

**Upper Fraser Community Council**

**Date: September 15, 2015**

**Address: Garden Park Towers**

**Time: 6:00pm**

**Attendees:** Jerry Laidlaw, Dawn Robertson (PAC Rep), Natalie Fortin, Dan Collins, Brenda Gillette, Maggie Metcalfe, Mike Keating, Sylvia Dirks (Co-Chair), Kerry Lawson (CPD Manager), Judy Garrett, Tiffany McCurdy (minutes)

**Regrets:** Kathleen Rake, Donalda Madsen

**Guests:** Jessica Humphries (CLBC Self Advocate Liaison)

Agenda Topics	
Topic	Discussion
Review of Agenda	Motion to accept the agenda made by Dawn, second by Judy, all in favour.
Topic	Discussion
Business from Previous Minutes	Motion to accept previous minutes, as revised, made by Brenda, second by Sylvia, all approved. *Note Rotary at Work is funded by the Vancouver Foundation.
Topic	Discussion
Self-Advocate Role and	<p>Jessica Humphries attended a staff meeting at the CLBC Upper Fraser Office a couple of weeks ago. The CLBC advisor role came into existence when CLBC was initially founded. The purpose of the role is to maintain a connection between CLBC and the individual and families that are supported by CLBC... “with one foot in community and one in the organization.” This role is to ensure that there truly is a partnership between individuals served and the organization.</p> <p>Jessica works closely with Sylvie Zebroff, the Family Partnership Advisor. Jessica and Sylvie spend time listening to self-advocates and their families all over the province and bring that voice back to CLBC. Jessica and Sylvie report to the Department of Quality Assurance. Part of that department holds the portfolio for Community Council &amp; Provincial Advisory Committee. Jessica is available to assist community councils with work plan ideas, recruitment, and connection to self-advocate leadership. Sylvie is also available. Sylvie and Jessica are making an effort to connect with each council.</p> <p>The newsletter “Diverse Abilities” is published through the CLBC editorial board made up of 18 self-advocates and 2 family members. The newsletter is looking for stories written by self-</p>

advocate members.

Jessica is working with Bryce & Joe on the self-advocate website with the goal to create an online hub for the self-advocate community as well as create an opportunity for a collective voice online. The website's aim is to focus on what is important to self-advocate and their families.

CLBC is sponsoring the website and content for the website. Some of the content for the website includes employment and success stories. The writers are paid \$100 an article. Now that people are paid to contribute to the website there is a bit more incentive to submit content.

Speaker's Bureau Committee – Editorial Board wanted to develop presentations, workshops, as well as develop professional capacity to provide training and workshops. Jessica is assisting the Speaker's Bureau Committee to get it up and running. They already have a list of people who are ready to present. The Surrey Employment Round Table has hired 4 self-advocate trainers to provide training to work BC staff.

A comment was made that it would be beneficial to provide training to transit system drivers and paramedics with the goal of educating professionals on how to best support self-advocates.

BC People First – Independent Advocacy – has developed presentations for schools around using the “R” word. There are individuals who are ready to provide presentations for grade 6 and 7. Human Services stream is now a focus in Chilliwack & Abbotsford high schools.

Discussion arose around maintaining community council members.

Aboriginal Advisor Tracey Michelle is no longer with CLBC. Megan Tardif will be taking over her work in the interim.

Travel; Self Advocate Partnership Check-List. Community Council Members who are also Self Advocates have been in less than safe situations related to booking taxis and booking hotels for example. (An example: one barrier being that many self-advocates don't have credit cards for incidentals when booking a hotel). The checklist has been developed keeping in mind what

	needs to be thought about when partnering with people in relation to their work needs.		
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Manager Update	<p>The Provincial Manager's meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday &amp; Thursday (September 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>). It is expected that there will be more discussion around the reorganization.</p> <p>The successful candidate for the recent posting for ISM in the Upper Fraser was Ryan Jamieson from Simon Fraser Region however Jon Bergman will not be returning to CLBC and has decided to continue with the STADD project thus Ryan will continue as Manager in the Port Moody office. Acting QS Manager Shelby Goerzen will be extended as the Upper Fraser QS Manager until the end of December. The Upper Fraser QS Manager/ISM position will be posted again in January of 2016.</p> <p>Another CLBC survey recently went out to staff. Regional Quality Service Coordinators announced; Dana Johnston has the position in the Fraser Region.</p> <p>Recent interviews took place for a facilitator position in the Upper Fraser Region. A Union Rep sat in on the interview to ensure that the interviews were consistent and fair as per the request of one of the interviewees. One of the auxiliary staff Lipika Bhattacharya was offered the permanent position. Britney Ellingson is on the eligibility list and will be taking Dana Johnston's position. Regional Finance Analyst has been identified and has been announced. Charles Sin will be working mainly out of the Surrey Office.</p>		
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PAC Update	No updates since the Provincial Advisory Committee's June meeting. Next meeting scheduled for October 3 <sup>rd</sup> .		
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RDSP Info Night	<p>The RDSP info night was originally scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup> however the invites did not go out. Kerry has asked Steve Williams (RDSP Guru and guest speaker) if it is possible to change the date to October 27<sup>th</sup>. Will await response from guest speaker. Will book Garden Park as the venue. Advertisement will include a mail out to individuals as well as to service providers. Topics: Tax Benefit &amp; RDSP. Question was asked if anyone from the Vancouver Foundation will attend as they start people off with \$150 in their RDSP.</p>		
	Action	Date	Person Responsible
	Invite Brianne from the Vancouver Foundation to RDSP	October 13, 2015	Dan Collins

	Night		
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Transitioning Youth Workshop	The Delta Association will be putting on a workshop for families 9:00am-3:00pm on October 30th. Kerry and Tiffany to attend and bring back suggestions for planning an event in the Upper Fraser Region. Topics include: good planning, employment, preparing for adulthood. Families & individuals are the audience.		
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Procurement & Eligibility Information	Editorial Group to review orientation package and schedule a meeting to review procurement documentation.		
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Pecha Kucha	<p>Meeting to be scheduled. Will invite UFV Professor Lisa Moy. The purpose of the Pecha Kucha event is for individuals to tell stories of inclusion. Last meeting was May 11<sup>th</sup>. Will be in Partnership with UFV (SW Department Head, UFV Disability Resource Centre). Some examples of stories of inclusion: Customized employment, individuals who own their own business, home ownership, social capital stories.</p> <p>Provincial Employment Summit held a Pecha Kucha.</p>		
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Housing	<p>Community Council to support Natalie to submit a piece to the Editorial Board.</p> <p>Innovative models to support independent living were discussed. Community Living Housing Action Group recently developed in Langley. The group has common goals, shared vision and different approaches to housing for different individuals. Most families went away with open minds. Conclusion was that if you want housing for your family member you're going to have to create it. All 16 families were clear that home sharing would not be in their future. The age range of CLBC individuals represented were ages 17-25. Families were specifically from Walnut Grove &amp; Fort Langley and are families that have been connected for a long time. An informal leader hosted the meeting in her home. Adult children were included in the discussion.</p> <p>The Bethesda housing complex with 9 two bedroom units under construction in Chilliwack was discussed. Individuals do not have the option of living independently in a unit as the units must be shared. Will include a central community building, amenity building. Two levels. Will have house parents. There will be an option to buy a meal plan. Crises response will be internal to this organization only. Location is near Chilliwack CLBC office.</p>		

	<p>Comment made that families don't want segregation but rather inclusion. Acting QS Manager Shelby Goerzen &amp; CPD Manager Kerry Lawson have met with Bethesda. Bethesda is not expecting CLBC to fund the project. The city of Chilliwack has insisted that it only be a home for people with disabilities. The building plan went to council multiple times. Location is close to upper income 55+ housing. Part of the commitment from Bethesda is that absolutely no one with high behaviours will be placed in the 9 bedroom complex as it will be disruptive to the community. This is what families are wanting.</p> <p>Parents want their kids to be safe. Option of a live-in caregiver. Affordable housing is the big draw, in a safe area as well as the option of meal plans. Folks would be fairly independent. Variety of ages.</p> <p>Discussion: There are adults in home share who don't want to be in home share and would be better served in their own place and their own space. With the cost of rent this is not possible. What about involving Inclusion BC and have housing on their agenda?</p>
Meeting Adjournment	
9:00pm	
Next Meeting	
October 13, 2015	