

Community Living BC – Simon Fraser Region
400-205 Newport Drive, Port Moody

Council Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2015, 5:30 pm

Present: Bob Kashyap, Barb Paciejewski, Sue Mann, Linda Wu, Lori Holloway, Carol Broomhall

Regrets: Ed Kushner, Courtney Dinahan, Lynne Kennie, Maxine Wilson

CLBC Staff Present: Soheila Ghodsieh, Victoria Naisbitt

1. Introductions

2. Adoption of Agenda

M/S/C To adopt the Agenda as presented.

3. Adoption of Minutes from December 8, 2014

M/S/C To adopt the Minutes as presented.

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

- Sue Mann is nominated to be Chair of the Community Council. It is seconded.
- Sue is happy to accept the nomination of Chair.

M/S/C To accept Sue Mann as Chair of the Community Council

- Barb Paciejewski is nominated to be Vice Chair of the Council. It is seconded.
- Barb is happy to accept the nomination of Vice Chair.

M/S/C To accept Barb Paciejewski as Vice Chair of the Community Council

5. CLBC Update

- There will be some major changes to the structure of CLBC in 2015.
- Some regions are becoming huge and staffing is stretched to support the families, so they will move to 5 regions and re-structure the regional offices.
- A third Manager may be brought into this region – many staff for only 2 managers to oversee.
- By June 2015 the changes should be completed.
- Doug Woollard, CLBC CEO, is retiring at the end of February.
- This year, the all-day self-advocate conference will be held in this region – March 25, 2015, at the Shadbolt Centre. Theme: “Building Community with Healthy Relationships.”
- Asked which Council members could attend and ask interested self advocates to attend our council.
- Bob could stay for the first half of the day.
- Sue could go for the afternoon.

- Also an opportunity for Council members to attend the InclusionBC Annual Conference in Vancouver, from May 27 – 30, 2015.
- There is money in the budget for Council members to attend. A good opportunity to see what issues families are interested in, and could help inform our strategic planning.

6. Report from the Chair

- Attended the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) in Vancouver at CLBC Head Office – Doug Woollard’s last meeting.
- He mentioned the number of adults receiving funding who do not have family members.
- Was impressed with how quickly CLBC responded in collecting this information.
- The new CEO was there, and said the first thing they would do is replace Doug Woollard’s position – VP Regional Operations.
- A speaker from the Public Guardian & Trustee was there, and talked of the importance of having a Representation Agreement for our family members.
- Suggestion that it would be interesting to join the FSI monthly meetings together with the PAC.
- Suggestion at the PAC that CLBC could help with recruitments more, so not so much pressure/impact on Councils to increase membership. Helps the councils focus more on their business at hand.
- In Abbotsford, they are holding a Pecha Kucha soon, with a focus on Inclusion.
- In the Comox Valley, they are focusing on Housing issues.
- Smaller areas, like Creston, host dinner-dances and then highlight what people with disabilities in their community are doing.
- Some Councils have as few as 5 members; others have up to 15 members.
- Jai Birdie, Simon Fraser Region Director, is sending an invitation to all Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Region to come together to discuss Housing.
- Spoke with Vera, Chair of the Housing Sub-Committee. Their next meeting will be on February 4.
- The Chair of every Community Council goes to the in-person PAC meetings, and also participates in monthly phone meetings. But it is recommended that a second person from the Council is involved in participating in either the in-person or the phone meetings.
- The Chair of the Provincial PAC has resigned, so that position is open.
- March is the next PAC meeting and they will be electing a Chair.

7. New Business

- Jule can come and support the Council in their strategic planning process.
- The Council needs to choose what their focus is this year – i.e. housing or employment.
- Those topics are huge and CLBC is already looking at those topics.
- As a Council, we want to take on something that is a relevant size.
- Barb commented that one thing being done in Edmonton is honoring an employer who employs people with disabilities.
- CLBC is already doing that in Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge – they invite many employers and give awards to 7 or 8 of them. They have guest speakers.
- They have an Employment luncheon in Maple Ridge. The 3 mayors participate as well.

- Don't believe it is currently being done in the Tri-Cities area.
- Question: Does CLBC have information on who are key employers in the Tri-Cities?
- If we know who they are, we can meet with them and communicate with them during the year. Then it is easier to know how to honor them.
- Think it might be good to start with one community – i.e. Port Coquitlam – and work with local businesses & the Mayor, then move onto another community.
- Makes it do-able – not too broad or too big.
- Need to be clear on how we define Accessibility – i.e. is it primarily physical accessibility, or also including employment, social, communications, etc.
- Soheila stated that whenever Council members would like additional information, CLBC is there to help provide it.
- Asked members to think about what was discussed today in preparation for the Strategic Planning meeting in February. Asked if they can think of other small events that the Council can host that can be integrated into the Strategic Plan.
- Carol will send an email to all Council members so that they have each others' contact information.
- Will be exciting to take on an event and achieve something concrete. A stepping stone to something more.
- We could organize monthly events for parents with local speakers – to learn about what CLBC is about. Could pick topics that are the most relevant.
- CLBC can advertise, or service providers can advertise as well.
- When the Council has guest speakers, we could open it up to more parents in the community.
- The topics could focus on understanding CLBC better – i.e. Individualized Funding, microboards, residential homes, home shares, etc.
- Victoria can present the package that Facilitators first present to families.
- The Council can become more educated on what CLBC does so members can better respond to community enquiries.
- The Council has a \$5,000 annual budget that can be used in many ways to support meetings and events with families.
- CLBC is hosting a Transition Youth Fair in Maple Ridge on April 14 at Thomas Haney Centre. Also a Fair in Coquitlam on Feb 26 at Windsor Centre.
- Maple Ridge is a very active community, so it's a good opportunity to connect with other parents.

8. Confirmation of next meeting date – Monday, February 23 @ 5:30 pm.

Meeting ended at 7:10 pm.