

AMENDED



North Region Community Council Meeting

Community Living Centre
#207 – 1600 15th Avenue
Prince George BC V2L 3X3

Date: September 25, 2010 Time: 9:12am – 2:25pm

Present: Bonnie Fallowfield, Sharon Taylor, Ann Peltier, Earnie Harding, David Johnston, Colleen Hermanson, Cathy Mortenson, Ruth Stanton, Ryan Taylor, Jackie Allen, Sharon Doerksen, Pat Marshall, Ann Lewis

Regrets: Barb Warkentine, Terry Robertson, Kris Zemplak

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	
Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	Minutes: David Johnston moved the minutes to the June 12, 2010 meeting be accepted, Ruth Stanton seconded the motion. Additions to the Agenda Website Redesign	
Carried		
AGENDA		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	
Provincial Meeting Review	Bonnie Fallowfield, Terry Robertson and Pat Marshall attended the Provincial Advisory Committee/Community Council Meeting with CLBC Management Meeting in Vancouver June 26, 2010 – their discussion centered around the Ageing Project, Communications and Inclusion and Community Engagement. Bonnie also provided us with the hand-outs of the Advisory Groups and Committees for Community Living BCs with the list of the Committee Names, their Mandate, CLBC Staff responsible and their meeting schedule; and a copy of their minutes for discussion. There was discussion on having Jule Hopkins, Manager – Service Accountability and Safeguards Advisory Committee, speak in different communities on our aging population.	
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	
CLBC Website	Bonnie discussed the CLBC Website Redesign and urges council members to visit the site	

Redesign	and become familiar with it. Bring any questions or concerns to the next meeting for discussion.			
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
		All council members	Oct 16 th meeting	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION			
Strategic Plan	A discussion on Key Area 3; Leadership Today training for May was cancelled. There will be further discussions on this at the October 16, 2010 Council meeting.			
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Community Living Month Events	<p>Dawson Creek – October 1st at the CLBC office 10105 13th Street, Dawson Creek BC from 11-2 Appreciation BBQ - hot dogs, hamburgers, cookies, cake, drinks, music, self advocate speakers, prizes and more.</p> <p>Smithers – October 1st High Roads 3439 Fulton Avenue, Smithers BC – 3pm – 6 pm - Appreciation BBQ, speakers, displays and more.</p> <p>Quesnel – October 8th WALK THE TALK 11am – 1pm starting at Quesnel’s 4 Corners and Ending at City Hall – Cake and Refreshments, Guest Speakers</p> <p>Fort St. John – Oct 8th –Appreciation Luncheon – Northern Grand 9830 100th Avenue starting at noon, hosted by Fort St. John Association for Community Living .</p> <p>Prince George – October 15th CLBC Office 2047 1600 15th Avenue, Prince George BC – Appreciation Luncheon 11 am – 2 pm – Displays and information tables</p> <p>Terrace – October 22nd Skeena Mall, Community Room 4741 Lakelse Avenue, Terrace BC – 11:30 am – 2:30 pm - Food and Fun – Displays and information tables.</p>			
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	Committee Reports Terms of Reference	<p>Membership Committee –</p> <p>Remove the sentence “Recover all information and documentation from outgoing committee members”. Change the title “Prince George Community Council” to “North Region Community Council” through-out the document. Correct the “last updated date from June 2010 to September 2010. <u>This will be brought back to the next meeting to be accepted.</u></p> <p>Discussion on whether prospective new members can attend meetings before they are accepted – Pat will look into this, it’s possible that he/she may be able to attend but not vote and may be asked to leave the room if confidential discussions are taking place.</p>		
		<p>Self Advocacy Committee –</p> <p>Change the title “Prince George Community Council” to “North Region Community Council” through-out the document. Correct the “last updated date from June 2010 to September 2010.</p>		

Sharon Taylor moved this document be accepted as amended, Ryan Taylor 2nd the motion. **Carried**

Committee will contact Penny Soderina to get a complete list of self advocates for the North.

There was a discussion on different fundraiser events so Self Advocates in the North could meet – locations mentioned were Chubb Lake and Tyee Lake.

Community Awareness Committee -

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	Self Advocacy Committee and Community Awareness Committee, Ann Lewis	October 16, 2010

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
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Managers Report – Pat	<p>Pat discussed the Giving in Action and FIF (Family Independence Fund). This is a very easy process for anyone who has been determined DD eligible to apply for these funds. Pat also discussed the Federal CMHC forgivable grant up to \$20,000. Low income is the only criteria for this loan based on renters’ income not on Landlords income. She discussed the staff meeting with Malachy Tohill, Regional Manager, BC Housing. BC Housing is a Crown Corporation who manages 3500 units in the North that provides housing for the homeless, Non-Profit, low income families, seniors, disabled and anyone who needs help. They have been given direction to prioritize our folks seeking accommodation. There are very few single living options- more homes with 4-5 bedrooms, members feel no one on PWD can afford this. Assisted living was discussed but this falls under Health and is not ours. It was requested to have Malachy’s assistant, Stacey Kyriakos, attend a future council meeting.</p> <p>There were discussions on having the BCH contact names in each community, housing discrimination; “assisted animals” allowed in homes, will there be modular homes available?</p> <p>Ann P. discussed the 24 units in Terrace – are any of them single unit? Will there be any modular homes? Who is the BC Housing person in Terrace.</p> <p>Housing Discrimination – our individuals not approved to rent, pets (as in Assisted Animals)</p> <p>Earnie discussed the block of housing behind Kal Tire in Smithers – Alpine Court – only 1 unit is accessible - is this correct? Seniors Rental Housing in Rupert (Sunset Villa) In Terrace the Farmers Market propriety converted into 24 units?</p> <p>Pat will contact Stacey Kyriakos – BC Housing Property Portfolio Manager (for PG and Peace) to attend a Community Council Meeting in the near future.</p> <p>Paula Grant, Director of Quality Assurance has accepted our request to attend the</p>
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November 20th Council Meeting.

Jane Holland, Advocate for Quality Service has accepted our request to attend the October 16th Council Meeting.

Pat discussed the tour of the North West with Community Relations Specialist, Caitlyn Sassaman and Ann Lewis – In Smithers we met with the Cathy Olmstead, Director of Community Services, CA Shelly Worthington, and Susan Basset Director of Corp Services for the Town of Smithers. In Terrace we met with the MLA's CA Denis Gagne and with members from the City of Terrace, David Block – City Planner; Marvin Kwiatkowski, Director of Development Services; Heather Nunn, City Clerk; Tara Irwin, Sustainability Coordinator; Carmen Didier, Director of Leisure Services. In Prince Rupert we met with Rudy Kelly, Director of Recreation and Community Services; Maynard Angus, District Chamber of Commerce and Manager, Public Affairs for the Prince Rupert Port Authority and MLA Gary Coons. Discussions centered around:

Home Sharing - information on how home sharing works and the benefits it can bring to providers and the adults they support - <http://www.communitylivingbc.ca/individuals-families/home-sharing/>

Start with Hi - CLBC's initiative to encourage more inclusive and welcoming communities for people with developmental disabilities - www.startwithhi.ca

Employment Supports and Initiatives - information on the work CLBC is doing to increase employment opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities - <http://www.communitylivingbc.ca/individuals-families/employment-initiative/>

Respect Booklet - stories of employment success for adults with developmental disabilities - <http://www.bccmpleynet.org/Advancing%20Employment/PNGI/RESPECT%20Employment%20Booklet.pdf>

Family Independence Fund - grants for families with relatives with a developmental disability for home renovations or vehicle modifications through the Giving in Action Society - <http://www.communitylivingbc.ca/individuals-families/family-independence-fund/>

Community Resource Database - a comprehensive list of community resources organized by region or specific community - <http://www.communitylivingbc.ca/your-community/community-resources/>

Planning for the Future - Age-friendly and Disability-friendly Official Community Plans - an inter-ministry guide developed to assist communities in developing age and disability-friendly OCPs - <http://www.ubcm.ca/assets/Library/Policy~Topics/Healthy~Communities/Planning%20for%20the%20Future.pdf>

Personalized Supports Initiative - provides targeted support for adults diagnosed with FASD or ASD who also have significant challenges with adaptive functioning that are three standards below the mean - <http://www.communitylivingbc.ca/individuals-families/personalized-supports-initiative/>

Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities — up to \$24,000 in federal forgivable loans to homeowners and landlords to modify their property to make it more accessible to persons with disabilities or people with lower incomes. www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/co/prfinas/prfinas_003.cfm

Pat also discussed a new committee she is helping get off the ground, with folks from Justice, Addictions, AG, Forensics, Community Policing, CLBC to a maximum of 15 community participants – to meet once a month for community discussions. If you know of other agencies that might benefit from joining please let Pat know.

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	BC Housing contact names for each area	Ann Lewis/Pat	Next meeting
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Round Table	<p>David Johnston – David has been accepted to a 2 year term on the Provincial Board and will be at the retreat Nov 5-6 in New Westminster. David is also attending a Relationship Development workshop on Sept 27th. He will be attending the BCACL conference in Whistler Oct 22-24 and participating in the presentation Reciprocal Relationships and attending Real Work for Real Pay, Successful Housing Partnerships, The Importance of Friendships in Living a Good Life, Passing the Torch, and Social Media for Social Change. David will also be one of the guest speakers at the Dawson Creek Community Living Event on Oct 1st.</p> <p>Colleen Hermanson – Colleen is attending a conference Oct 14-16 focusing on Employment for Self Advocates and presented by Val Holmes. They increased training for employment to 7 individuals to 40 in 3 months.</p> <p>Cathy Mortenson – Cathy had a very busy summer, she entered and essay contest and won a helicopter ride for October. She visited folks in Kelowna, went to Alberta and is busy working on the Community Living Month Event. Cathy will email Ann Lewis a copy of their newsletter to distribute</p> <p>Ryan Taylor – Ryan is glad to be back after being away with an injured ankle and glad to be back at work. Ryan is helping with typing their community newsletter and participating in fundraisers – “Of the Vine”.</p> <p>Earnie Harding – Earnie would like clarification regarding maximum terms on the council and the need for a succession plan. He also discussed High Roads new building. There was discussion on what to do in emergencies – Pat confirmed outside of office hours, After Hours (1-800-663-9122) should be called in the case of any emergency, also you can contact your local police/fire/ambulance departments as necessary.</p> <p>Ruth Stanton – Ruth attended the self Advocate Leadership conference in May in Prince George, and will be attending the 11th Annual Self Advocacy Leadership Institute workshop in Abbotsford, October 8-10th. Ruth discussed fundraising events, the Snack Shack at AimHi, and Good Food box. Ruth also invited us to the Community Living Month Pancake Breakfast at AimHi on October 15th from 8-10 am, the cost is \$7.00 per person.</p> <p>Bonnie Fallowfield – Discussion around Guidelines to Support Allocation, the costs for staffed residential versus home sharing based on level of need. Bonnie discussed the Halloween dance being held in Quesnel on October 29th, she will send more information on this event. Bonnie discussed the CHAAPS (Caribou Hoofbeats Assisted Activity Program Society) event in Quesnel. For more information on CHAAPS visit their website at http://members.shaw.ca/chaaps/home.htm Bonnie Fallowfield discussed a workshop she attended last year with Native Court Workers.</p>		

Jackie Allen – Jackie met with service providers in Fort Nelson and gave out her Community Council Business cards. She explained her role to them would be happy to attend events in her community. Jackie thanked AimHi for the newsletters and would like us to continue sending her copies of the Citizen for her to pass out in her area. Jackie will be attending the BCACL conference in Whistler in October.

Sharon Taylor – Sharon discussed the great success of the IPOD touch communication device. This program was testing released it thru I-Tunes and you can view it by going to <http://www.proloquo2go.com/>. This is compatible with I-Pod Touch \$190 all inclusive approx \$400. TAP TO TALK information is also located on Facebook with speaker pack available and it can be customized to fit your needs. Sharon would be happy to travel and give demonstrations.

Ann Peltier - One of the group homes is closing – all individuals have been placed. Ann is on the FASD Steering committee and discussed PNG placements at the local grocery store. They went in and seen jobs that were not being done, so they made their own job description and presented it to the store.

Sharon Doerksen – Sharon discussed the day programs at Community Living Association fund raisers. Get your lunch order in on Thursday for Friday lunch. Sharon discussed the Self Advocacy Board and the 2 home shares – 1 is working well, the second one did not work out.

Barb Warkentine – Barb dropped in for a short period and discussed the October 16th event at the Treasure Cove Show lounge. There will be music, dinner, silent auction, give-a-ways, and a fashion show all hosted by Spruce Capital Feeds and the Treasure Cove. All proceeds of this event will go to the PG Therapeutic Riding Association.

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ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:17

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on October 16, 2010 in the Prince George Community Living BC office.