

Upper Fraser Community Council Meeting

Date: April 21, 2011

Address: Garden Towers, Abbotsford

Time: 6:00pm

Present: Jerry Laidlaw, Maggie Metcalfe, Kerry Lawson, Cathy Bonnett, Brenda Gillette, Sylvia Dirks, Tiffany McCurdy (minutes)

Regrets: Kathie MacDonald, Cheryl Lewis, Heidi Schneider, Bryce Schaufelberger

Agenda Topics			
Topic	Discussion		
Review of agenda and previous minutes dated March 17, 2011	Minutes accepted by Sylvie Dirks, seconded by Jerry Laidlaw, all approved. Agenda accepted by Brenda Gillette, seconded by Cathy Bonnett, all approved.		
Topic	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
Business Arising from Previous Minutes.	Latest information on employment to be distributed among council members.	Bryce Schaufelberger	April 6, 2011
	Kerry sent the biography for Jule Hopkins out to council members.	Kerry Lawson	
	Forum on Ageing posters were not distributed.		ASAP
	Invitations were sent out to notify Chilliwack Society for Community Living of transition dates.	Kerry Lawson and Tiffany McCurdy	
	John Talbot coming to council meeting on June 14 th , "Strategic Planning" from 4-8pm. Garden Park Towers.		

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Art of Engaging Community Information	Rachel Schmidt did talk about her background in Art. The workshop is three hours in length. Cathy Bonnett suggested that she might go as a rep from the Upper Fraser Community Council to a workshop elsewhere. Question arose: Are there any other ways of training for how to engage community?		
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	Response to Rachel saying there is someone on the council interested in being a rep to attend a workshop elsewhere in Lower Mainland.	Kerry Lawson to get back to Rachel, wait for a response and will cc: Cathy	May 19, 2011
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Forum on Ageing Feedback	Was well done. Abbotsford afternoon Forum had an attendance of 29 people (including one person from Health). Abbotsford evening Forum had an attendance of 10 people. Langley Forum had an attendance of 22 people (mainly service providers and self-advocates). Attendance: 51% self advocate parents, 25% service providers. There were three specific questions so the Forum was not entirely open ended. Jule Hopkins kept the Forum nicely focused. Jule to continue visiting community councils and will present on new strategies in the future. Good points were brought up at each Forum. It was a start. A lot of confusion surfaced around wills. Not a lot of Lawyers around who know about discretionary trust funds.		
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	Kerry will forward Jule's thank-you e-mail.	Kerry Lawson	May 19, 2011
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Transition Family Feedback	Langley had 37 people in attendance. Families were able to talk amongst themselves. Dana sent out an e-mail with additional information following the Langley Transition Night. Chilliwack had 17 people in attendance. Abbotsford Transition Night to be held April 27, 2011. Hope Transition night to be held on May 5 and a date for Agassiz remains to be decided.		
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	Kerry to invite "Tax Detective" for an info night in June.	Kerry Lawson	ASAP

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Family Resource Evening	A family gathering was held at the CLBC Abbotsford office on April 20 for families. It was a good avenue to explore. Sylvie Dirks appreciated having BCLCA (Jeremy) present at the meeting. The Upper Island have pooled support. What Abbotsford group wants to do is invite someone to speak on the process.		
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	No action was needed.		
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Prison Visits	The John Howard Society held info fairs in provincial and federal institutions in April: Kent Institute, Mountain Institute, Kwikwexkwelhp Healing Village, Ferndale Institution, Mission Institution, Fraser Valley Institute for Women, Regional Treatment Centre, Ford Mountain Correctional Centre. CLBC employees had a table of CLBC hand-outs and provided information to the cons at each info fair.		
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	No action needed.		
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Council Work Plan	Read work plan in May. This piece forwarded to next month's agenda.		
Adjournment			
7:40 p.m.			
Next Meeting			
May 19th, 2011; 6:00 p.m. at Garden Towers, Abbotsford			