

CLBC Community Council Meeting

February 29, 2016, at 5:30pm
Port Moody, BC

Those in Attendance: Sue Mann (Chairperson), Barb Paciejewski, Bob Kashyap, Laurie Geschke, Deb Appleby, Linda Wu, Carol Broomhall, Massi Bakhshian, Conrad Tyrkin (self advocate guest)

Regrets: Maxine Wilson, Vera Anderson, Courtney Dinahan

CLBC Staff: Sweetie Sanghera

1. Introductions

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

3. Adoption of Minutes from January 25, 2016

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

4. Housing Sub Committee Update

- Committee has been trying to get various players together, but at this point no agency has made a commitment to get involved. Waiting for that.
- Recognize that the process is slow – projects in the past have taken a few years to develop.
- Have looked at the City of Coquitlam and were hoping for some changes to the Affordable Housing strategy that they have. Some of those changes have been made.
- BC Housing's role has changed as well. Need to clarify what the changes are, so are planning to meet with BC Housing to discuss.
- Looked at Home Share, but chose not to go in that direction.
- There will be an Inclusive Housing Forum on March 10, looking at what inclusion looks like for individuals in the community.
- Barb and Laurie will be attending the Housing Forum in March.
- The Forum is being held at the Century Plaza Hotel in Vancouver.
- Sue shared some information from the Home Share Provider Association – the low funding they receive relating to the services they provide.
- When we did our Strategic Planning with Jules, housing was on our list. Is the Council interested in seeing the Home Share document and exploring if the Council can play any role? Yes.
- Sue Mann will email the document to the Council for more information.
- There is no expectation that the Council will do anything, but if someone on the Council is interested in moving forward on any aspect, we can discuss that.

- Even having Council members be more informed on aspects of Home Share is a good thing.
 - Sue got a letter from the City of Coquitlam and they are taking Vera's letter of request for more information to the Planning Committee. Will share any information we receive from them.
5. Self Advocates Conference Update – Laurie Geschke
- Project is to fund the Art Poster Contest. Council has agreed to fund the contest for \$500.
 - The Committee organizing the conference has invited all of the Council members to attend – and to be judges of the Poster Contest as well.
 - Meghan Taylor-Reid is facilitating the Art Poster Contest table, along with Liz Etmanski, a self advocate.
 - Liz is also doing graphic facilitation for the self advocates as well.
 - There are 2 components of the Art Poster Contest – the background art and the message lettering.
 - The Committee likes the Art Poster categories: best background, best use of colour, best slogan, best collaboration, best green poster, best lettering, best orange poster, best purple poster, best or most use of a secret colour.
 - As each poster is finished, they will be numbered. Each conference member can vote on which poster is their favourite. The one with the most votes will be awarded Best in Show.
 - We want everyone to get a prize. Every painting will get a judge's appreciation note – ie wonderful use of red throughout; you have a wonderful eye for colour; wonderful printing.
 - Will only have 6 colours available -- 2 shades each of yellow, red & blue to use. So have to mix to make other colours.
 - 6 – 8 artists at a time can paint. Each painting should dry in 20 minutes, then they can start printing their poster message.
 - Got ideas on art production from the "Upcycling Sheltered Workshops" book.
 - Posters will be 11 x 15" and will use good Watercolour paper, good brushes, paint & pens.
 - Will be a good artistic experience for the 60 participants.
 - They have thought of prizes they would like to give participants. Could likely buy 10 x \$5 gift cards with the remaining funds the Council has donated.
 - The others would get a note from judges.
 - Laurie would like to present a motion to increase her budget – another \$300 if needed. Don't know exactly how much she's going to have to spend on supplies yet. Don't know if there will be 60 or 40 people, so may need less paper.
 - We had already put a motion through for the Council to spend \$500. Laurie will put purchases on her credit card and submit it to Sweetie at CLBC for expense reimbursement.
 - Now would like a motion for a maximum of an additional \$300.
- M/S/ to discuss further.**

- Issue that we don't have a clear understanding of what our Council budget is. Our Fiscal Year End is March 31, and we think we haven't spent much money yet this year. What we don't spend, we lose.
- Everyone is very excited about the Art Conference and the interactive aspect.
- CLBC thinks there are sufficient funds to cover the additional funds.
- Given our budget, we will increase the total amount of funding for the Art Poster Contest to \$1,000.

M/S/C to approve an increase in funding for the Art Poster Contest to a total of \$1,000.

- Laurie will decide how the funds will be spent for the Art Poster Contest. We just need receipts for all expenses. Expense reimbursement forms need to be given to Peggy/Sweetie.
- Brushes aren't disposable. After the conference they can go to AHA or the art program at posAbilities. If they don't want them, there's one with Mental Health in Maple Ridge as well.
- CLBC will donate 3 x movie passes for 2 – or the equivalent amount on a movie gift card.
- Conference is on March 31, 2016 in Burnaby
- Did anyone on the Council want to go to the conference and help judge – from 3:00 – 6:00 pm.
- Bob, Deb and Massi can go. Laurie will also be there.
- Laurie passed around the Invitation & Call to Artists for Council members to distribute.

6. PAC Meeting – Barb Paciejewski

- The CLBC Board is now having their meeting in different districts.
- The Annual Satisfaction Survey is being completed – by phone.
- Next year will have shorter and more targeted surveys, focusing on people who have had more recent contact with CLBC.
- There is now an online course for Home Share for people who have direct contracts with CLBC. It's not mandated, though, if you're contracted through an agency.
- There are now 800 direct contracts and 2,000 going through agencies. CLBC is trying to move more to the agencies.
- Also a Shared Living Resource Guide on the CLBC website.
- A Home Study Certification course is now offered at the Justice Institute.
- Questions about CLBC's budget.
- Went over the Council budget information – the total provincial budget is \$100,000. Different regions have different needs (ie in the North need a higher travel budget). Are looking at allocating funding differently in different regions.
- CLBC Managers can help us with budgets with things we have planned.

- Within CLBC (Quality Assurance), Jessica Humphrey is the Self Advocate Advisor and Sylvie Zebroff is the Family Partnership Advisor. They want input from Councils on how to bring the voice and perspective of individuals and families to CLBC.
 - There used to be a regular PAC phone call with all council members participating; now limiting the number of active participants and others can only listen.
 - Jack Styan talked about STADD – Services to Adults with Developmental Disabilities. There are 2 parts – for aging population and for transitioning youth.
 - Are expanding 4 areas where Navigators are working – but not Fraser Region yet.
 - CLBC is hoping to hear as many ideas as possible regarding what is inclusive housing or inclusive living. There needs to be a range of options – what is inclusive for one may not be for another.
 - Strategic planning at CLBC happens every 5 years. Will be engaging a consultant to lead the development of their next 5 year plan.
 - Looking at previous engagement and the gaps. Consultant may approach Councils for input.
 - Councils could give input into the Strategic Plan if Jack comes to visit.
 - Community Action Employment Plan was launched 3 years ago. Need for more community conversation around employment.
7. CLBC Update – Sweetie Sanghera
- Welcome to our Region. She was previously in Prince George, involved with the Prince George Community Council.
 - CLBC’s role is to support the Council in whatever their needs are.
 - They could also provide some administrative support – ie could have someone take minutes, put info on the CLBC website.
 - Would like more involvement from agencies. Would like their help with that – as well as with guest speakers.
 - Would like more discussion over their budget. When they have more information on that they would like to hear that.
 - Sweetie is there to help with anything.
8. Report from the Chair – Sue Mann
- Not much to report. Some already covered in Barb’s report.
 - PAC phone conferences are now quarterly, not monthly, and highlight only 2 regions so can discuss issues in more detail. The latest focused on Surrey and the North. More CLBC Managers will be sitting in and listening to learn more about the various areas and their issues.
 - A little frustrating at times only being able to listen in and not contribute.

9. Update on PWD Changes – Laurie Geschke

- In the budget 2 weeks ago, the provincial government did 2 things that were poorly explained.
- Everyone on Disability Assistance is going to get a \$77/month increase. The government recognized that costs have gone up.
- If you currently have a bus pass, your increase will fund the bus pass. In Sept people will get an additional \$25 increase above the amount to fund the bus pass.
- If people give up the bus pass, their funding will go to \$77 a month and they can use it as they want.
- The bus pass is not going to change. It will remain an annual pass. They won't have to renew every month.
- The initial way the government talked about it wasn't as clear as they could have been.
- Think the changes have been good.
- The choice that some people have made to promote the rallies pits some people with disabilities against others with disabilities.

10. New Business

- Talked with Tracy at PLAN and they can hold an RDSP workshop in Maple Ridge. Thursday nights are best, but she can accommodate any time.
- Need to pick a date in October, during Community Living Month.
- October 13th is the date that has been selected.
- No charge for RDSP workshops at this time, because the Federal government funds them (unless funds run out by Oct).
- There is a charge for Wills & Estates workshops. It is approximately \$250.
- Likely need to book Wills & Estates 2 months in advance. Deb will check on booking details.

11. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date

- Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 29, as Monday is Easter holiday.

Meeting ended at 7:30 pm.