

Fraser Region Community Council Meeting

Newport Village, Port Moody

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Date: Sept 26, 2016



Chair:	Sue Man smann@telus.net
Attendees:	Conrad Tyrkin, Bob Kashyap, Vera Anderson, Linda Wu, Barb Paciejewski, Sweetie Sanghera, Massi Bakhshain, Maxine Wilson
Guests:	Ryan Jamieson, Sweetie Sanghera
Regrets:	Laurie Geschke, Deb Appleby

AGENDA TOPICS

Item 1: Minutes and Agenda

Discussion:

Will host October Council meeting on Oct 24th at Coquitlam's Pinetree Public Library. Meeting from 5:30 – 6:30, and presentation at 7:00 pm.

CARRIED

M/S/C as amended. Add that a Strength Survey was discussed.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Minutes to be sent to all members of council○ Agenda submissions sent to Carol Broomhall Council Secretary. Carol.broomhall@gobaci.com○ Agenda sent to Council Members○ Add for Old Business for follow up to the agenda	<p>Carol Broomhall All Council Members</p> <p>Carol Broomhall Carol Broomhall</p>	<p>As soon as possible 1 week prior to meeting 3 days prior to the meeting By next meeting</p>

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Item 2: SF Council Budget

Discussion

Started the year April 1st with \$5,000 budget. By end of July 2016, had spent \$1,400. Have since made a \$500 donation for the Maple Ridge Employer's Recognition Event, so a total of \$1,900 spent to date.

Currently \$3,100 remaining in budget.

Discussed having a Council Treasurer to track the Council's expenses.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:

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Item 3: Election of Treasurer

Discussion

Bob Kashyap volunteered to be Treasurer. All Council members heartily agreed.

In future, all invoices or expenses should flow through Bob to CLBC. Bob will keep a record. CLBC would still issue the reimbursement cheques.

Food for the meeting is the one Council expense that CLBC spends on our behalf. Ryan will send receipts to Bob for tracking. Found out that some expenses for the Self Advocates' Conference were mistakenly charged to the Council, so over budget last year because of that error.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Treasurer will track all Council expenditures	Bob Kashyap	
Council members will send Bob all invoices/expense claims	All Council members	
Treasurer will report at every future Council Meeting	Bob Kashyap	
CLBC will forward Council food expenses to the Treasurer	Ryan Jamieson	

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Item 4: Janet Klees Event		
Discussion		
<p>Decided to host the event in Burnaby at BACI's Still Creek Centre on Oct 23 – half way between Vancouver and Tri-Cities.</p> <p>Family governance will be the topic, relating to housing.</p> <p>Now need to decide who to send the invitations to. Aiming to have a total of 60 people – 30 from Vancouver and 30 from Tri-Cities.</p> <p>Have created a gmail – sfcommunitycouncil@gmail.com -- password is Conrad2016 – to RSVP for the meeting.</p> <p>Barb and Bob will check that gmail.</p> <p>Vera will volunteer to help with the event.</p> <p>Barb will connect with James White – CLBC Vancouver Manager – re: event flyer development.</p> <p>Please respond to Barb's emails if she sends any – the event is prior to our next meeting.</p> <p>Vera, Sue, and possibly Bob & Conrad will attend to help.</p>		
Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Develop the flyer & distribute	Barb	
Check new email for registration	Barb & Bob	

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Item 5: Self Advocates' Presentation		
Discussion		
<p>The room has been booked at the Pinetree Library for the presentation at 7:00 pm. Massi will arrange for food to be delivered for 5:30. The meeting will run from 5:30 – 6:30, then help set up for the 7:00 presentation from 6:30 onward. The presentation itself will be an hour or less.</p> <p>It would be great if Ariel could create a flyer. Rooms 136 & 137.</p> <p>Need a projector and screen for their presentation.</p> <p>Would like to use Eventbrite as an invitation – Carol will set up tomorrow. Need more information on event from Ariel - bcpfcoordinator@gmail.com</p>		
Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Create a flyer	Ariel	ASAP
Set up an Eventbrite site	Carol/ASAP	

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Item 6: PAC Report		
Discussion		
<p>Ross Spina is the new Chair. Seonag gave a presentation on CLBC Strategic Plan – last chance for the PAC to give feedback. Most feedback was on tweaking updates.</p>		

Jane Holland gave an update that they're updating Terms of Reference for Community Councils & Provincial Advisory Committee to make them more consistent. Want to encourage more people to be involved in Councils. Representative for Children & Youth, Laura Fritz, presented and they will advocate for people up to age 24 who are eligible for CLBC supports. An e-copy of her presentation is available.

New Advocate for Service Quality – Jane Holland – also presented. An e-copy of her presentation will be forwarded to Carol for distribution to the rest of the Council.

Some councils, like ours, are getting new managers due to re-organization.

Updated on what other provincial Community Councils are doing – ie Thomson Caribou are supporting a local SA group to speak at City Council's Community Living Month Proclamation, creating an inclusion calendar and asking community to submit a moment of inclusion to include in the calendar; Central Upper Island – partnering with Courtenay to start a BC People First group, requesting CL Month Proclamations; South Okanagan – starting family forums, sponsoring a one-day conference on Creating the Life you Want; Upper Fraser – partnering with U of Fraser Valley to host a Petcha Kutcha presentation.

Action Items:

E-copy of Jane Holland presentation sent to Carol for further distribution

Person Responsible:

Deadline:

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Item 7: Housing Sub-Committee

Discussion

Met last week and are feeling a little frustrated with the lack of tangible achievements. Have learned a lot as members, with a lot of guest speakers, but can't say that the Sub-Committee has made an impact with placing any more people in affordable housing. Aren't in a position to commit CLBC resources.

There is a private initiative that will likely be moving forward quickly.

Can encourage more families to advocate to government for more suitable housing. Call for a united voice.

The role of the Council is not to set up a housing complex.

One of the most difficult things to do is to find affordable basement suites to use as home shares. If the Council could raise awareness about that, and demystify who CLBC is and what home sharing is, that would be good.

Are we interested in hosting another event in the Spring – awareness raising around those points?

Question: How much did the recent employment initiative cost CLBC, and did it accomplish anything measurable?

Answer: The amount of money put into employment is miniscule in relation to its overall funding. Employment helps people afford better homes. It's all linked.

If we are interested in specific information on employment – and can say why we want this information – we can email Ryan and he will ask for that information. It is information that is nice to know, but not directly relevant for the Council at this time.

October's meeting will be very short, so at the next Housing Sub-Committee they can look at what they've accomplished and decide what next steps will be. Like the idea of hosting a public forum about different housing options, including home share. Could do that in February or March. Vera can come back with a short report in October and have a more detailed discussion in November.

Action Items:

Short report presented on accomplishments of Housing Sub-Committee and some ideas for next steps

Person Responsible:

Vera

Deadline:

Oct 24

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Item 8: Chair's Report

Discussion

Involved with Ridge Meadows Assn – Oct 17 Employment Recognition Event. Our Council has donated \$500 to that event. Sue will attend on behalf of the Council.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:

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Item 9: CLBC Report

Discussion

Sweetie formally introduced Ryan as the Manager who will be supporting the Community Council. He will manage the Regional Team. Sweetie will be the Manager of Tri-Cities. Will be official at the end of October. Both Sweetie & Ryan will attend the October 24 meeting. Sweetie may attend the next couple of meetings to ensure a smooth transition. Sweetie will try to attend the Janet Klees event on the 23rd.

Ryan talked with a few service providers who were keen on doing a cookie event – ie find somewhere like a library or rec centre and have a cookie bake-off competition. Community awareness goal. Have some of the folks make the cookies and bring them over.

Could get cookies made by an agency – for Oct 24th People First Presentation. Copy Massi, Sue & Conrad.

Could get cookies for Janet Klees as well.

Still need an agency to sit on our Community Council as well.

Recruitment strategy – strength survey needs to be completed. If could send back to Ryan, that would be great. Then will know what gaps should be filled. Ryan will send it out again.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Find an agency representative to sit on the Council	All Council	
Complete the Council member strength survey & return to Ryan	All Council	Oct 24

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Item 10: Old Business/ New Business

Discussion

Conrad wants to go to the Family Focus Conference, but would need support going there. When a Self Advocate needs support, Jessica would typically be there. Barb is interested in attending and in particular seeing Janet Klees. Barb is willing to pay for the conference herself on Friday and Saturday, and may stay one night at a hotel (Friday). Conrad has decided he doesn't need to go.

Need to develop guidelines for the future to help us make these kind of decisions. Is it important for a Council Member to attend? Not a personal decision. Bob will be there for the first day – he's a presenter. He can bring back information for us. This is a cost we don't need.

We need to decide if the Council is going to support anyone to attend this now, or if we should defer until we have better guidelines. Decided that there are representatives going, but we are not funding their costs at this time. M/S/C

Conrad reported – he is interested in creating a youth leadership council for people transitioning at 25 years and older. Met 3 Coquitlam City Recreation Managers a couple of weeks ago and talked about various social and rec initiatives he had participated in, and said they would like to see a leadership program for people 19 – 30 years of age. Will continue to work with Meaghen Taylor-Reid on this initiative. Will report back to the CLBC Council on this to see if there's anything the Council can do to support this. Suggested Conrad meet with Port Moody Rec Manager as well.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Develop guidelines for Council members attending events and when costs should be covered by the Council		

Next Meeting October 24, 2016
Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30pm
Location: Coquitlam Pinetree Library, Rooms 136 & 137