



South Island Community Council Meeting

Date: April 14, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Present: Rachel Skidmore, Bev Kissinger, Patrick Jobe, Linda Motchman, Charlene Barney, Jen Deakin, Nicole Baker, Shelley Stancin, Candace Lawrence

Regrets: Lori Fasullo

AGENDA TOPICS			
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Acceptance of the current agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order – 4:05 • Motion to accept agenda by Bev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seconded: Nicole o Carried • Motion to adopt minutes of March 24, 2020 meeting by Bev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seconded: Jen o Carried 		
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Inclusive Health Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We did not meet with Scott • We will not have a function in May or the Fall due to Covid-19. • Lori, Bev and Nicole are on the Inclusive Health Committee. They want to try and get Scott over here sometime. • Rachel will forward information about this to Patrick. 		
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	Forward Inclusive Health information to Patrick.	Rachel	April 20, 2020
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Community Mapping Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LNV is willing to cover the insurance requirements when we have this event. Nicole will fill out the necessary paperwork. • We don't have a date for this event, due to Covid-19. We can't hand out Save the Date information to interested parties yet. 		
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Finding more Self-Advocates and other Members for the Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelley has forwarded the SICC Handbook and other information to a friend who may be interested in being on the Council. • Jen has talked to some friends of hers. Their anxiety levels are high due to the Pandemic and no one is able to commit to anything at present. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candace sent out an email to her Team members to find if anyone is interested in being on the Council. She has had not heard anything back. • Nicole has not approached anyone yet. 						
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Someone to come and update us about Housing Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catriona would love to come and speak to us. • Catriona’s usual presentation is about 1.5 hours long. Rachel will find out whether she would like to make a 20-min presentation, or her whole presentation. • We will have this presentation (either length) at our next Council Meeting. 						
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CLBC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLBC in a constant state of flux – much like the rest of us. • People are quite resilient and are doing their best in most circumstances. We do need to have long-term plans. How long can people cope? • There have been times of intensive support and problem-solving. There are people who are struggling. • The Service Provider community has been innovative in supporting clients while at the same time protecting the health of clients and workers. • CLBC is going week by week, or day by day, while figuring out how long we may have to provide supports in different ways. The conventional thought is that this will continue through May or June. • CLBC has been having regular conference calls. BC has been able to be proactive as we had some nursing home deaths early on, which helped us to know how we had to be prepared. • Provincial Health Officer has said that most people will have mild Covid symptoms. Self-isolating will be all that is needed. • Phoning 811 is a great resource. There is a self-assessment tool on-line. • Linda will send out CLBC Zoom Covid-19 Meeting information. • CLBC Website – some transcripts of these meetings are available. The information available is much the same as Patrick has told us today. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is a button to subscribe to email updates. <p><u>Discussion and Feedback</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding when we might get back to ‘normal’, Jen has heard anything from 2 weeks to 2 years. • Charlene has heard 4 months. • It was suggested to listen to the health authorities, and ignore the rest. The other information is often not based in medical/scientific fact. • Can we make the CLBC medical information calls in Plain Language? There will be a PLAN meeting on Wednesday night in Plain Language. Rachel 						

	<p>will send out the information as soon as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bev found only one audio transcript on the CLBC website, which was not in Plain Language. • Patrick will look into whether transcripts for all calls are available. • Is there a tweak that can happen on the website so that self-advocates can find the information more easily? 						
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New PAC Rep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At present the meetings are probably by Zoom or teleconference until the pandemic is over. • About 100 people will be attending this month's PAC as it is the Annual General Meeting. • Charlene is interested in being the PAC Representative. • To apply for this position, Jen had to write a paragraph about why she wanted to be on PAC, and sign some formal papers. • Charlene would like someone to help her with the paperwork. She will decide who she would like to help her. 						
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Getting Info out to Clients in this time of isolation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlene gave Catriona some suggestions about how we can treat individuals at this time. Charlene suggested that someone ask Catriona for more details about the call. Rachel will talk to Catriona about this. • Lots of Self-Advocates need to know what is true, and what we should be listening to. A lot of information can cause panic. Is the information in Plain Language? • If CLBC could work a little harder in getting info out in Plain Language more quickly, that would be very helpful. Patrick will look into this. • Ross is sending out weekly information about the phone call. If the link could be in the Plain Language update, self-advocates can click on the link and get the information easily and quickly. • Regarding answering questions in the phone call, Bev has not seen answers to any of the questions that people have sent in. • Bev asked about people in hospital who need a support person. Will a support person be allowed to stay with the patient? 						
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	Look into important Covid-19 updates being in Plain Language?	Patrick	April 8, 2020
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Honouring and recognizing our Frontline Workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get information to the media. • Clapping at 7pm. • Being a good citizen, trying to be kind and connect with people through any means available. • Shortage of workers in group homes? CLIBC supporting Service Providers to keep workers at one worksite, if possible. Service Providers are redeploying as much as they can. Are workers choosing to apply for CERB rather than stay on the job? CLBC is trying to support continuity. • CSWs are stepping up in the field. CSWs going on CERB are in the minority. • Our CSWs are often missed out in the appreciation for doctors, nurses, etc. • SICC would like to recognise all workers who support our people. • Letters to the editor • Jen spoke of the need for Security Guards to be recognised, as they have to keep people at a social distance, or tell people that they can't enter a building, etc. • What are we, as the Community Council, allowed to do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Talk to Lori, check the Handbook about how SICC can publicly thank the essential workers. • Jen will draft up a Press Release that can be sent out to the media. Jen will do this quickly. She will have it out by Thursday evening. Whatever we want to send out to the media needs to be approved by Caitlyn Sassaman. • Is Karla at Inclusion BC sending out appreciation to essential workers? • Patrick is emailing Lori and the CLBC's media people about how the Council can honour and recognise people working in essential services, he can add that SICC will be sending something soon. 		
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	Send out Covid-19, CLBC Zoom meeting information.	Linda	Asap
	Talk to Lori and check out the Handbook regarding what the Council can do in order to publicly thank all essential workers.	Rachel?	May 3, 2020
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Other Updates and Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday evenings – weekly Music Trivia Game put on, via Zoom, by FSI. We need more Victoria players because the Kootenays are beating our butts. We need more Islanders to join. This is a Zoom meeting, so people can contact Rachel to get on the email list. • Laughter Yoga with Shelley Nessman on Wednesdays.1-2pm. You need the 		

Zoom invitation. Email Rachel or FSI to get an invitation, or join via the FSI Facebook page.

- There are weekly Zoom meetings for families, service providers and self-advocates. Topics covered might be: Self-care, focusing on fathers, etc.
- Fred Ford – Director of Regional Operations on the Island. He might start in late May. We would like to invite him to join the FSI Island Music team. There seems to be a lot of excitement about Fred’s appointment.
- Lynn Davis has gone and her position needs to be filled.
- Welcome Workshops are on a hiatus.

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ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 Moved by ___Bev_____ 2nd by ___Shelley_____

NEXT MEETING

Date: May 12, 2020 Time: **4:00 p.m.** Location: Zoom