



North Region Community Council Meeting

Date: October 20, 2012
 Address: #207 1600 15th Avenue,
 Prince George BC V2L 3X3
 Time: 9:30 am – 2:00pm
 Dial In information: 1-877-353-9184
 Conference ID: 8408132#

Present: Cory Norman, Ryan Taylor, Ann Peltier, Sharon Taylor, Barb Warkentine, Shannon Moyle, Eldon Carter, Justin Pylatuk, Willie Neal, Jackie Allen, Earnie Harding, David Johnston, Pat Marshall, Ann Lewis

Regrets: Bonnie Fallowfield, Cathy Mortensen, Kris Zemplak, Terry Robertson, Ruth Davis-Stanton

AGENDA TOPICS		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	
Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	Ryan Taylor made the motion the minutes of the September 28 th and 29 th 2012 meetings be accepted after the changes of Ruth's name and the updated information for the Terrace Community Living Month event. Shannon Moyle seconded the motion.	
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Additions to the Agenda	Introductions Extensions Managers Report Committee Nominations	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	
Introductions	Barb Warkentine - Family Member Prince George, Eldon Carter - Self Advocate Quesnel, Ryan Taylor - Self Advocate Fort St John, Shannon Moyle - Smithers Service Provider, Jackie Allen – Pink Mountain Community member, Earnie Harding - Family member Smithers, Justin Pylatuk - Self Advocate Dawson Creek, Pat Marshall – CPD Manager, Ann Peltier - Family Member Terrace, Cory Norman - Family member Smithers, Sharon Taylor - Service Provider Smithers, Willie Neal – Family Member Quesnel.	
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Managers report	<p>Pat gave an overview of our travel policy. Our per-diem rate, this is the money allowed for meals, is a set rate – you can only claim for a certain amount for each meal and if you go over, you will not be reimbursed the difference. You cannot claim for lunch when lunch is brought in. If you need support to attend meetings or if you have a family member that need support while you attend meetings, you can have a staff in place to attend these meetings, submit your receipt and you will be reimbursed. We are a Crown Corporation and need to respond to the public on how we spend our funds. The policy is in your binder and Pat asked you all review this.</p> <p>Pat has spent quite a bit of time in Prince Rupert as there has been a change in the main Service Provider there. Thompson has been given a 6 month emergency direct award that followed the rules of procurement. Information sessions were held for family and self advocate and they went well. A group of 19 self advocates attended and the biggest issue discussed was they were working for free, not even given tips. Now they are working on coming up with a better employment program.</p> <p>Council Budget is confirmed at \$58,000.00. With the short turnaround since our last meeting, there was not enough time to get the numbers in and update our balance.</p> <p>Oath of Confidential was signed by all the new council members.</p> <p>Pat explained the new staffing in Terrace and Smithers - Facilitators will remain the same for the next while, analysts will be changing somewhat, and Pat explained the interviewing process. We don't anticipate any changes in Quesnel, the Peace, though there may be some changes in the Prince George office in the future.</p> <p>Jackie asked if we were or will be affected by labor disputes.</p> <p>Pat explained how this could affect us if there were pick lines.</p> <p>Willie asked if we were aware of the survey sent out from MCFD (?) to families and caregivers.</p> <p>Pat replied that we are a funding body and there are all kinds of working documents being sent out for feedback.</p> <p>Ryan wanted to know when people run for office why don't they do some homework on CLBC if that is the group they will be in charge of.</p> <p>Pat explained most of the ministers are appointed and given a port folio with all the agencies under them. They may not know ahead of time what ministries they will be in charge of.</p>		
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Voting - Chair Vice Chair PAC	<p>Council voted in: Chairperson – Barb Warkentine Vice Chair – Justin Pylatuk PAC Representative – Terry Robertson</p>		
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Strategic Plan	<p>The Strategic plan was discussed and the draft version will be available at the next council meeting for approval.</p> <p>Enhanced participation and citizenship</p> <p>One Government approach to person with developmental disabilities</p> <p>Promote innovation and resilience</p>		
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Committee Reports	<p>Barb explained the committees for all the members.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Self Advocate Committee Cathy Mortensen, Ruth Stanton, David Johnston, Earnie Harding, Eldon Carter This committee would like to have the break out meetings combined with our regular monthly meetings. They tried to do it by phone but this does not work. 2. Community Awareness Committee Jackie Allen, Ann Peltier, Ryan Taylor Jackie explained the committee to get the word out, there are still so many who do not know the work of the council; we don't want to spin our wheels. Willie – since hearing about the council she has been fully involved and committed herself to helping. She thinks October is a bad month for the north to have Community Living month. Sharon – is still finding it hard with CLBC names – there is so much networking around this table, but how much gets back to the community. Ann P – Community Awareness is networking in your community – getting out and talking to them on a regular basis. Sharon – It's easy to do in your own community, but harder to in other communities where there is no council representation. Encourage people to access the CLBC website. Earnie – We should be attending Health and Wellness Trade Fairs, know what's going on in your community in addition to Community Living month events and attend representing the council. Barb – Making sure people are aware of who we are Shannon – He has been well received, people still do not understand who we are but it's improving. Barb – It took the neighborhood a while for them to be comfortable when they bought Bret's house and now everyone knows who they are and what CLBC and the council are. Jackie – This kind of committee conversations are more valuable 		

than just having the “committee structure” of everyone sharing what’s been happening in their committees.

Shannon – Would like to see the committees come up with initiatives and bring back to discussion.

Ryan – Discussed what the association does in Fort St John to get the word out.

Jackie – Read START WITH HI TO advertisement on the airplane, we are re-launching this campaign. Trying to reach out in communities with success stories.

Community Relations specialists Caitlyn – will ask her to come in January Pat explained the work C does in supporting your work at trade fairs etc.

3. Membership Committee

Sharon Taylor, Kris Zemlak

We have few new members and some leaving this month. In the January will start looking at recruiting new members, we are ok to just let it relax for a bit. We would like input from everyone, bring in people in the north.

Barb – were a piece of the puzzle to get the word out to community, families, waiting for guidance to get the word out.

Local issues of removing barriers,

Sharon discussed the history of the council for new members.

New Committee members

Self Advocate Committee – Ruth Davis-Stanton; David Johnston, Eldon Carter, Willie Neal

Membership Committee – Kris Zemlak, Sharon Taylor, Cory Norman

Community Awareness Committee – Ann Peltier, Ryan Taylor, Shannon Moyle.

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There was a discussion on having an additional employment committee.	All members bring for discussion to November's meeting	

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Extensions	Barb Warkentine - Chair - current term expires November 1, 2012 Ann Peltier - Family Member - current term expires November 26, 2012 David Johnston - Self Advocate - current term expires November 26, 2012 Kris Zemlak - Service Provider - current term expires Nov 27, 2012 Ruth Davis-Stanton - Self Advocate - current term expires November 1, 2012 Terry Robertson - Family member and PAC rep - current term expires November 10, 2012 Ryan Taylor - Self Advocate – current term expires November 1, 2012 Sharon Taylor - Service Provider - current term expires November 1, 2012
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	<p>Eldon Carter - Self Advocate – First 2 year term expires November 26, 2012</p> <p>There were 4 council members who chose not to extend their terms Bonnie Fallowfield - former Chair and family member Cathy Mortensen - Self Advocate Earnie Harding - Family member Jackie Allen - Community member</p> <p>The remainder of the council members’ terms do not end until 2014. Shannon Moyle - Service Provider - May 1, 2014 Cory Norman - Family member - April 1, 2014 Justin Pylatuk - Self Advocate - September 1, 2014 Wilhelmina Neal - Family member - Sept 14, 2014</p>		
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ROUND TABLE	<p>Barb – Thank you to Jackie and Earnie for your commitment to the council. When we amalgamated we didn’t know what that would look like but it turned out great. We are all different but have the same goals. We will always think of you. Also a thank you to the new people who are coming on board, we are all unique, open to new ideas. Therapeutic Riding is getting great reviews. Our Casino fundraising event was a huge success; we raised over \$18, 000.00 and it was great “PR’ing” for people with disabilities. A pub asked if the band could also play for them and they paid for the casino event as well thus developing another partnership. Lots of top people came as well.</p> <p>Eldon – Eldon participated in the Community Living month event “Walk the Talk” it went pretty good but not as many people attended. It was a great day, very warm. A guy from special Olympics came; we had to stay on the sidewalk because the street could not be blocked off. No Halloween events happening this year but Eldon is going to Prince Rupert with others to the Self Advocate forum with lots of speakers.</p> <p>Shannon – Not a whole lot going on. High Road started new staff residence good for the 2 residences in that house. We are having an in house Halloween party.</p> <p>Ann –. No much new, rash of folks coming to Terrace to discuss RRSDP, addressing different audiences so everyone gets the information. Folks transitioning to 65 are almost as large as transitioning youth.</p> <p>Justin – Attended The Little Black Dress event hosted by SPCRS (South Peace Community Resource Society) \$20, 000.00 was raised. Tickets were \$75.</p> <p>Sharon – Staff is still in the midst of Freedom from Meltdown training. The area of discussion this week is the social narrative including I-Pads and I-Pods. Sharon gave a talk on GPS systems and Shannon discussed</p>		

another program called PRAY. Justin told us of a program called Find my I-Phone.

Ryan – This weekend, FSJACL is hosting their big fundraiser – Of The Vine with special guests, live auction and a silent auction. Different vineyards come in to showcase their wines. Very nice black tie event. The money raised for will be used for general up-keeping of homes

Cory – Will be attending meetings for Special Olympics from folks coming from Vanderhoof, their first meeting will be on Monday.

Willie – Just wanted to say to the 2 members who are leaving, I wish had time to get to know you. The t-shirts Willie and her husband had made from funds raised by QCLA were handed out at the walk to talk. The also placed a thank you ad in the newspaper for all who participated in the employment program.

David - Is going to Vancouver tomorrow for the Employment Summit, coming back Wednesday. He is helping with the Community Living Month Dance in Dawson Creek on Oct 26th. They have a band, goodies and the wishing tree. He just came back from BCACL caucus meeting with Ruth, and then is going to Peoples First retreat November 16th -18th. He is also attending the BC Self Advocate Foundation retreat Nov 3rd & 4th. David explained the wishing tree - everyone puts down what they want for the future and pins it to the tree. Every year it's brought out for people to see if they got their wish for the year, or what they can do differently to make it happen this year. David will report back on the Employment Summit at our November council meeting. He wishes he could have been here.

Jackie – Enjoyed being here and will carry on advocating. She will stay in touch and continue to pass out the Citizen newsletters Ann promised to send her. Jackie has the infiltrated the “boys” club in FSJ – the Co-op Association. Comments from council members: Jackie will be really missed and has been a great asset to the committee. Jackie relayed the fun she had working with her first Self Advocate, now she has a grandson who may need services and is happy she has the resources to help. She will continue to keep busy and will stay in touch.

Earnie - This is his last kick at the can. Earnie discussed housing is the issue still in Smithers. Pat confirmed she will renew her efforts to look into this. Earnie says we have to go out and extend a hand where we can. The good news is recycling – their new bailer (\$200,000.00) will be installed next week, this is a great opportunity for employment for Self Advocated. Multi Materials BC is targeting 75% recovery recycling in Smithers; this is the largest employer for Special Needs people. High Road currently recovers 20% so 75% will be a huge increase in collection and processing. A lot of work is involved and will be able to employ more Self Advocates. It's also great timing to coincide with CLBC's employment initiative. Multi Materials BC (government driven) will be available in all communities and a list will be coming out Nov 19th containing information and implementations for April 2013. Earnie

thanked all members for sharing their information and says it won't be the last you hear from us. We will continue to work on housing and recycling. Thanks and we wish you the best.

Pat – Thanks the outgoing members, we appreciated getting to know you. It's always good for us to get the flavor of your community. Thank you for taking the time to be here, it's a big commitment but we're hoping after you miss us for a year, you will come back...

NEXT MEETINGS

Next meeting:

Nov 24, 2012 9:30 am

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