



## South Island Community Council Meeting

Date: May 27, 2014

220 – 174 Wilson Street, Victoria

### Present:

Catriona Johnson, Doug Nutting, Bev Kissinger, Veronica Somers, Kam Judge, Sharon Sinclair

### Regrets:

Nigel Livingston, Michael Langridge, Ethel Underwood, Todd Ormiston, Louise Doucet, Mary Harber, Kristen Kay, Michael Hayes,

### Guest:

Mary Emmond, Jennifer Deacon

AGENDA TOPICS			
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Todd is on a break for personal reasons until June.</li> <li>Kam's membership forms are in.</li> <li>Catriona will find out if Kristen's forms are in.</li> <li>Bev's forms have not been done. Bev talked to Della and has the forms. Bev would like to be considered a community member attending the Council meetings for now. In the fall, Bev will have to be re-nominated. At that time, she will have had her year off the Council, and can come back as a Council Member.</li> <li>Is there a conflict if Bev and her nephew are on the Council? Lee would be a self-advocate, and Bev would be a family member. Bev would support, but not influence, Lee. There would be no conflict.</li> <li>How do we let more people know that the Council exists and simplify how to apply for Membership?</li> <li>Veronica and Catriona will get the new Handbook in the beginning of June. They will bring it to the June Council meeting.</li> <li>Catriona will contact Ethel before the next meeting.</li> <li>Michael Langridge recently became engaged to his girlfriend. They plan to marry in 2016. Catriona will try to contact Michael L. again.</li> </ul>		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Find out if Kristen's forms are in.	Catriona	June meeting
	Contact Ethel	Catriona	June meeting
Contact Michael L.	Catriona	June meeting	

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Committee Reports	<p>Community Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On June 6 there will be a tour of the Songhees Wellness Centre at 10am. Any Council members are welcome to join the tour.</li> <li>• Community Forum – 40 groups and individuals attended – i.e. self-advocates, Parks and Rec. There will be an on-line survey too. Doug will email the survey to everyone to pass out to their networks.</li> <li>• PISE day went well. They had a good turnout. PISE attended the Forum.</li> <li>• Transition Committee has not met.</li> <li>• Strengthening Committee has not met.</li> <li>• Employment Committee has not met.</li> <li>• Meeting of Chairs of Committees to plan for the fall and develop a framework for a general direction. Mary H. is chairing Transition. Catriona is chairing Employment. Kristen, Kam, Doug – rotate the Chair. The Chairpeople will meet on June 18, 9:-00am., at the Interview Room at CLBC-Wilson Street.</li> </ul>
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CLBC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By CC June meeting CLBC should know who new CEO is.</li> <li>• CLBC is looking internationally for a CEO.</li> <li>• There is a PAC meeting next week.</li> <li>• CLBC is trying to give families a 3-month lead time re. services for Transitioning Youth.</li> <li>• Jennifer gave the feedback that CLBC Newsletter needs to be in simpler language – more self-advocate-friendly.</li> </ul>
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Service Provider Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a collective agreement until 2019. There are increases in small increments. The benefit package has been improved.</li> <li>• Resource Fair - 63 agencies attended. Kids loved the riding toys. We had 200 bags that were giving away. We will use same venue again - Pearkes Rec Centre.</li> <li>• One Day – Sat, Sept 6 – 11-3 Topaz Park. This is a kick-off event for Community Living Day, and is a celebration for the whole community. PISE will participate. We will wait to see how Parks and Rec want to participate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Self-Advocate booths – Market Place – an email will go out to all agencies. There is a big distribution list.</li> <li>○ There is a One Day website. Hopefully the poster will be ready in next couple of weeks. Looking for donations from local businesses.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• RIV has hired all their summer staff. Their equipment loans get more used during the summer. Good feedback on User-Friendly Walks brochure. These are available at Rec Centres, CLBC, Senior Centres.</li> </ul>
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New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inclusion BC Conference - if self-advocates are requesting to go, Council can look at the request. The Council budget is for activities supportive of the work of the Council, the Council also needs to find the funds in the budget. The policy we have is that it has to be related to Council business.</li> </ul>
Year End Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has to be done by August.</li> <li>Catriona would like some feedback. She would like everyone to look at the Strategic Plan.</li> <li>Jennifer would like to see Transitioning Youth receive more information. There could be more talks with parents and caregivers. Also more talks with self-advocates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possibly some of the Council self-advocates could go and talk to high school students before they graduate.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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Review of 2012-2013 SICC Strategic Work Plan Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Council went through the Plan, looking at the goals.</li> <li>Catriona asked everyone to look through the list of Goals again and check what has been done.</li> <li>Things that were challenging for SICC this year: not active for a full year due to Suspension of Council. We also lost our Chair. Members are very busy and have been away due to other commitments.</li> <li>Strategic Plan – have a meeting to review it. On Sept 30 the Council will take half a day to up-date the Plan. Location – TBA. We will review the Plan around 2-3pm, and continue into the evening meeting at 5pm. Please mark this date on your calendars.</li> </ul>
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Creating Intentional Communities Meeting today.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The idea for creating Intentional Communities came up at Family Support Institute Training Weekend in April.</li> <li>Today 20+ people attended. Laney Breynton helped the people come up with a Vision, Mission statement and Guidelines. A lead group has been formed. At the Inclusion BC Conference in June, there will be more space available for further talks on this. Today’s meeting was funded by FSI and CLV. Families only were invited. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catriona and Arlene Zuckernick went to see Windsong Community in Langley. This could be a blueprint for similar communities in other parts of our province.</li> <li>There is a closed FB page about this. Contact Dawn Robertson at FSI if you are interested in joining. 1-800-441-5403</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Pacific Rim Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catriona, her son, Asher; Linda, her daughter, Meliah and Annette Burrows (Employment Consultant) presented on Inclusion Works.</li> </ul>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active Living Alliance is re-doing their Strategic Plan. Should be something coming out in Fall. In July, in Ottawa, there will be a world summit on accessibility. All these activities have arisen out of the new UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities.</li> </ul>

- June 16 –the Premier will be announcing new initiatives coming out of the recent White Paper. Agencies can apply to be in a lottery to win tickets to attend.
- Jennifer reported that the Annualized Income program will continue. It has been a huge success. This means that people on PWD can earn \$800/month before having anything clawed back by the government. Or, if they work seasonally, they can accrue their income up to \$9,600/year before having any clawed back.

### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm Moved by Sharon 2<sup>nd</sup> by         

### NEXT MEETING

Date: June 24, 2014 Time: 5:00 p.m. Location: 220 – 174 Wilson St, Victoria, B.C.