

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

Council Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2015, 5:30 pm

Present: Sue Mann, Barb Paciejewski, Bob Kashyap, Deb Appleby, Massi Bakhshian, Laurie Geschke, Maxine Wilson, Carol Broomhall

Regrets: Ed Kushner, Lynne Kennie, Linda Wu, Vera Anderson, Courtney Dinahan,

CLBC Staff Present: Soheila Ghodsieh

1. Introductions

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

3. Adoption of Minutes from June 22, 2015

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

4. CLBC Update – Soheila Ghodsieh

- The Fraser Region had funding to hire an auxiliary Facilitator for 6 months. Instead, they hired 4 self advocates for 6 months – part time – to give them the opportunity to learn new skills and show their skills.
- People are different ages and from different areas of the Fraser Region.
- posAbilities and Fraser Society are supporting their employment training.
- Will ask if any are interested in being on the Community Council.
- Ryan Jamieson is now the permanent Quality Service Manager.
- Info Flash – Peggy will add Massi to the circulation list.
- Are going through major internal changes at CLBC, in response to family members' wishes to streamline interactions.
- Community Living Month – 2 events:
 - A BBQ in Maple Ridge on Oct 14, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm in front of Greg Moore Theatre
 - Council members are invited to attend or to volunteer
 - Had planned on organizing Rotary at Work, but found out that the Ministry of Social Development was replicating the event 2 weeks earlier.
- Transition information session at Winslow Centre last week – organized by the school district.
- Vancouver Fraser Self Advocate Conference will begin planning this week – for the March event.
- Sylvie Zebroff has been hired to review the CLBC Planning Process. She is almost finished her review and appears to have lots of good feedback.
- Refugees, even with no status, have access to CLBC services.

- People who are not eligible for welfare are currently eligible for CLBC funding.
- They are looking into this, as it can significantly impact the funding available for other individuals in the Region.
- Surrey and Burnaby are the 2 most multicultural communities in Canada.

5. Housing Sub-Committee Update

- Maxine will give an update in Vera's absence.
 - Met with BOSA Properties, along with Rick Tesan, and BOSA is very interested in partnering on a housing project.
 - Then met with Shane Ramsay at BC Housing. They feel the most vulnerable citizens as they age are people with developmental disabilities.
 - Think that home shares will not do the job over the long run.
 - CLBC also thinks that housing is a priority.
 - There are around 700 adults in our region eligible for housing and there are only 20 BC Housing units in all of Metro Vancouver.
 - Will meet with the Bosa's again to further the discussion.
 - Maxine has the contacts to make this happen. She has no political aspirations at this time – only wants to make a difference.
 - Maxine's friend, a housing consultant, could help pull this together.
 - Will keep in touch with all of the participants in trying to move it forward.
- Employment – local Overwaitea manager that Maxine knows is interested in offering employment opportunities to a person with a disability.
 - Important for families to mine and leverage their contacts to find more opportunities.

6. Self Advocate Conference Update – Laurie Geschke

- Laurie still agrees to be part of the planning of this conference.
- CLBC staff who are part of the planning committee will be contacting Laurie shortly.
- Jessica Humphries at CLBC H.O. works with self advocates and she may be the best person to talk to about posters and also finding a self advocate to sit on the Community Council.

7. Rotary at Work Update – Sue Mann

- The event has been cancelled. An expensive event and no guarantee that ticket sales could generate sufficient revenue to cover costs.
 - WorkBC also held a very similar event at the same venue 2 weeks prior to the planned Rotary one.
- The Claiming Full Citizenship Conference hosted by UBC is Oct 15 – 17. If council members are interested, please let Peggy at CLBC know.
 - Could bring a family member as well, if you'd like.
 - If the family member is registered, the parent can come as a free support person.

8. Discussion on Council's Web Page on CLBC Website

- Housing, Self Advocate Conference are a key focus
- If anyone has any ideas for stories, news, resources – or pictures – to share, please email Carol.
- Please email a short bio and photo to Carol – or Carol can take a photo at the next meeting.
- If Carol makes any changes to a bio, she will get approval of the changes from the person before posting it online.
- Carol will send out an email reminding people to dress appropriately for pictures at the next council meeting.

9. PAC Update – Barb Paciejewski

- Barb will be attending PAC meeting this weekend.

10. Report from the Chair – Sue Mann

- At the Strategic Planning meeting with Jule Hopkins, we talked about Housing and Employment being 2 key initiatives.
- The other focus was Community Inclusion and Awareness. We haven't done anything yet on that. We had talked about a poster contest in the community at the March Self Advocate conference.
- Question about how could we promote the poster contest in the community if the self advocates create the poster and then the posters are shown at the conference.
- Suggest it would be good to get community members participating in the process more.
- "Nothing about us without us"
- Self Advocates can tell us at the conference how we can promote the work in the community.
- How can we build the championship model? How can we spend less time together and more time connecting in community?
- How are we going to achieve that goal – building the community connection better?
- How are we measuring the outcomes? What changes?
- How do we get people in the community thinking about inclusion? About job opportunities for people with disabilities?
- posAbilities has found employment for 120 individuals over the past year.
- Important for business people and community members to advocate for inclusive employment – not just families, individuals and agencies advocating.

11. New Business

- Peggy will send mileage sheets to all Council members.

12. Confirmation of next meeting date – October 26 @ 5:30 pm

Meeting ended at 7:15 pm.