



CHAIR SUMMARY

The Simon Fraser Community Council focused much of its energy this year to better understand the issues and challenges facing our region. We have developed a strong working relationship with the staff of CLBC and feel very positive moving forward. We have solidified our council for next year with a good mix of self advocates, family members and service providers.

Moving forward, the entire team is unified and share a common vision and purpose for the clients in the Simon Fraser Region.

KEY INITIATIVES

BUILDING WELCOMING COMMUNITIES

We have added a self advocate to our community council through our recruitment efforts. Members of council have attended many workshops, transitions fairs and conferences to learn more of the needs of clients in our region or how we can serve the clients better.

ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

We had difficulty getting quorums at our meetings and providing a concrete direction for this council. We will continue to recruit more council members and will strive to intentionally provide more focus and direction for our region to serve our clients better.

ACCOUNTABILITY

While, the council has no direct control of budget distribution, we feel positive that individuals requesting service will continue to be a priority. We will continue to work to ensure individuals with urgent needs are served most effectively.

ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

The challenges will be fiscal, especially as we will be operating in a climate of fiscal restraint due to the Provincial budget challenges. We will continue to work with CLBC staff to ensure we maximize the benefits to the individuals in our region.

FINANCIAL DECISION MAKING

The council is positive that the wait list for services is now documented and known and every effort is made to provide as many services to as many clients as possible, with those most needy served first.

ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

We will continue to work with CLBC staff to identify the clients with the most urgent needs and to ensure that they are served first.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Members of our council have been involved in the following,

- *participated in the host committee for the transition fair for Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows
- *attended workshop hosted by CanAssist – moving beyond the status quo
- *attended BCACL conference
- *Attended crisis response workshop
- *participated in CLBC client survey

We will continue to work with CLBC staff and our counterparts around the province to effectively reach out to the community that we serve.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

| NAME | COMMUNITY | MEMBERSHIP |
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| Barb Goode | Burnaby | Self-Advocate |
| Ludo Van Pelt | New West | Self-Advocate |
| Conrad Alberts | Tri-Cities | Self-Advocate |
| Vera Anderson | Tri-Cities | Family Member |
| Deb Appleby | Maple Ridge | Family Member |

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| Jacque Jordan | Maple Ridge | Family Member |
| Barb Thomas | Tri-Cities | Family Member/Service Provider |
| Jim Wong | Burnaby | Family Member |
| Richard Faucher | Burnaby | Service Provider |