

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

Council Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2015, 5:30 pm

Present: Sue Mann, Linda Wu, Vera Anderson, Deb Appleby, Maxine Wilson, Barb Paciejewski, Carol Broomhall

Regrets: Ed Kushner, Lynne Kennie, Bob Kashyap, Courtney Dinahan, Laurie Geschke

CLBC Staff Present: Victoria Naisbitt, Soheila Ghodsieh, Jule Hopkins, Ryan Jamieson

1. Introductions

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

3. Adoption of Minutes from April 27, 2015

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

4. CLBC Update – Ryan Jamieson

- An overview of the CLBC Budget
- The system that tracks all of the individuals is called Paris
- This year, they gave every region a list of all of the requests for service.
- The Fraser Region had a list of 650 requests for service to see if there were any particularly compelling stories to rank in higher priority than their Priority Ranking Tool (PRT) rating (scale of 0 – 100).
- They ID'd 50 – 60 compelling stories.
- Overall, people divided into 4 categories:
 - 1. CIC -- supporting Children who had been in Care;
 - 2. DFR – Direct Funded Respite -- everyone receives a minimum of \$233/mo;
 - 3. Committed funding;
 - 4. Everyone else.
- The people in the 4th category are considered for compelling stories.
- The Fraser Region has the 2nd highest number of people receiving services.
- This region received \$4 million – both annualized (how much the service costs over a 12-month period) & fiscal (how it fits within the April 1 – March 31 budget).
- So in reality, only received \$2.7 million for this year; will have \$4 million for the entire next year.
- So some programs need to start later in the year.
- 70% of that spending can be planned; 30% for emergency use.
- What emergency funding isn't spent can go towards those in the 4th category.

- Only \$1 million of the \$4 million is new money. \$3 million has to be found within the system.
- 40% of the region's funding is "unplanned." A challenge because only 30% of funding earmarked for emergency/unplanned use.
- CLBC committee meets once a week to review emergency cases and make decisions on allocations
- Very important this year for the CLBC Council to make community connections and help advocate for housing, etc.
- Many people we support cannot afford housing.
- Many individuals cannot afford to live in their local community – i.e. Vancouver, Burnaby – so are having to leave their community & social networks & move to a place like Chilliwack
- 92 transitioning youth. Of those, only 2 are budgeted for staffed residential care. One staffed residential space can cost \$20,000 per month; community inclusion programs can cost \$3,000 per month; Life Sharing can cost \$2,000 per month.
- Ryan will return next Quarter.

5. CLBC Update – Soheila Ghodsieh

- Community events:
- October is Community Living Month
- In Maple Ridge will have a Community Family BBQ - October 13 or 14
- Oct 7 will have Rotary at Work event with a focus on employment
- New VP of Corporate Services at CLBC (new position) – Sarah Miller
- InfoFlash was sent to the Council last week
- This year is CLBC's 10th Anniversary

6. Strategic Planning – Jule Hopkins

- Maxine had to leave the meeting, but thinks 2 key issues are:
 - staying in your home community in suitable housing;
 - employment.
- Ideas from the last meeting:
 1. Homes
 2. Employment & volunteering
Showcasing people's talents/abilities and skills to create opportunities – i.e. jobs, volunteering
 3. Plain language information for individuals & families (inside & outside of CLBC)
 4. Transportation (specifically, what can we do?)
 5. Community Connections (Outreach)
Educating public about people with diverse abilities – links to Community Connections
Fostering friendships or support networks – encouraging others to develop friendships with people with disabilities in the workplace – i.e. with Douglas College students

6. Flexible approaches – requests for practices to best meet individual needs
7. Equal Opportunity

Carol will ask Richard & Community Connectors to come to the next Council meeting to talk about what they're doing.

Results of Committee voting ~ Identification of 3 key topics to focus on:

1. Homes
2. Employment & Volunteering
3. Community Connections/Outreach
 - a. Fostering support networks
 - b. Showcasing skills & educating people about disability
 - c. Creating a city of learning

For housing, suggest exploring co-ops as a good option for people with disabilities.

Next step:

Determine who would like to take the lead for each topic?

Clarify each topic – clarify Objectives; Actions; Who would we need to make Connections with, create Partnerships; What Timeline?

Each person could flesh out their ideas for Objectives & Actions. Together we can think about connections/partnerships & timelines.

Need to narrow it down much more. What is reasonable to accomplish in the next 2 years?

i.e. Ask Leisure Centre if they could ask class participants if they can drive someone to that class, and get a 10% reduction on their fees.

Can bring in other people from the community to sit on sub-Committees.

If passionate about a topic and would like to lead a committee, please email Sue. Please think about this template and come prepared for the next meeting. Then we can have the workplan in place for September.

7. Housing Sub-Committee Update – Vera Anderson

- This Thursday, May 27, will have a meeting with Elizabeth MacKeigan from L'Arche to see if she is interested in working with the Sub-Committee
- Maxine has found a potential funding source for housing initiatives.
- Question: Is there still time to get involved in developing an undeveloped property near the mall?
- Maxine knows the developer.

8. Report from the Chair

- Met with the Provincial Council of Chairs.
- Had Dan Collins from the Langley Association; working nationally to develop housing.
- Working with developers in Langley. Has 5 developments on the go. Actively looking for one more developer to work with.
- Creates mixed housing.
- Seems to be sorely what we're missing here – a strong agency that had that kind of housing leverage.
- Dan's agency is subsidizing people to live in their housing.
- Has a great relationship with Vancity and works closely with Maggie Vilvang on developing housing.
- Aging is an issue with housing – people who had been living independently in Life Share are now having issues with dementia, mobility, complex medical needs. So some are needing to move from Life Sharing to other facilities. Some could move to seniors or other care facilities. There are other options as well.
- Some seniors who lived in institutions may have great anxiety or trauma returning to an institution-like setting, so there are sensitivities to that.

9. CLBC Council Self-Assessment was handed out. To be completed anonymously at home and returned at the next meeting.

10. Confirmation of next meeting date – Monday, June 22 @ 5:30 pm.

Meeting ended at 7:35 pm