



## North Okanagan Community Council Meeting

DATE:	<b>Saturday, June 19, 2010</b>
TIME:	<b>10:00 am to 2:00 pm</b>
LOCATION:	<b>Vernon – CLBC Office</b>

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In attendance – Sue Phillips, Dianne Saint, Sid Adams, Henry Sundquist, Helmut Herrmann, Bill Tidsbury, Joanne Crawford, Patricia Winters, Kirsten Cacka, Kathleen Cusmano, Kim Hollstedt (recorder)</li> <li>• Regrets –Lisa Kongsdorf, Patrick Allwood, Angela Davidson, James Weir</li> </ul>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Welcome New Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kathleen Cusmano and Sid Adams.</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Additional agenda items:</b></p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Approval of Agenda:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MOTION:</b> To approve Agenda Pat motioned, Diane second motion Carried.</li> </ul>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Conflict of interest declaration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda item 16A could be a conflict; some service providers are worried that service providers on the council are privy to insider information.</li> <li>• At this time we don't see a conflict as service providers are on the council to be the voice for all service providers. This is open to more discussion.</li> <li>• Maybe Service Providers shouldn't vote when it has to do with Service Providers issues.</li> </ul>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Review and approval of April 30, 2010 minutes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MOTION:</b> To approve minutes Dianne motioned, Helmut second motion Carried.</li> </ul>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <p><b>A. Next Steps funding redirection:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is currently sitting with Shuswap Association for community living. At the last meeting there was a general comment about making it available.</li> <li>• We are planning on moving it over to Smart Association, they made a presentation a while ago, they are a strong family organization representing Sicamous and Malakwa area.</li> </ul>



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- **MOTION:** that the money will go to Smart Association Diane motioned, Henry second motion carried.
  - **ACTION:** Joanne needs an invoice from CLBC for the money to clear it with her accountant. Jennifer Love will notify Smart regarding this funding and set up the contract.
- B. Recognition gifts**
- Pictures done by ACT program at Venture Creative Connections.
  - We have 10 pictures so there will be some in reserve. It is \$75.00 / picture the people that did the work will get about \$50.00 each and \$25.00 goes towards the materials.
  - The plaques will be an extra cost.
  - **MOTION:** We authorize to spend \$850 for recognition gifts for passed members of council ordering 10 in total. Pat motioned and Helmut second. Carried.

### 8. Member Updates

- **Dianne:** still going to SACL.  
No new members for the self advocate group Ted came out and talked to the Salmon Arm group and we are also looking at attending a meeting in Vernon.
- **Sid:** Has been running into the WCB issues, he is working on finding coverage.  
Last week he was in Abbotsford doing testimonial on Person Center Planning, with the Mennonite Group Home Association, it was very interesting.
- **Joanne:** We gave one proposal that was rejected and we have another one ready to present. We are moving forward and continuing on as best we can
- **Kathleen:** going to France in August. Starting in Paris and will be gone for a month
- **Kirsten:** her brothers girlfriend is pregnant and she is overdue, so we are waiting for the call
- **Helmut:** a week from today will be at PAC, waiting for feedback from the council.
- **Patricia:** quite busy with VDACL, and the opportunity to purchase the DA center. It is still in the planning stage and we will have to wait and see what happens.
- **Henry:** Vernon public art gallery there is an exhibit of recycled art, it is there for the balance of the month.  
One of my staff went to a Strategic Planning Conferences at Queen's University, we were the first non-profit organization to attend. Most of the people there are still of an institutional mind they are not of a community mind.  
We also had an employee attend a Personal Center Planning Seminar in Ireland.  
Kindale will be hosting a Personal Center Planning Seminar in Oct and Nov, it will be a week of training  
The issue of transparency has come up a number of places, information sharing is crucial.  
They community partnerships we need to across the sectors such as cooperatives if we continue with these negatives the future is not good.  
Century 21 donated office space to Kindale for 3 years.



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- **Sue:** DVD on Community coming together, it is a media tool for Community Councils to use.

### 9. Orientation for new members

- After much discussion, orientation for new members will be done on the Friday of our Strategic Planning Weekend in September.
- Dates that we will look at are Sept 10 & 11 and Sept 17 & 18.
- **ACTION:** Kim will find some option and mail them to council.

### 10. September Strategic Planning session – structure

- We need a subcommittee to come up with the strategic planning agenda. We could do a lot of this by e-mail and phone and then it will go out to all members for review. Sid and Bill will come up with an agenda for approval. Bill feels that some else should be part of this as Sid is new. Henry volunteered to join.

### 11. Council Budget:

- This year we do have 4 new members so there will be some extra travel costs. As a council you can raise a concern if you are unhappy with the process.
- Ours budget is higher than other councils, because we do have a bigger group.

### 12. Plans for October Community Living month:

- We have never really been involved with anything for Community Living Month. Does anyone have any ideas how we could support this.
- Hearing from community.
- Communication is very important; a lot of families don't even know that there is a council.
- We need to hear about the concerns from the public. People need to be heard even if there is nothing that can be done.
- Maybe we could hold some of our meetings at different times, i.e. the evening. Maybe this would encourage other people to come out.
- As a council we need to be more effective every month not just once a year.
- Even other Ministries outside of us questions what we do, some centers are looking at us to fail.
- The issues on communication, it would be a good item to put on Strategic Planning. If you want to be a community builder people then need a support plan. People want to be connected and we can't do it by staff because there isn't enough money, we need the support of the community to be involved in Community Inclusion. Council is one of the vehicle but we can't be the only vehicle.
- We need to get into every community and let the people be heard especially with the actions



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that are coming down and provide some information and it shouldn't just be CLBC staff. To have a group of people that are part of a council and will hold CLBC accountable.

- If we have these meeting how do we get the word out? CLBC will send out letters and an ad will be in the paper.
- We will hold Community Open House Meeting in October for Community Living Month in Revelstoke, Salmon Arm and Vernon. Dates for the meeting will be Oct 18: Monday Oct 18, Tuesday Oct 19 and Thursday Oct 21. We will figure out what day for each community.
- **ACTION:** Kim will look after setting up the meeting space

### 13. Feedback on May and Wow awards

- Excellent day, got to speak to a lot of people very interested discussions with different people.
- The people that were presented with the WOW awards were very deserving. A brochure is being put together with all nominees.
- What was the action at the end, very few items were an action at the end. Where are we going how do we connect the communities together. Added to strategic planning how do we as a council come up with an action to do this in our community.
- It was a plan event for them it was an event to start families talking and for the service providers were looking for more action because the saving plans were coming down.

### 14. Request from Self Advocates for council support on transportation issues

- They want to make a presentation to ask for your help regarding transportation, maybe they don't need to come maybe we should just offer our support.
- If we communicate that we fully support them and will work with them on the transportation issue. We will provide a letter of support.
- **MOTION:** a letter of support will be sent to the self advocated regarding transportation issue. Kirsten motioned and Diane second motion carried.
- **MOTION:** a second letter will be sent to the self advocated that this issue will be added to our Strategic Planning meeting is it approved then will see if they want our input. Henry motioned and Diane second, motion carried.

### 15. Feedback to Helmut for joint meeting issues

- Isolation: city bus around here don't have enough room for power chairs, and the van isn't always available enough
- Being tied to an organization schedule doesn't always fit your schedule so then you can't always go to things you would like to attend.
- In Salmon Arm the Handidart is usually overbooked.
- You have to book Handidart 7 days in advance. However because of that rule Handidart sometimes sits idle because they don't have appointments set up. People should always try calling at the last minute just in case there is availability. The council should see what Handidart's



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policy is regarding bookings. Also Handidart doesn't run Sundays or Holidays and they also stop running at 4:30

- Maybe the Council should have a rep from Handidart come in to address some of these issues.
- There are a number of community groups that are currently looking at transportation. We should try and get all groups to work together.
- Kirsten would like them to extend their shift so that if you want to go to a movie you can.
- Bill - another issue that is really big and is sometimes harder to have a voice for is the isolation issue. I still hear about limitation on isolation. We should look at ways to expand out services into the evening hours. Sometimes there is isolation out of fear, especially as we move towards more independent living situation, individuals can be very aware of their volubility so there is a need to support so that people can feel safe to go out. Sometime there is still isolation whether it's in shared living situation or even homeshare situation. Sometimes you don't have the funding and if 2 parents are working then the individuals stay at home and watches TV.
- With families there is still a lot of isolation, it's a catch 22 you know you need support, but you are tired and you don't really know where to go for support. Then Families end up being isolated in their circumstances.
- Every contractor is supposed to be building support networks because without them people end up isolated. SACL did a survey and the core of the questions was you hanging out with people with developmental disabilities and the % is extremely low. We need more people hanging out with supported individuals as friends not because they are getting paid.
- Senior parents also hang out with other seniors and that is who their child ends up hanging out with.
- How do we organize and facilitate the supports that are needed.

### 16. QSO issues

#### A. Unfair advantage issue of Service providers on Council – raised by other SP

- There have been some rumbles about the fact that there is an unfair advantage to council members that hear about reductions etc.
- Bill doesn't believe that there is an unfair advantage. To be able to have influence as a council you need to know what is happening before it happens so that you can have input. We need to be part of the solution, so maybe we need to look at it during the strategic planning.
- Having conversation with others to bring other perceptions to the meetings. Transparency is very important
- As an organization we have said that families and groups are the wisdom and that is why we need the prospective from these groups, which starts with the council.
- Information should be freely discussed.

#### B. Response to family issues based on group home re-designs.

- Times columnist letter was read.



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- We are looking at residential re-design, people who are in group homes but in terms of the level of support that they actually require don't necessarily meet what level of support they are currently receiving.
- We have to deliver a balanced budget. It's not a matter of that CLBC needs the money; it's dealing with the upcoming issues, people coming into the system, H&S issues. It isn't a cash grab it's about reallocating funds to other people that have needs that we currently are not supporting. The CLBC staff is working on staying true to our values well working on bringing in a balanced budget.
- The Council's support is appreciated. Pat feels that some areas are being touched while other parts are not and that is what people are talking about.
- A tough financial situation is where people usually change, and when there is change you always lose something and gain something.
- We need to look at the Person Centered Planning. Council needs to determine what our values around Personal Center Planning are, so how are we going to do that.

### 17. Communication work with Allie McNeil

- We have decided that we are unable to have Allie come to our September meeting, we will look at October maybe
- It would be great if someone from the council would work with her so that it's not just Bill, Kirsten volunteered to work with Allie regarding easy of reading and content

### 18. CLBC regional work plan

- Bill handed out the work plan requesting that everyone please review and it will be discussed at the September Strategic Planning meeting.

### 19. Fall Council Meeting Dates

- Sept during the Strategic Planning meeting either Sept 10 & 11 or Sept 17 & 18
- Oct 3
- Nov 20
- Jan 15
- Feb 19
- Mar 19
- April 16
- May 14
- June 18

### 20. Adjourn to in Camera 1:38



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Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting Sept, 2010

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