

**SURREY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2010- 6:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Cheryl –Anne Hendy                      Sandra Cottingham  
Coreen Windbiel                                  Shirley Tan  
Karen Virtue                                        Valerie Newton  
Maddie Addison                                  Wendy Mackintosh  
Marie Sabine

**CLBC Staff:** Sharon Rose, CLBC Manager  
Josefina Marchetti, Recorder

**Regrets:** Connie Hulley, Edwina Jeffrey and Sheila Palmer

**Guests:** Jule Hopkins and Brenda Cowie-Hanssen

**Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. and welcomed Council members.

**Agenda**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

**Approval of the Minutes of May 27, 2010**

**Motion:**

It was moved by Maddie Addison, seconded by Valerie Newton, to approve the minutes of May 27, 2010, as circulated. *Carried Unanimously*

**Aging Parents Brochure**

Action Plan 29 – (Ageing Parents)

As a result of the Council’s work in early 2009, a draft brochure addressing “ageing parents” was developed. The brochure outlines the importance of parents and families planning for the future of their developmentally disabled adult children. The target is “ageing parents” who will receive the brochure from service providers, service agencies, community services, emergency services (Fire, Police and Ambulance) physicians, etc.

The idea of the brochure was reviewed by the CLBC Provincial Advisory Committee. Jule Hopkins, Accountability & Safeguards Manager, was assigned to work on this project. Jule Hopkins and contractor Brenda Cowie-Hanssen, presented the draft of the brochure. The brochure met the expectations of Surrey/Delta Community Council members and it was approved. CLBC considers ‘ageing parents’ an issue throughout the Province and will work with all the regions to promote the brochure. Jule Hopkins and her team are inviting Community Councils around the Province to co-host community meetings designed to facilitate a broadly inclusive, information gathering process from a wide range of stakeholders. These meetings will inform CLBC’s strategic thinking and direction on addressing the multiple challenges and needs around “ageing”.

## **Manager's Report**

Sharon Rose, Surrey/Delta CPD manager, reported on the following:

- **Personalized Supports Initiative**

CLBC will adopt an action-research approach that would focus on PSI's operational implementation. Action-research is "learning by doing" and it is based on the premise that knowledge is derived from practice and practice is informed by knowledge. PSI was implemented six months ago and CLBC has 242 individuals registered from all the areas in BC. In Surrey, 7 individuals have been determined eligible and 21 are in progress.

Council members expressed interest in having an orientation session to PSI eligibility and services. Sharon will set a meeting up with Chandy Drozda, Surrey/Delta PSI facilitator.
- **Community Living Month**

Surrey/Delta CLBC carrying out two Community Living month events: a) Floor hockey and fitness day at Guildford Recreation Centre, organized in partnership with Surrey Parks and Recreation; and. b) Community breakfast, on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010. CLBC will provide breakfast to individuals supported by CLBC, their families, homeless people and community in general.
- **Quality of Life Project**

The project involves self-advocates supported by CLBC interviewing other self-advocates. Self-advocates will be trained and paid to conduct interviews. The quality of life data collected from the interviews will be used to measure personal outcomes and will allow CLBC to know how well services are enhancing the quality of life of those who are served by CLBC. Dr. Robert Schalock is the consultant conducting this project.
- **Self Advocate Conference - Edenvale**

This retreat takes place from Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> afternoon until Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 p.m. The Edenvale Retreat and Conference Centre is located in Abbotsford. The Council would contemplate the possibility of sponsoring a self-advocate. The cost of the conference is \$175.00 per person.
- **2010/11 Community Meetings Focus**

2009/2010 - Meetings conducted across B.C. to explore the extent to which individuals and families felt their feedback affected CLBC's priorities, planning and decision making.

2010/2011 – A modified and integrated approach to proposed regional community meetings has been developed. The focus: To build a longer-term capacity and community-building core to these annual meetings. Three components have been identified:

- Information sharing and Q&A
- Check in and chat
- Sharing stories

Surrey's session is expected for February 2011. After the session there will be a self-advocate workshop.

- Website editing

CLBC has stopped using Adobe Contribute to edit the website. Adobe Contribute was causing several problems so CLBC will start using Word Press which is more user-friendly and free of "connection" issues. Training will be provided to administrative staff to update the Community Council's pages.

### **Overview of Ongoing Projects & Initiatives**

The "ageing parents" brochure is complete; however, Council needs to decide how the brochure will be distributed in Surrey/Delta.

Council will follow through on the 'Implementation' stage of the issues of: "Developmentally disabled individuals want to have lives that include lifelong learning, employment/volunteering opportunities and access to recreation and leisure".

### **Discussion: 2011 Strategic Plan**

The Community Council will start working on the new Council's Strategic Plan. The Chair asked for feedback on how the Council wants to develop the new Plan: Hiring a consultant to guide the Council during the development of the Plan or to do it themselves. The Council agreed on the second option. Sandra Cottingham and Coreen Windbiel volunteered to lead the strategic planning process.

### **Discussion: Meeting Dates**

Starting January 2011, Surrey/Delta Community Council will move its meetings from the last Thursday of each month to the last Wednesday of each month.

The format of the meetings will be the same, one working session then a business session. Working sessions will start at 6:00 p.m. and business sessions will start at 6:30 p.m. (except for November meeting).

Thursday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m. Working session.

Wendi Mckintosh will invite Angela Clancey, from Family Support Institute, to talk about the Parent Support Groups and the work done to date.

Thursday, November 25 at 6:00 p.m. Business session. This meeting will start at 6:00 pm to allow the presentation by the Council's guest, Robin Syme, from Canassist –

University of Victoria. The topic will be “social media and individuals with developmental disabilities”.

2011 Meeting Calendar

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Wednesday, June 29, 2011

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on October 28, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further items to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.