

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

Council Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2015, 5:30 pm

Present: Bob Kashyap, Barb Paciejewski, Sue Mann, Lynne Kennie, Carol Broomhall

Regrets: Courtney Dinahan, Linda Wu, Maxine Wilson, Ed Kushner

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 January 26, 2015

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

4. Strategic Planning – Jule Hopkins

- Will postpone this to next month's meeting so that more of the Council members can participate.
- Part of the strategic planning process is doing exercises to help the Council work well as a team.
- The discussions will be congruent with the Community Council Members' Handbook.
- We are recruiting some new self advocates, who hopefully can join us for the next meeting.
- We need to make sure the goals have impact, but are attainable by the Council and supportable by CLBC – and don't duplicate what CLBC is already doing.
- For example, there is a lot being done in housing by Soheila, so some initiatives relating to that may be duplication.
- For next month, would like people to think about:
 - What was your motivation for joining the Community Council?
 - In 2 years, what would you like to achieve? What would you like your legacy to be?
 - What is a good common purpose for everyone?
 - What would be the challenges in achieving the common purposes and legacy, and keeping congruent with people's motivation for joining?
- In 2012, Jule facilitated 39 community forums on Aging.
 - The Community Councils hosted those meetings and helped advertise – at libraries, rec centres, and with emergency response people.
 - Created 2 pages of themes from those forums.

- From that, they created the strategy circulated at the last meeting – based on what people told them.
- Our Council made 5 of the forums happen – organized locations, snacks, beverages, etc. Got a wide range of people attending them.
- That is an example of what one of our goals could be – hosting forums or information sessions supporting local families (i.e. on topics such as: What is a Facilitator? What is an Analyst? What is Person-centred planning? Individualized funding? A Microboard?)
- Once we are ready, we could be the go-between – between CLBC and the community.
- Bringing the voice of the community to these meetings is so valuable.
- Some families are not affiliated with agencies, so may need to poster more throughout the community.
- Likely would try to reach families who are not yet receiving services, or are only are getting 4 hours of services, rather than those receiving significant supports.
- Over 2,000 people are currently being served in our Region.
- The overarching goal could be to talk about CLBC, talk about the supports and services they provide, understand the different roles – once the Council members are educated about it themselves.
- If we decide to host forums, we could do one on home sharing (and hear from a home share provider, a person who received home share, and a CLBC person); one on person-centered planning; etc. Could be 1.5 – 2 hours per topic.
- But the first step is for Council members to be adequately educated.
- Staff can be the biggest barrier to a person served having a happy life.
- Staff could benefit from some forums – i.e. fully understanding benefits of life sharing.
- Another idea: Could talk with the Chamber of Commerce about employment opportunities for people with disabilities.
- Could also talk with places looking for volunteers – i.e. preschools, rec centres, drama programs, seniors' centres, etc.
- Could also talk with Lions Clubs.
- What other Councils have done:
 - Many have partnered with a service provider to do joint sessions – i.e. a Self Advocate summit on Vancouver Island. (Council lent their name to it and volunteered at the event).

5. CLBC Update

- The Minister of Social Development & Innovation resigned, so the new Minister is Michelle Stilwell.
- Have a new VP of Operations at CLBC – Lynne Davies – replacing Doug Woollard.
- There are 4 Directors' positions coming up at CLBC due to the re-organization.
- Take a look and see if you know anyone who might be interested in any positions.
- The Budget came in last week – \$852.5 million, which is \$37.7 million more than last year.
- Still not enough to support all of the people who need supports.
- Out of this budget comes the 1% sector wage increases.

- Housing is a huge issue province-wide for CLBC.
- More and more individuals want to live independently in affordable housing, with maybe 2 – 4 hours a week of support. They don't want home sharing, but can't afford to rent their own apartment – even in the suburbs.
- Want to have one staff from a service provider in this region dedicated to finding housing for people who need it.
- Had a meeting with BC Housing – they are selling some of their properties so they can use the funds to upgrade other properties and re-invest.

6. Housing Sub-Committee Update – Vera Anderson

- Circulated 2 hand-outs relating to the Draft Housing Affordability Strategy Framework
- The Sub-Committee was formed in the Spring of 2014, made up of a group of parents and accountable to the CLBC Community Council.
- Stressed the need to live in one's own home community and the need for housing to be close to amenities and transit.
- Talked with the Affordable Housing Coordinator in Richmond.
- Were invited to the City of Coquitlam's Draft Housing Affordability Strategy Framework Dialogue session in February – one of 60 organizations invited to participate.
- Coquitlam will hold public discussions in March & April.
- After that, the City will amalgamate the information.
- The City is looking for organizations it can partner with to develop affordable housing.
- Don't think CLBC can partner, but service providers likely can.
- Suggestion that Vera and Sue attend the Executive Director meeting on March 4th to present the information to them.
- They also can take that opportunity to recruit one service provider for the Council.
- There are more interesting ideas posted on the City of Coquitlam website.
- Members of the Housing Sub-Committee are Vera, Barb, Linda, Lynne.

7. Report from the Chair

- March 23rd is our next Council meeting, since Jule isn't available on the 30th.
- Barb has been talking to two self advocates about being on the Council.
- The process is to ask them if they'd like to come to a meeting and see what we're about. The March meeting might be a good one, since they can find out what we're planning on doing over the next 2 years.
- Barb will invite them.
- If they have any questions, they can call Sue at home.
- There are Community Council PAC meetings (happening every 2 months – must be a family member to attend), and less frequent teleconferences.
- Barb has volunteered to attend the PAC meetings and Vera will participate in the teleconferences.
- In March, Vera and Deb will have been off of the Council for a year. They will be invited back for the upcoming March meeting.

8. New Business

- None.

9. Confirmation of next meeting date – Monday, March 23 @ 5:30 pm.

Meeting ended at 7:30 pm.