



## South Island Community Council Meeting

Date: February 26, 2013

220 – 174 Wilson Street, Victoria

### Present:

Karen Van Rheenen, Mary Emmond, Michael Langridge, Bill Hustler, Nigel Livingston, Bev Kissinger, Kam Judge, Mary Harber, Lori Fasullo (Facilitator), Caitlyn Sassaman (Community Relations, CLBC)

Louise Doucet was to have been at the meeting via Spider Phone, but the connection was not made.

**Regrets:** Sharon Sinclair, Kristin Kay, Veronica Berlando

**Guest:** Hannah Livingston

AGENDA TOPICS	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Acceptance of the current agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to Order – 5:30pm</li> <li>• Corrections to January Minutes.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ No one present had corrections. Veronica had e-mailed Linda to say there were corrections, but Veronica was not at the meeting. Linda will contact Veronica to record corrections.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The February agenda was accepted.</li> </ul>
Michael Allen Newman: Society for students with disabilities	Michael was to have made a presentation at the meeting, but he cancelled.
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Memo from Caitlyn Sassaman re: surveys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen quoted Caitlyn from the Executive Minutes, where Caitlyn clarified what SICC's participation in the Mapping Service Gaps Project will be, and the possible duplication of the survey on Youth Transition. (Exec Minutes with the inclusion of Caitlyn's summary attached.)</li> <li>• It was agreed that CLBC's survey and that of the SICC should not be duplicates. If there are specific things the SICC wants to know, perhaps those can be incorporated into surveys already going out.</li> <li>• Caitlyn clarified that her role on the Committee has not changed. She doesn't come to as many Council meetings any more, as there is no longer a Communication Committee, so it is more important that lines of communication are clear. Caitlyn handed out an outline of her role. (Attached.)</li> <li>• This outline of Caitlyn's role was included, as a link, in a message from the</li> </ul>

	<p>Board Chair that was sent out to all Council members. Some members on the SICC did not receive this. Caitlyn will look into why members did not receive this message.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caitlyn does not need to be on the SICC distribution list because she receives all information from Veronica.</li> </ul> <p>Jack Styan, who is managing the survey on Service Gaps, will be coming to talk to Second Wave in April, and to facilitate a focus group on IF in March. Caitlyn will ask, and confirm with Jack, if he can meet with interested parties on 11<sup>th</sup> prior to the 6pm IF meeting at CLV. The goal of this earlier meeting would be to spend about 1.5 hours discussing mapping and employment issues. CLV will provide refreshments.</p>		
	<p><b>ACTION</b></p>	<p><b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b></p>	<p><b>DEADLINE</b></p>
	<p>Look into why Council members did not receive the message from the Board Chair.</p> <p>Find out if Jack will meet with interested parties about the survey on Mapping, and Employment issues, on March 11, for 1.5 hours at CLV, prior to his 6pm meeting there on IF.</p>	<p>Caitlyn</p> <p>Caitlyn</p>	<p>March Meeting.</p>
<p><b>TOPIC</b></p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p>		
<p>Committees</p>	<p><u>Employment</u> (Report Attached)  There has not been a meeting since the one prior to last SICC meeting. There is a meeting scheduled with Lori Fasullo and Lisa Okada on Friday, March 8th. This meeting will update the Committee on upcoming CLBC initiatives. Then the Committee expects to be able to meet to discuss how the initiatives fit in with the Council's goals and where we will go from there.</p> <p><u>Community Engagement</u> (Report Attached)  Linda Lucas, the ED from Caring for First Nations Children Society (CFFNCS), was a wealth of info. The on-line course available is an exciting idea and may have merit for home shares and group home staff members supporting First Nations Persons served. CLBC does not have a course.</p> <p>The next Community Engagement meeting is next Tues (March 5<sup>th</sup>) morning at Bev's office. Doug Nutting from Recreation Integration Victoria will be the guest.</p> <p><u>Transition</u>  There was no meeting in February, as Michael has been away. The plan for surveys has to be discussed with Caitlyn to ensure no duplication exists with the mapping project. Kristen sent information on a community engagement on-line presentation of which John McKnight is a part. The Committee hopes to have more to report on that next month.</p>		

Strengthening Community Council (Minutes Attached)

Catriona and Sharon met with Mary and Michael. On March 4<sup>th</sup> they are going to meet with other self-advocates for two main reasons. 1) Feedback on what makes an open and friendly group for Self-Advocates, and 2) recruitment for our Committees.

Part of our mandate is to work more with Self-Advocates. We have three openings for Council members. Coming onto a Committee is a stepping stone before considering Council Membership.

Fred Ford’s provincial report was forwarded to all. (Attached.) He came up with key themes, and summarized what self-advocates are saying around the province.

Mary and Michael see the advantage of using our money to bring speakers to Victoria, instead of going out to conferences.

Karen will circulate the gaps in council membership next month. Veronica had five or six names to suggest. She is going to contact these people directly, and see if it is OK for SICC to contact them.

The ad for recruiting new Committee Members has gone out on Sharon’s distribution list. Caitlyn thought the ad was too long. She suggested that we post it on the website. She will revise the ad for distribution through Catriona’s and Bev’s email contacts.

ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Ask potential committee volunteers for permission for someone from SICC to contact them directly.	Veronica	
Revise the ad for distribution through Catriona’s and Bev’s email contacts.	Caitlyn	

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CLBC update;	No updates at this time.
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Updates from service providers: Kam, Kristen, Bev, Nigel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLV and Integra are starting preparations for their CARF Survey this year.</li> <li>• Union job action is suspended for the moment. This employment instability affects morale, recruitment and retention. Agencies are losing people to the school system and health system.</li> <li>• Budget Announcement. It was announced in the media that there was a 33% cut to PSI and more cutbacks to individuals. That is very frightening – what will impact on staff be? More strikes?</li> <li>• Caitlyn clarified that the CLBC budget has been given an increase. Also</li> </ul>
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	<p>CLBC and MSD are collaborating. SICC is aware of the 12 recommendations that are currently being worked on across government. The minister stated in her interviews that this work will affect future budgets for CLBC. Caitlyn will circulate a link to the Minister’s letter to the editor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Centre for Inclusion and Citizenship had a panel talking about the future, which included Doug Woollard, and Mark Sieben, Deputy Minister. The budget numbers are coming from an increase in the number of individuals being served by CLBC. Cost per individual is going down, which is where lower numbers come from. Mark Sieben said that they recognize that reforms are going to cost money, but they don’t have those numbers yet. Sieben wanted to stress that nobody is going to be losing services.</li> <li>• Resource Fair – April 22 – flyer going out for registration next week.</li> <li>• South Island Education Committee is hosting two Gentle Teaching workshops on May 26 and 27. The Gentle Teaching approach has been around for years, and emphasizes the positives of person, not the negatives. Kam spoke highly of the training. The flyer will be sent out next week. The workshops are for family members, providers, anyone. Caitlyn will post the info on social media sites. The cost of SIEC events is generally low.</li> <li>• Kristen and Michael want to support an event for Self-Advocates in June. On the weekend of June 14-16 there is already a People First Conference on the mainland, and that is also the Operation Trackshoes weekend.</li> <li>• April 22 - CLBC is putting on its annual Employment Conference in Nanaimo. It will include sessions on: marketing, job sharing, and there will also be an employer panel talking about effective strategies. To register, ask Lori Fasullo to put you on her e-mail list.</li> </ul>						
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Drop Box	<p>During February, Karen received an avalanche of information to be distributed to Council Members. CLBC is working hard at making sure Councils are hearing what is going on. A Drop Box would be very handy. Michael Hayes will assume responsibility for setting one up when he gets back.</p>						
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PAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catriona’s PAC minutes have been circulated.</li> <li>• Catriona found the meeting very informative. Jack Styan and Brian Salisbury shared helpful information. It was good to hear from other councils. Catriona enjoyed going and is glad we’re actively involved with it. There is good sharing between the Councils and CLBC.</li> <li>• Complaints Policy – we are moving in the right direction.</li> <li>• Statement of Rights – should it be broad or detailed? CLBC is going with</li> </ul>						

	broad, which makes it very accessible. Council Chairs felt that was a good direction for CLBC.		
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Centre for Citizenship and Inclusion Securing our Rights Defining Our Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catriona submitted her summary of the Securing Our Rights Workshop. (Attached.)</li> <li>• UN convention – how to deal with it locally and provincially. For more info, google UN Convention on People with Disabilities</li> <li>• Catriona brought the event package with her and passed it around.</li> <li>• Defining our Future Workshop – Some of the presentations will be on the Centre for Inclusion and Citizenship website.</li> <li>• Inclusion BC – introduced as formerly BCACL. Seems like most people like the new name.</li> </ul>		
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Second Wave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister Moira Stillwell and Opposition Critic, Carole James will speak at CLV– Second Wave Meeting - March 7 – 7pm. The Minister will speak, followed by questions in written form. (She can only stay 45 mins.) When she leaves, Carol James will speak and then answer questions. CLV will provide refreshments.</li> </ul>		
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Tentative upcoming guests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Newman reschedule – The September meeting would be the best time to ask him to come.</li> <li>• <u>March: Tracy Michell: Aboriginal Advisor with CLBC</u> She'll talk for 1.5 hrs. Meeting will go later.</li> <li>• <u>April: Family Support Institute: Angela Clancy, CEO</u> Bev has asked her to bring some Resource Parents with her.</li> <li>• <u>May: Coco Café</u></li> <li>• <u>June: Megan – Quality Assurance Mgr, CLBC</u> She talks to people when they file a formal complaint. Families give amazing feedback on her abilities. She's respectful, listens, and is very clear and concise. We could hear from her about how the Complaint Policy is going. Veronica will look into her coming.</li> </ul>		
	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
	Have Megan, Quality Assurance Mgr fielding formal Complaints, come to our June meeting.	Veronica	Next Meeting
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
Sharing Executive Minutes	Executive minutes will go in our Drop Box.		
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Monthly phone calls from CLBC with	Karen reported that Community Council Chairs have a conference call on the third Thursday of month. Karen circulated minutes from the last one. It is		

Chairs	positive that there is representation from all Councils. We can keep up with what other Councils are doing.		
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Budget review and prioritization	Not all of the Council's budget has been earmarked for particular projects. Karen suggested that we keep track of the month-to-month expenses, so that the Council always knows where it stands financially. Members can request use of any of the undesignated funds.		
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Website	To be put on the website:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Strategic Plan.</li> <li>• Description of our Committees and the request for new committee members.</li> </ul>		
	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Website additions	Caitlyn	Next Meeting	
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Nanaimo CLBC Board meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday, June 15 – Scottish Cultural Centre: Annual Joint Community Council/Advisory Committee/CLBC Board and Management Meeting. Karen will represent the Council and Veronica will be in attendance.</li> <li>• Travelling Board of Directors – Tues, July 23 and Wed, 24<sup>th</sup>. in Nanaimo. These are open meetings.</li> <li>• Karen thought we should have representation at this meeting. Maybe we can carpool and several members can go up. Caitlyn will touch base with folks at headquarters. Usually it is the Council based there, that attends. It is not necessary to have an invitation to attend the meetings.</li> </ul>		
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Bill's resignation.	<p>Bill submitted his resignation (due to health reasons) to Karen. He would like to be kept in the communication loop. He doesn't want to cut himself off from all that he's been involved in over the last few years. He said it had been a great pleasure to work with everyone on the Council. Bill believes that SICC has been highly respected by CLBC and will continue to be in the forefront of what's happening in this field.</p> <p>Karen thought that all Council members had been recruited by Bill. His charm, respect and professionalism have been much appreciated. Bill is welcome to attend a meeting any time.</p>		
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>			
Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm Moved by <u>Bev Kissinger</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> by <u>Mary Emmond</u>			
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>			
Date: <u>March 26, 2013</u> Time: <u>5:00 p.m.</u> Location: <u>220 – 174 Wilson St, Victoria, B.C.</u>			