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North Shore Coast Community Council Meeting
Friday, September 19, 2008
Sewell's Marina, 6409 Bay Street, West Vancouver, BC
10:00 – 3 p.m.

Present:

Catherine Abraham (Co-Chair)	Rizia Jeffery
Fiona Galvani (Co-Chair)	Kim Miles (NSDRC)
Mary Dowdall (CPD Manager)	Peter Russell (self-advocate)
Robert Soumang (self-advocate)	

Regrets:

Coranne Anderson Liz Barnett Rick King

Agenda Topics

1. Check In

Agenda – The agenda was reviewed and accepted as submitted.

2. Review of last minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on April 25, 2008 were reviewed.

3. Strategic Plan/Bobbi Noble and Brian Salisbury

Bobbi Noble has contacted Cathy in regards to attending a meeting of our council. She will be invited to attend the next meeting in November.

4. Changes to CLBC

CLBC and MCFD staff are in the process of developing a transition plan for the return of the delivery of children's services to MCFD. On June 23rd, 2008 government announced the transfer of responsibility for children and youth with special needs services from Community Living BC (CLBC) to the Ministry of Children & Family Development (MCFD). During this transition period, MCFD and CLBC staff will continue to work together in accordance with the provisions of the CLBC/MCFD Children's Field Service Protocol.

Donna Goodwater - CLBC Aboriginal Advisor

Donna's role is to work with IMAC, Ministry of Health and CLBC to develop protocols in how we all work together to support Aboriginal individuals with Developmental Disabilities. Donna will also consult with CLBC staff on Aboriginal issues.



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Aboriginal Education:

Catherine Abraham discussed her involvement with work on aboriginal education. Catherine Abraham and Joyce Gram are board members of an organization called the Society for the Advancement of Excellence in Education (SAEE). This organization has done a great deal of research work for IMAC on aboriginal education. This Society has intensively studied 10 to 12 individual schools to identify what made these schools successful. Catherine and Joyce collaborated and produced a handbook based on SAEE's research titled '*Aboriginal Education: A Discussion Guide*'. This handbook was released in 2008. Catherine and Joyce Gram have written several parent handbooks on different topics.

Link to website: http://www.bcsta.org:8080/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-33309/Aboriginal_Education_08.pdf

This handbook will be distributed to each council member and will also be given to Donna Goodwater, CLBC Aboriginal Advisor.

Self-Advocate Advisory

The new self-advocate advisor is Shelley Nessman.

Her role is to connect with self-advocates and also to work with CLBC staff in creating community connections and opportunities for self-advocates.

She will assist and support individuals with developmental disabilities to advocate for themselves.

Queenswood Review

Queenswood Consulting Group has been retained by the Ministry of Housing and Social Development (MHSD) to conduct an independent, third party review partnership of Community Living BC (CLBC).

The purpose of the review is to consider and assess CLBC's service delivery model and policy tools.

Waitlist

Waitlist tool was developed and is being used by CLBC staff.

CLBC maintains waitlists for supports for both children and adults when funds are not available to meet all support requests.

5. Recruitment/Nominations Committee

Fiona Galvani and Rizia Jeffery have agreed to work with Catherine Abraham on recruiting new council members. We need 3 more council members as a result of resignations and ongoing vacancies. We need representation from Squamish, Gibsons/Sechelt as well as an Aboriginal Representative.



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6. Letter/Doug Woollard

Doug Woollard wrote a letter on August 25th, 2008 to the Council regarding changes to the role and composition of its Advisory Committee. The Council wrote a response regarding the request for representation.

7. Financial Information – Update/Planning

This year Vancouver Coastal has been able to fund four families thru individualized funding. Families can choose to manage the money directly or can go through a Host Agency. Request that Quality Service Manager attend the next meeting to discuss the Budget.

8. Community Meetings/Feedback

Discussed community meetings attended with service providers.
The council's presence was welcome at these meetings.
Focus is on building community connections as per strategic plan.
Council has proposed to setup a schedule of what groups they will approach in the next coming months.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18th, 2008 at Sewell's Marina - 10 am – 3 pm