



PRINCE GEORGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2008

CHAIR SUMMARY

This past year our council was able to maintain a diversified council where we were able to learn and collaborate with one another. We had three guest speakers share their Provincial roles and responsibilities with us, as well as listen to our feedback regarding each of their areas. We had one of the biggest turnouts provincially to provide input into CLBC's three year Strategic Plan. We have met with the Quality Service Manager and the Financial Service Manager to review our region's budget, provide feedback and give direction for priorities. Our Community Planning & Development Manager has attended each of our monthly meetings, keeping us up to date and informed of any critical issues in our region. We feel strong and united as a Council. In the upcoming year we will review our Action Plan. We are looking forward to meeting with the various public sectors of our communities, sharing information on what CLBC is, what the council is (and who is on it) and our vision, mission and values. We look forward to hearing feedback from these sectors. We are anxiously waiting to see if the Children's Services will continue to be under CLBC, and what impact that may have on our council and the families we serve. We look forward to connecting with the other Provincial Councils to learn and collaborate, ensure quality, make certain that equitable service delivery throughout the province continues, and to learn about other initiatives.

KEY INITIATIVES

BUILDING WELCOMING COMMUNITIES

Council members have dedicated time on each agenda to identify and discuss current and emergent community concerns.

Council members have created a Strategic Plan and supporting work goals to address the identified gaps, build on current strengths and solve problems. Three initiatives addressed in the past year are:

- To have a Community Council whose membership represented the full context of the Terms of Reference
- Identify practical, individualized supports which are more readily available to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.
- To Establish ongoing dialogue with CLBC Provincial Board to inform and provide direction with budget allocation.

ACCOUNTABILITY

This section will contain a short description of work done in this area.

The Prince George & District Community Council;

- Assisted with the development of the 360o evaluation document
- Completed the 360o evaluation both for the Council members and the Community Planning & Development manager.
- Provided their evaluation of the Community Planning & Development manager to the Vice President of Community Planning & Development.
- Used the evaluation results on the councils' performance to guide the work of the council.
- Hosted a Strategic Planning session so that families and individuals could contribute to CLBC's Strategic Plan.

ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

There is no process in place for Council to meet this objective.

FINANCIAL DECISION MAKING

The Prince George & District Community Council discussed the districts gaps and issues and identified the priorities for the Councils geographic area.

Council met with the Quality Service Manager at the beginning of the 2008 fiscal year and provided the Quality Service office with funding priorities for the upcoming year.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community Council met with the following people between April 1/08 and March 31/09 for the purposes listed below:

- Jule Hopkins, Director of Service Accountability and Safeguards – Presentation on safeguards
- Jane Holland, Advocate for Service Quality – Presentation and discussion with respect to Jane's role as Advocate for Service Quality
- Norm Carne, Regional Financial Manager – Financial Update
Wendy Framst, Quality Services Manager – Financial Update and Discussion of the North Regional Crisis Response Strategy
- Shelley Nessman, Self-Advocate Advisor – Discussion with respect to Shelley's Role as Self-Advocate Advisor

The Council has invited our regions CLBC board member for this area to a council meeting on more than one occasion. Unfortunately, the board member has been unable to attend. Our council is eager to connect with the board member to share a number of concerns brought forward by council members and community individuals. We will continue with an open invitation in hopes of sharing information and concerns.

We did however have our regions original member of the Provincial Advisory committee Lorna Dittmar attend 2 or 3 of our meetings so we could share concerns with her and she could take them back to the provincial Advisory and the CLBC board.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

NAME	COMMUNITY	MEMBERSHIP
Ruth Stanton	Prince George	Self-Advocate
Jean Scriver	Quesnel	Self-Advocate
Barbara Warkentine	Prince George	Family Member Vice Chair
Frank Jamin	Prince George	Family Member
Terry Robertson	Prince George	Family Member
Bonnie Fallowfield	Quesnel	Family Member Chair
Jenny Jones	Prince George	Family Member
Vicki Pigeon	Quesnel	Service Provider
Kris Antrobus	Prince George	Service Provider
Beverley Currie	Prince George	Community Member
Pat Marshall	Manager – Community Planning & Development, North Region	CLBC Staff
Anna Jones	Team Assistant – Prince George Community Living Centre	CLBC Staff
Susan Heyland	Auxiliary Team Assistant – Prince George Community Living Centre	CLBC Staff