



## North Region Community Council Meeting

Date: April 18, 2015

Time: 9:00 am

**Present:** Gord Robertson, Anita Clegg, Debbie Still, Colleen Tuson, Eldon Carter, Sweetie Sanghera, Ann Lewis

**Guest:** None

**Regrets:** Justin Pylatuk, Lisa Peters, Penny Soderena-Sutton, Sheryl Demers

<b>AGENDA TOPICS</b>	
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Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	Eldon, motioned the minutes from the March 21, 2015 meeting be accepted, Debbie seconded the motion: all in favor.  <b><u>CARRIED</u></b>
Additions to the Agenda	Self-Advocate Conference Planning Committee
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<b>Managers Report Sweetie Sanghera</b>	The postings closed for the 4 new Directors of Operations, 3 have been filled. We are still waiting for the outcome of North DRO position and until that happens we won't know what the ripple effect will be. New alignment of the regions will come into place after the DRO is in the position. Lots of discussion on the proposed possible realignments. Unknown is causing some apprehension.
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<b>Chair Report Gord Robertson</b>	Gord was present for the Chair Conference call on March 26 <sup>th</sup> . Only 6 Councils representatives were on this call plus Sylvie and Randy. Megan was also there for a short time. Megan discussed her new role as the Director of Quality Assurance, Policy and Procedure. Her office is responsible for the complaints process and reviews of agencies. Both the Self-Advocate and Aboriginal advisors report to Megan. Councils and PAC are working on approving councils profiles for the website. Recruitment is an issue with all councils. Joint meeting with the Board, PAC, Council Chairs, PAC reps, and CLBC Managers is set for June. They will be focusing on recruitment, community engagement and strategic plan. Randy discussed the WOW presentations and also the Scholarships –

	<p>there were not many applications. We have a new minister, and is being informed with information on CLBC. HR is updating the strategic plan to be presented to the board for approval. Once approved this will be posted on the website. April is the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary for the community plan. Gord let us know what other councils are doing around the province, RDSP workshops, transitions fairs, one council is working on having an information booth at the Canada day celebrations. Family support institute presentation, find support is a great link on their website. Inviting guest speakers to meetings to discuss various things. Photo contests in another area, contest on inclusion photos theme, family forums, dances, housing forum. Please complete your form. Jane Holland retired, position needs to be filled, Paula Grant is Interim Advocate for Service Quality, 250 387-1018</p> <p>CEO invitation, Gord will re-invite for this fall- suggested October for community living month event.</p> <p>New email address for council</p>						
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<b>Self-Advocate Conference Planning</b>	<p>Connect with Ann if you want to be enrolled in this. Ann will call Justin to ask him as well. Ann will forward to Justin and Penny. Eldon has a copy if he can call and will report back to our next meeting</p>						
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<b>CLBC's Aging Strategy Gord Robertson</b>	<p>Gord will invite Jule Hopkins to a future meeting, for more information on CLBC's aging strategy, visit the following website:  <a href="http://www.communitylivingbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/CLBC-Strategy-on-Aging.pdf">http://www.communitylivingbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/CLBC-Strategy-on-Aging.pdf</a></p> <p>A copy of this will be mailed to all council members.</p>						
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<b>PAC Sheryl Demers</b>	<p><b><u>PACS Meeting – Saturday March 27, 2015</u></b></p> <p>Introduction of new Board Member Onkar Biring – Self Advocate  New PAC Chair was elected – Eugene Hrushowy and Cheryl Fisher will co-chair.  Eugene Hrushowy chaired the meeting today.  Jessica Humphrey reported that they are working on a list of things to considered when proving help to the people we serve and support for those coming to council meetings, i.e. self-advocates. Already things to consider is advancing individuals per diem, lots of logistics to consider, booking rooms, travel for the individuals if they are out of town or even across town. Ideas from other councils were asked for.  From our North Council I did give praise to the wonderful job that Ann Lewis does for us locally when bringing self-advocates in from out of town. I gave examples i.e. making sure that she has phone numbers for drivers who bring our council members in so they are not left without their ride, waiting with them when the ride comes to get them after the meetings, or making sure someone can wait with them.  As Jessica indicated lots of things to think about and they are asking for input from other councils on a continuing basis and are creating a document check list to take into account to support the self-advocates. It will be in draft form by the end of April and will come to the</p>						

	<p>next PAC meeting</p> <p>A quote she gave “nothing about us without us”</p> <p>Question from Cheryl Fisher regarding insurance when a person catches a ride, i.e. self-advocate with another council member is more insurance required on the driver’s insurance because they are transporting a person that may be consider “vulnerable”. Round table discussion and further follow-up. Will be looked into.</p> <p>Randy Schmidt, Director of Communications gave an update to the Community Council Website.</p> <p>Staff that he has is four Caitlin/Lisa, Government relation person Linda and one online communication specialist Chris. He realizes things are slow but there is a lot of work to be done and he appreciates our patience. By Summer the local Admins will be able to do data entry on the website themselves. They have new software “Wood Press”.</p> <p>Megan Tardif, new Director of Quality Assurance: She joined CLBC I 2005 working with formal complaints. She was also a Privacy Officer. She explained what her new position entails.</p> <p>Jack Styan, VP, Strategic Initiatives - reviewed the Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There is a growth of 800+ a year coming into the system</li> <li>➤ People are served for life – How do we sustain</li> <li>➤ We now are serving first nation as prior it was the Federal Government’s responsibility</li> <li>➤ Employment Plan – Funding 12 million – met target of 1200 being employed</li> <li>➤ Natural Supports – Day Services 250 million (community inclusion -does not necessarily support those that really want to do activities they want to do)</li> <li>➤ Included in the plan the “Me Survey”, which is a measurement of Quality of Life</li> <li>➤ Person Centered Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Individualized Funding</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Employment is less costly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For those who want to work versus day services</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Data has been collected and now we need to take stalk of what it means</li> </ul> <p>Catriona Johnson created a table to show what each council area is working on and we each had an opportunity to have input. This is presently in draft form but will be shared in the near future</p> <p>Each member gave highlights of what is happening in their individual areas.</p> <p>Also Jessica Humphrey gave me a list of presentations/workshop that she and Sylvie can provide to our area,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Values and Principles</li> <li>➤ History of Community living movement</li> <li>➤ Self-advocacy in BC</li> <li>➤ Ways to include self-advocates on council</li> <li>➤ Ways to promote self-advocacy leadership</li> <li>➤ Community partnership events/project ideas</li> </ul>
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Work Plan/Annual Report	<p>Complete and get to Ann by April 7<sup>th</sup> in order to complete the annual report. Please complete – Ann forwarded the updated work plan again to council members.</p> <p>One page template for CLBC staff to complete and chair to sign off</p>
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Away Meetings	<p>Not having May meeting in the PEACE.</p> <p>Colleen Tuson motioned we invite and pay expenses for our expert membership person Terry Robertson to accompany the council members on our Council Awareness trip to fort St John and Dawson Creek June 22-25,</p>

	<p>2015. Anita Seconded the motion. All in favor. <b><u>Motion Carried.</u></b></p> <p>Gord will connect with Terry and advise council members  Proposed trip – Drive to Fort St John spend the day meeting with Stakeholders, drive to Dawson Creek on Tuesday hold a public meeting and meet with Stakeholders. Drive home on Wednesday morning. Ann and Gord will have a telephone meeting with Caitlyn to discuss advertising etc. Gord, Terry, Ann, Sweetie, Justin might be available. Will discuss September’s trip at our May meeting. Can view online service providers who we can connect with to visit while we were there.</p>		
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Self-Evaluation form	Please get these do Sweetie as soon as possible.		
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<p>Committee Discussion  New dial in numbers will be available after April 1<sup>st</sup>.</p>	<p><b><u>Membership Committee</u></b>  Colleen Tuson, Justin Pylatuk, Expert Committee member Terry Robertson  Terry will be on the membership committee. First Nations representation discussed needed to fill one of the 6 spots.</p>		
	<p><b><u>Self-Advocate Committee</u></b>  Eldon Carter, Penny Soderena-Sutton, Justin Pylatuk.  Have not met</p>		
	<p><b><u>Community Awareness Committee</u></b>  Debbie Still, Gordon Robertson, Justin Pylatuk, Anita Clegg  Had a conference call on Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>  How to get more information on CLBC into the high schools. Lots of discussion on this topic. Vanderhoof is having a trade fair, might be an opportunity to have a booth there. Will look into this for next event. Started a discussion on what to do in October for community living month. Debbie discussed an great “inclusion” story.. it does work!!</p>		
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<b><u>Round Table</u></b>	<p><b>Gord</b> – leaving for Vegas Tuesday afternoon for a week – is a bit stressed on how to get from the airport to the hotel. Weather forecast is not looking great. RDSP in PG May 2<sup>nd</sup> at a bank Pine Centre, on May 7<sup>th</sup> in Vanderhoof, and one in Quesnel no date yet. Back on the page for recruitment for staff. In the early stages of starting a business with Bree as a business accessibility consultant. Also thinking of possibility of writing her bio. Planning a trip to Edmonton to see son and daughter-in-law late June.</p> <p><b>Colleen</b> – been slow month, asked to put together a proposal for special needs. Is going to VEGAS. Daughter is going to school to develop her own brand of cosmetics. Enjoyed dialing in from Vancouver last month</p> <p><b>Anita</b> - not too much news, Anita’s son applied for the scholarship. He is an artist; if he is awarded he wants to go to art school.</p>		

	<p><b>Eldon</b> – Wind up for season for bowling. Next weekend wind up party trophies etc. for all Special “O” events.</p> <p><b>Sweetie</b> – Still travelling back and forth to Vancouver. Spending week-ends home hunting. Is looking forward to vacationing with her family.</p> <p><b>Debbie</b> – found out there was a grant available to help make their camp more accessible for folks to get in and out of boats. Also looking to upgrade a cabin equipped with all necessities so people with DD will not have to bring everything with them. Husband is writing his class 1 on Monday. Family spent a great day in PG last night.</p> <p><b>Ann</b> – Literally can retire in 6 WEEKS. But is not going to lol.</p>		
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Next meeting: May 9, 2015 starting at 9:00 am