



**North Region Community Council Meeting**  
**October 15, 2011**  
**Community Living Centre**  
**#207 – 1600 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Prince George BC V2L 3X3**  
**9:00 am**

**Present:** Bonnie Fallowfield, Cathy Mortensen, Earnie Harding, Eldon Carter, Terry Robertson, David Johnston, Ann Peltier, Kris Zemplak, Patricia Marshall, Ann Lewis

**Conference Call:** Sharon Taylor

**Regrets:** Ryan Taylor, Ruth Stanton, Barb Warkentine

**Guests:** Brian Salisbury, Carole Barriault

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
<b>Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes</b>	David Johnston made a motion the minutes to the September 10, 2011 meeting be accepted. Earnie Harding seconded the motion. <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

**AGENDA**

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<b>Brian Salisbury</b>	Brian began his work at CLBC in 2005 as the Director of Strategic Planning. Discussed the budget per operations policy, we do what we can with the budget envelope we have; we are learning as we go forward. Service redesign based on what you need today, ensure what people are getting is what they need. We are committed to the vision, thoughtful, probing questions, addressing the human side, and safeguards. What it will mean – board is leaning strategic plan will guide us for the next 3 years. Enhancing peoples roles in community improve tools Need to demonstrate value for money Ongoing evolvment, inclusion in the mission Bonnie – many parents believe in the vision – had mixed feelings is happy Brian reaffirmed her beliefs.		
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<b>CLBC CEO Rick Mowles</b>	On October 14, 2011, the Board of Directors of Community Living BC (CLBC) issued a statement announcing the departure of CEO Rick Mowles. With Rick's departure, Doug Woollard, CLBC's current Vice President Organizational Development, has agreed to act as interim CEO until a permanent appointment is made. The Board has every confidence that Doug, with the support of his senior management colleagues and staff, and with the

	continued support of individuals, families and community partners, will ensure that the important work CLBC does to serve individuals with developmental disabilities in British Columbia moves forward without interruption.		
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	<b>Brian will discuss with Kate and send something out to councils on this subject</b>		
<b>New Community Council Forms</b>	Ann Lewis handed out the new forms that will now be used province wide, instead of each council using different forms. Ann will be responsible to send any changes to the membership list in to HQ on a quarterly basis. Brian Salisbury is the “linking role” between managers and council. There are 12 working councils throughout the province, 1 non working. We also have the Council Report 2010/2011 that highlights projects and initiatives. CLBC Relations is creating “story book”; they are looking for success stories from council members to share with other councils by the end of this fiscal. Brian will send list of suggestions to Bonnie on how to recruit new council members – we are at more of an advantage now on recruitment because of the members who have been on board and can relay their roles to folks coming on. Brian is also working on a uniform provincial add to help with the recruitment of council members and will let us know when that is complete.		
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<b>Managers Report Pat Marshall</b>	Aboriginal Northern Health is holding a 2 day conference in Dawson Creek– David will contact CLBC staff for information to attend. Pat and 2 staff attended Partnership with Government Canadian Mental Health; she also attended a Community Round Table meeting with non-profit non government agencies – to identify people in the north. Document will be out soon and Pat will distribute. Pat was at the Peter Block workshop in Vancouver – she enjoyed aboriginal component and the topic on how to talk to strangers non-intrusively. BC Housing is going well – Terrace doing well; Dawson Creek is ok; not much happening in Fort St John or Smithers. Prince George housing is almost all family units, mostly because of availability and the dynamics of the community. Métis housing has some vacancies in Prince George and surrounding area the only criteria is to have Aboriginal heritage. Baldy Hughes - is preferencing our people in the north, visit their website at <a href="http://www.baldyhughes.ca/">http://www.baldyhughes.ca/</a> for men and the opening of Haldi Road Recovery Centre for Women is in the process. Anyone can make referrals to this centre. They are in the process of recruiting a new Executive Director. Pat is also the Chairperson for the Prince George Rick Hansen 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Relay – more information and posters will be available at the next meeting.		
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<p><b>Community Living Month Events</b></p>	<p><u><b>Terrace</b></u> Ann P announced the success of the Terrace Walk the Millennium Trail even though the weather was not to cooperative, it was quite windy. They had over 25 folks in attendance. Ann put up a display of pamphlets and a CLBC display board at the beginning of the walk. CHILLS supplied ice cream and they got to met new owners and were told they will now be open year round.</p> <p><u><b>Dawson Creek</b></u> Wow, what a success approximately 200 attended! Thank you to the great people who worked together to create a memorable event for supported individuals/professionals/families who deserve a celebration and recognition. They are gathering and reviewing all the responses from the Tree of Hope, and CLBC Staff will be sending them out in an email to all of the professionals to start breaking down the barriers and have Dawson Creek become more inclusive. David was interviewed on TV; he and 2 other self advocates shared success stories; they had Aboriginal dancers and singers David also helped BBQ burgers and hot dogs and everyone enjoyed cake for dessert.</p> <p><u><b>Smithers</b></u> Oct 7<sup>th</sup> – 3pm – 6pm. They held a BBQ, had prizes and lots of fun. Thanks to Gail Harding for baking. There were approximately 100 people attending. It was a nice sunny day but spent most of it inside. Another thank you to High Road for using their facility. Unfortunately there were fewer agencies attending than in the past.</p> <p><u><b>Prince Rupert</b></u> – Their event is scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup>, a report will be at the next meeting.  <u><b>Quesnel</b></u> – this event has been cancelled  <u><b>Fort St John</b></u> – No event planned for this year  <u><b>Prince George</b></u>  Date: October 28, 2011  Time: 8:00am – 10:00am  AiMHi annual Pancake Breakfast AiMHi Gym. (\$6.00 for everyone) – a report will follow at the next meeting.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="423 1528 1464 1612"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="423 1528 834 1570">ACTION</th> <th data-bbox="834 1528 1216 1570">PERSON RESPONSIBLE</th> <th data-bbox="1216 1528 1464 1570">DEADLINE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="423 1570 834 1612"></td> <td data-bbox="834 1570 1216 1612"></td> <td data-bbox="1216 1570 1464 1612"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE			
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<p><b>Face to Face</b></p>	<p>Discussion on budget constraints, face to face meetings verses conference call meetings. It was decided to have a teleconference in November and go from there.</p> <p>David Johnston motioned to have a face to face meeting January 21, 2012; Terry Robertson seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>After further discussion, the council has voted all in favor of rescinding the</p>								

	<p>motion to have a face to face meeting on January 21, 2012.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>Council members are asked to submit their ideas and suggestions for future meetings to Bonnie prior to Novembers teleconference call. One suggestion already submitted was to have fewer face to face meetings, but when we do, have a Friday evening meeting as well as the Saturday meeting.</p>						
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<p><b>PAC Report</b> <b>Terry Robertson</b></p>	<p><b>PAC Report for Sept 2011</b></p> <p>Dr. Michael Shoop from the Shoop Group presented the threads and pieces of work done by Council Chairs, PAC members and CLBC board and staff Sat morning. He spoke about new directions and themes that they have pulled out that will be the basis for CLBC new Strategic Plan for the coming years.</p> <p>CLBC staff will be coming out around the province to talk about a new initiative called “A Statement of Rights” for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. Once this is completed it will be rolled out to staff and council.</p> <p>Norah Flaherty spoke about the Quality Service committee who deal more day to day issues of CLBC. The PAC stated that there appears to be very little known about CLBC’s Complaint process and that many people aren’t even aware that it exists. We recommended that it have more attention and that the process be clear and accessible for all.</p> <p>Denise Turner attended to speak to us given the continuous stories about CLBC in the news.</p> <p>Concerns from other PAC members continue to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of equity around the province</li> <li>• The Role of Community Councils</li> <li>• Questions on Service Redesign</li> <li>• Can the PAC do a PATH – what purpose do we really serve?</li> <li>• Social Justice and People with Developmental Disabilities</li> <li>• Aging Parents/Individuals</li> <li>• Ongoing Community Engagement forums</li> </ul> <p>Vernon Community Council has developed a power point on joining their council</p> <p>The north/central Van Island group is being very strategic about adding council members. The chairperson takes people out for lunch and explains roles and responsibilities and to ask what they as a new member will bring to the table.</p> <p>One topic brought up by all of the PAC members is that of our “terms” (length of time) on the councils and PAC. There is no change to the original process that states a maximum of 6 years on council. No provision for staggered leaving.</p> <p>World café – one person stays at the table, others move around – the person who stays summarizes what was said – then reported back at the end – then discussions on what to do with the information. Sharing our information is one of the most valuable tools to our council has.</p>						

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<b>Membership Committee</b> <b>Sharon Taylor</b> <b>Kris Zemlak</b>	<b>Committee Reports</b> <b>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:</b> Ann P has sent out an application to a Service Provider in Terrace. Ann feels she may be a great addition to the council as she has connections through-out the area not just in Terrace. Sharon Taylor is working on recruitments in Houston, Burns Lake and Hazelton as well. Terry has someone in Mckenzie in mind as well.		
<b>Self Advocate Committee</b> <b>Cathy Mortensen, Ruth Stanton, David Johnston</b> <b>Earnie Harding , Eldon Carter</b>	<b>Self Advocate Committee</b> Discussed the self advocates meeting in May 13 – 15, 2012. High Road is working with their folks on employment, barriers and training to be able to successful gain employment. Housing is another issue – some don't know where to go and there is not always someone in the CLBC office. Self Advocates would like to come to the meeting. Kris will email the contact person's name to Earnie. David suggested the committee get together via conference call to discuss issues prior to the meeting. Ann L will help them set up conference calls with the help of the Dawson Creek Admin Staff.		
<p>-----</p> <b>Community Awareness Committee</b> <b>Jackie Allen, Ann Peltier, Ryan Taylor</b>	<b>Community Awareness Committee</b> Jackie Allen says their committee does not find a way to connect except for emails. Jackie has pulled together some ideas for next year's October awareness month. One idea is to have published 4 success stories, 1 per week, to reach audiences that we don't normally reach. Jackie has been corresponding with the Relations Specialist Scott Gibney over the summer, focusing on the positive. She is working with the local library to set up a display table with CLBC information and books on disabilities from the library. Ann Peltier was very happy about the success of the Terrace Community Living Month event.		
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<b>Round Table</b>	<b>Kris Zemlak</b> Youth committee: we are working with Mardi Gras to see what youth oriented events that we can hold. Camps running from September 12-15 and 19-22 at Ness Lake were very successful. Everyone had a great time at the new location. We are looking at booking this camp for next year. The Community Living Month fashion show in November 2012 is still in the planning stages, but she will send out information as she gets it. Caucus: "Dreams in the Community" put on by the PG self advocates will be held May 13-15. The mayor has been asked to attend and be a keynote speaker. Truffles and Travel: is tonight!! Summer has been busy with the summer recreation program and many holidays with employees, staff, managers and people supported. CLBC monitoring: LBC will be conducting interviews with our managers,		

observe people supported with their employees. The Program Directors have met with CLBC and this process will start soon. Service redesign is looking to increase capacity. Kris brought copies of the AimHi newsletter to share. Ageing conference will be forth coming – CLBC contact person for this will be Carole Barriault in the Prince George office.

**David Johnston** – discussed his latest blog “Living Independently” to be out on Oct 29<sup>th</sup>. Everything is going great. David and Dawson Creek Facilitator Truly Shearing-Berg have put a lot of work into this year’s Community Living Month event. David was very excited to give his presentation at this event. Workshops CLBC workshop support, Dawson and FSJ Independent Networking and will be going to Chetwynd to put on a workshop. David is attending Peoples First in Vancouver in November. Peoples First were successful in having the Woodlands demolition postponed to October 18<sup>th</sup> in order that more advocates could attend the demolition. They do have \$15,000 in funding to help advocates who want to attend.

**Terry Robertson.** Going to Terrace 21<sup>st</sup> to put on a workshop on Microboards, her husband will be putting on a RDSP workshop, then next weekend it’s off to Smithers to do it all over again. The will also be going to Williams lake and Quesnel but no dates yet. A lot of her time lately is spent with struggling families. If families are looking for help in developing relationships with MLA Terry can help.

**Bonnie Fallowfield** – Bonnie passed pictures around of pictures of a mom whose daughter passed from cancer; she has started a group of self advocate belly dancers including one boy. They will be performing at the CDC telethon in Quesnel on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Bonnie attended the Transportation meeting in Quesnel with hopes they might extend the bus service. This did not happen but they now have an emergency program in place to provide emergency transportation after bus hours. Bonnie is still working hard on helping support families with transitioning youth; she continues to peruse CLBC website to keep up to date with all the latest information. Brian let us know his staff is starting to send out “here’s what’s new” list to Council chairs for distribution. Slow progress on housing issues in Quesnel. Bonnie is reminding council she is still looking to mentor a new chairperson.

**Eldon Carter** – Community Living Month event for Quesnel was cancelled. The QCLA will be holding a Halloween dance on October 28<sup>th</sup> – Eldon is doing the music and everyone is asked to bring appies and dress up. Eldon is very happy his friend who has waited years for a job now has 3 from the help of his employment helper. This shows the employment initiative works. Eldon is happy to hear people are given a chance to work, and people with disabilities count.

**Cathy Mortensen** – no longer has e-mail, Ann L will make sure all documents are mailed to her, or in emergencies, can be faxed to the local CLBC office for her to pick up. Cathy had to leave the meeting early as she

was on her way to Saskatchewan to visit family.

**Earnie Harding** - High Roads is in partnership with college with no cost to the individuals. They are moving ahead with the housing project, BC Housing very co-operative. They received a grant from CMHC. Community Action group completed a study and found 2% of the population are classified as homeless; the vast majority of those have disability. This is a higher number than they thought.

**Jackie Allen** – attended the workshop that David Johnston put on in Dawson Creek. This gave her the opportunity to interact individuals and was able to introduce herself as a Council member. Jackie took the book *The Power of Belonging* to her library, and discussed putting a display there next year for Community Living month. Jackie is continuing to work with Scott Gibney.

**Ann Peltier** - was busy getting the Community Living month event together and attending Interagency Group meetings sporadically. The new units seem nice and folks are very happy, but housing appears to be full from the website. Pat suggested she contact Chris Wetmore who is able to give a clearer picture of what is available.

**Brian Salisbury** – Thanked the council for the opportunity to be able to attend this meeting.

**Carole Barriault** – Also thanked the council and now has a better idea of what we are all about

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**2:15 pm** next meeting will be a Conference call

**NEXT MEETING**

**November 19, 2011 9:30 (Prince George Time)**