board Chair was present (not Chair at the time)
- Board Members all appear well qualified
- Council will look at inviting the Chair, Denise Turner, to a SICC meeting

**Christine McKenzie (CLBC facilitator)** discussed with Council their role and commented on the capacity to brainstorm and work together. She asked what makes it energizing for members and discussion took place around the commitment and skills of the members, the purpose/focus of the council and the overall flow of energy. The collaboration of Council with others, such as Second Wave, the Resource Fair and the Conversations on Aging was recognized. There is excellent communication/collaboration with CLBC staff.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm      Moved by Bev Kissinger 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon Sinclair

**NEXT MEETING**

Date: Tuesday, October 26    Time: 5:00 p.m.    Location: 220 – 4460 Chatterton Way, Victoria, B.C.