



North Region Community Council Meeting

DATE: March 13th & 14th 2010
 Community Living Centre
 #207 – 1600 15th Avenue
 Prince George BC V2L 3X3
 Time 9:15 am

Present: Ann Peltier, Bonnie Fallowfield, Cathy Mortensen, Colleen Hermanson, David Johnston, Ernie Harding, Ryan Taylor, Terry Robertson, Barb Warkentine, Kris Zemplak, Ruth Stanton, Jackie Allen, Sharon Taylor (via conference call) Pat Marshall, Ann Lewis

Guest – Stephen Russell

Regrets: Justin Pylatuk, Sharon Doerkson

AGENDA TOPICS			
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Stephen Russell, Manager – Special Projects	Stephen Russell – Manager – Special Projects and told us his role with CLBC. Stephen talked about a video that captures what Community Councils are about – this video has 6 short stories and will soon to be release. He updated us on the ETA of the CC manuals – hopefully will be out next month – he did pass around a draft copy for the members to look at. Stephen also discussed and explained the changes to the Terms of Reference.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	New manuals will be available at the next meeting	Stephen/Pat/Ann L.	April 10, 2010
NEW BUSINESS			
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Group discussion	Discussion on how hard it is to find our office, possibly put maps in the orientation packages, manuals for all the CLBC offices, have it on the websites when the new amalgamated site is created.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	New signage has been put on the outside doors, and we are in the process of checking with the property manager to see if we can	Pat/Ann	

	have one on the top of the building that can be seen from the road.		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Discussion on the name of our new council	It was voted and carried that our new amalgamated council name would be North Region Community Council.		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Community Living Month	October is Community Living Month, it was put forward for Community Council to spend \$1400.00 and CLBC would match the funds, for the north region to hold forums in each of the members respective areas (Prince George, Dawson Creek, Fort Nelson, Terrace, Smithers, Quesnel and Prince Rupert). This motion was voted on and carried.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Further discussion on Community Living Month activities to be brought forward at the next meeting.	All Council Members	Events planned by June 12 th council meeting
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
PLAN (Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network) Invitation to Connecting for a Better Future	Pat let the council know of a forum being held in Prince George on May 12 th , invitations were given out to all members. It was agreed 1-2 from each region could attend, and those wishing to could submit their names – travel and accommodations to come out of Council budget. Any Council members from Prince George could attend as there would be no cost, but you still need to forward your name to Ann Lewis.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
		Submit your name to Pat/Ann L.	April 23, 2010
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Annual Review	The 2009/2010 Draft Annual Review was discussed, an approved. Pat will forward it to Doug Woollard.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
		All Committee Members	Completed
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
North Region Community Council Strategic Planning	The four key areas were discussed and goals identified for each area. Pat and Ann will complete the document for the Council to review at the April meeting.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
		All Committee Member's	April 10, 2010
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Leadership Today	David discussed the Leadership Today Training and had an information package explaining what the program entails.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Contact Bill Tidsbury to see what we need to do to have a workshop in Prince George	Pat Marshall and David Johnston	

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
COUNCIL UPDATES	
Sharon Taylor	Sharon discussed how some families are scrambling to figure out issues of children who have recently gone back to MCFD, but have upcoming birthdays and will be turning 19 within the next 6 months.
Barb Warkentine	Barb gave us an update on the PG Therapeutic Riding Association, they have been serving the area for almost 17 years and in the last 3 have been a registered society.
Colleen Hermanson	Colleen is one of our new Council Members; she did not have an update at this point.
Ernie Harding	Ernie updated on the Recycling Program – Bottle Depot, it has been in business for the last 6 years.
Ryan Taylor	Ryan spoke about Individuals who have lost jobs in Fort St. John and the fact there are not many employment opportunities as there are few businesses who hire people with disabilities.
Stephen Russell	Stephen complemented the Council on a great job and thanked everyone for the opportunity to have been asked to join us for these meetings.
David Johnston	Due to past experiences, similar situation as with Fort St John, where there are few employers willing to hire persons with disabilities – not willing to hire and do on the job training, you must have the skills do to the job, how do you get skills if no one will hire you.
Cathy Mortensen	Cathy is also a new Council member, she did not have an update at this point.
Ruth Stanton	Ruth attended the March Employee’s breakfast – they had a guest speaker from Saskatchewan who gave a talk on success stories regarding Individuals working in real work situations with city employees doing mechanic work, cleaning, etc. They were individuals who have MS, Down Syndrome and various other difficulties. Ruth and 3 other Self Advocates lead a session in Vanderhoof, what being a Self Advocate is all about. There were 13 individuals plus family members in attendance. Ruth also let us know they finally got their bus shelter for the bus stop in front of the AimHi building after 1 ½ years. Ruth is also featured in February’s copy of “The Citizen”
Jackie Allen	Appreciated this weekend and the learning opportunities, she has a few names she will contact in Fort Nelson who would make good Self Advocates – she will give them information on what they need to know.
Kris Zemlak	Kris updated us that AimHi is now in partnership with Value Village and

	<p>receives a portion of the profits from their sales. If you have items you wish to drop off. AimHi will so be getting a “bin” at their site for drop offs as well as at the Value Village outlet. They are fund raising, having training sessions on Community Awareness, focusing on the Home Share Program and developed a pamphlet – Kris to bring some to the May meeting.</p>		
Ann Peltier	<p>Ann updated us on the issues regarding individuals who are seniors and entering the Seniors Lodge. There is a 1-8 ratio and there are concerns some of our seniors will not have the care and attention they require, a recommendation may be for those staff to have geriatric training. Bonnie Fallowfield has information and will pass this on to. AimHi also has an Aging Committee and Kris will supply us with information.</p>		
Pat Marshall	<p>Pat has been appointed to the Prince George Accessibility Advisory Committee. The committee is mandated to bring citizen’s concerns to them. Pat’s appointment starts in April.</p>		
Terry Robertson	<p>Terry informed the Council she is now a member of the Provincial Advisory Committee – her first meeting will be March 30th and 31st. PAC meets 4 times per year, Terry will give an update at the next Council meeting.</p>		
Bonnie Fallowfield	<p>Bonnie discussed the transit buses continue to be an issue in Quesnel – they would like to see the hours extended so individuals who work in the evenings have a safe way home. The local bowling alley will not store the ramp used for bowling, Bonnie is looking into other agencies/user groups who may be able to help advocate to have the ramp stored at the bowling alley so that they could use it also. Quesnel is having the same job issues as Fort St. John. Bonnie also discussed the IF workshop and transitioning youth from MCF to CLBC.</p>		
Homework	All members are asked to review and become familiar with our website.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
		All Council Members	
ADJOURNMENT			
Meeting was adjourned on Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 2:00 pm			
NEXT MEETING			
April 10, 2010 9:00 am - 3:00 pm #207 1600 15 th Avenue, Prince George BC			