



CENTRAL ISLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2008

CHAIR SUMMARY

In the past year our council has accomplished the following: 1) Family network meetings which were a series of 7 meetings held throughout our region. 2) Held meetings with all MLA's in our region. The coming year will see us working on a housing strategy as well as employment initiatives.

KEY INITIATIVES

BUILDING WELCOMING COMMUNITIES

Development of our strategic plan in Nov 2007, which resulted in 4 priorities to work within during the following 2 years. The first priority was the community meetings which were held in April of 2008. Next was to establish a relationship with levels of government, which we did through the MLA meetings. We are at present forming some momentum on the affordable housing front. We will be hosting a day of information and workshop activities, probably in May of 2009. As well, as a result of our MLA meetings, we are working on an employment event. As we near the end of our two year strategic plan it would appear that this is our most important document.

ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

The challenge of creating and maintaining a flow information to and from has only had limited success. The council felt constrained in it's ability to communicate openly and frankly due to CLBC policy.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The council has been fiscally responsible. We have met with senior management of CLBC on a regular basis. We have provided feedback to the local CLBC offices in relation to our community meetings.

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The process is time consuming considering our volunteer status.

FINANCIAL DECISION MAKING

We have just begun. Have met Regional Financial Manager and senior Contract Manager. Quality Service Manager has supplied us with budget info etc.

ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

There is a feeling that we lack a process within CLBC to allow council to be effectively involved. Financial decision making is one of our Key Initiatives and we believe that we are constrained from advocating at the political level such as at the MLA meetings.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Bernice Johnstone – Nanaimo Disability Resource Centre. Ingrid Tanastichuk – Vancouver Island Vocational and Rehabilitation Society. All sitting MLA's for Central Island. Duncan Municipal Government. Cowichan Tribes. CLBC – Doug Woolard VP. Val Bacon Senior Contract co-ordinator Rachel Schmidt Community Relations, Aimee Morry Self Advocate Advisor, Graham Morry Executive Director of Nanaimo Association of Community Living.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

NAME	COMMUNITY	MEMBERSHIP
Heather Porteous	Nanaimo	Self-Advocate
Ron Greenhorn	Nanaimo	Self-Advocate
Jennifer Verbeem	Duncan	Self-Advocate
Terry Patterson	Nanaimo	Community Member
Christa Schiffelers	Port Alberni	Family Member
Doreen Shaw	Parksville/Qualicum	Family Member
Geoff Wright	Parksville/Qualicum	Family Member
Stuart Donaldson	Nanaimo	Family Member
Jean Scholefield	Duncan/Cowichan Valley	Family Member
Patricia Messenger	Port Alberni	Service Provider
Tina Fabbro	Nanaimo	Service Provider