

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

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

Present: Sue Mann, Barb Paciejewski, Bob Kashyap, Deb Appleby, Massi Bakhshian, Laurie Geschke, Linda Wu, Vera Anderson

Regrets: Carol Broomhall, Maxine Wilson, Ed Kushner, Lynne Kennie, 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 September 28, 2015

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

4. CLBC Update – Soheila Ghodsieh

-Thank-You to those Council Members that helped with the Community Living Month Event in Maple Ridge. About 300 attended, and the people in Maple Ridge look forward to this on a yearly basis. This idea could be transferred and put on for example in Port Moody.

-Last month also info. regarding transitioning youth was shared, as a lot of info. went out at the colleges. Also more courses are now being offered.

-CLBC is going through some changes in the way the work is done. Decision making with the team to be made and implemented by March 2016. There are three options to choose from, the entire province is doing this with an aim of making it easier for families...but services and funding will be the same.

-First International Conference was held..for 3 days and 540 people attended. Focus was on Individualized Funding..microboard. Both Laurie and Soheila attended. All areas represented at the conference are at different stages...within Canada there is great differences with both Ontario and Quebec still having institutions. England and Australia are doing great. CLBC is encouraging microboards as the funding moves with the person this could extend all across Canada.

-Hope is not a Plan...video on YouTube a must see. Laurie has a DVD of it and will bring to our next meeting.

-Nov. 18/15 – CLBC Employment Seminar to be attended to by Sue, Barb Vera

5. Housing Sub-Committee Update – Vera Anderson
 - sensitive housing discussions are happening now...Shane Ramsey CEO BC Housing is following up. The area looked at is Foster and North Road, Bosa Bros. Development. Ideal location right on skytrain, and close to all amenities. Looking at a floor within a highrise with a communal kitchen, eating area, sitting front room area. Clients to have smaller individual suites. Most likely in the second tower, first tower maybe to late.
 - Massi – mentioned the Manager of the YMCA is active in this area, and looking for partnership possibility. All members were encouraged by this, and asked Massi to followup and invite him to our next meeting.

6. Self Advocate Conference Update – Laurie Geschke
 - Laurie has not heard anything on this..eg. no known date. Jessica to followup.
 - Self Advocates, we are lacking a self advocate on our council, this should be persued. However, in the past they have stated they are so busy.
 - Soheila a possible self advocate maybe – a self advocate works for CLBC and lives in Surrey. This maybe possible the advocate is here, could stay for the meeting and return home with Sue to Surrey. Thank-You, Sue.

7. PAC Update – Barb Paciejewski
 - Barb distributed her report on the PAC Conference Oct. 2 – 3, 2015.
 - topics discussed – informal Friday night – labeling, CI/Employment Prog.
 - Board Updates – Jane Holland is the link between the Board and the PAC
 - Self Advocates PAC Issues – a package was distributed
“How to Support Self-Advocates”
 - Community Council Websites – Chris Rae to assist all councils
Christopher.Rae@gov.bc.ca / 604.664.0186
 - Quality Assurance – Megan Tardiff, Director of QA
 - each council – help celebrate 10 year anniversary
 - to submit group photo and questions to answer.
 - Need Carol to call Soheila for pictures taken at events and submit. Members requested to answer the following questions:
 - What do you love about your community?
 - or What makes it inclusive?
 - Why is it important to keep working together to create welcoming (inclusive) communities?
 - Also discussion around monitoring of service providers and the accreditation process took place at the conference
 - Transit Overview, HandiDart
 - Reflection on Innovation

8. Report from the Chair – Sue Mann
 - Rotary Employment – presentation in Surrey was very successful with 500 attending. This was Upper Fraser and included Lanley also.
 - Rotary Employment – project that was to be in Maple Ridge was cancelled.
 - Barb’s Questions from the PAC Conference were answered as follows:
 - a. What do you love about your community / or What makes it Inclusive?
 - ethnic diversity
 - rural influence (Maple Ridge)
 - safe, friendly, outgoing
 - media + social media has brought changes eg. Sesame St. an autistic person
 - 10 x 10 initiative
 - Coquitlam City Council – the Accessibility Awards
 - community gardens
 - community rec. centre programmes ie. creating awareness
 - colleges – more programmes
 - businessess – more welcoming
 - the Hi campaign
 - microboard funding – can create a life for the individual
 - b. Why is it important to keep working to create an inclusive community?
 - we keep reminding people..ie raising awareness
 - we are “Ambassadors”
 - there is a willingness in the community to hear people’s stories
 - the community is part of build in safeguards for people
 - promoting employment
 - have people open their home for clients ie. homeshare
 - c. The Picture – was taken in front of the community map, and we wondered if Carol could photoshop and CLBC Logo to attach.
 - The Monthly Community Council Chairs Conference Call was discussed:
 - normally the monthly Community Council Chairs Conference Call was to happen this coming Thursday Oct. 29, 2015. However, with the re-organization mentioned by Soheila this month’s call is cancelled and the format is changed to every three months. Managers will also be a part of future calls.
 9. New Business
 - Massi – to ask the Manager of the YMCA to join us at our Nov. Meeting regarding housing
 - Soheila – to ask a CLBC facilitator to join us at our Nov. Meeting to discuss home share
 10. Confirmation of next meeting date – Monday November 30, 2015 @ 5:30pm.
 - next meetings – December no meeting
 - January 25 at a resuarant with a quiet space ie Milestones
- Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

