

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

Council Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2014, 6:000 pm

Present: Vera Anderson, Sue Mann, Barbara Thomas, Debra Appleby (via phone), Carol Broomhall (Minute taker)

CLBC Staff Present: Soheila Ghodsieh

Regrets: Jim Wong, Jaqueline Jordon, Maxine Wilson, Ed Kushner

1. Introductions

2. Adoption of Agenda

M/S/C (B. Thomas/S. Mann) To adopt the Agenda as presented.

3. Adoption of Minutes from January 9, 2014

M/S/C (S. Mann/ B. Thomas) To adopt the Minutes as presented.

4. Role of the Community Council – Discussion

- In previous meetings, we identified some roles the Council could engage in.
- Sue and Vera have met with one of the 2 individuals interested in joining the Council – from Coquitlam. He is an SEA in the School District. Think he would be a good addition to the Council.
- Would like to put his name forward at this time for Council membership.
- Vera has known him for several years, and Deb knew him as an SEA in her son's school.
- Soheila can oversee the process to have him formally instated.

M/S/C (B. Thomas/S. Mann) That Everett White be accepted as a Community Council member.

- Think the new Terms of Council are much more clear.

5. CLBC – PAC Conference

- PAC Conference will be in March. Sue Mann will be attending, replacing Deb Appleby as the Fraser Region PAC Representative.
- Sue and Deb will connect in advance of the Conference.

6. CLBC Update – Soheila Ghodsieh

- Soheila and Jai presented to ED's of contracted housing in the Lower Mainland, talking about partnership opportunities with BC Housing.
- That presentation generated additional subsidized housing opportunities.
- 3 different organizations have requested a Housing Forum:
 - Planning a housing forum with Simon Fraser Society (Tri Cities) at Salisbury Centre – May 15
 - Carol Stinson from BACI & Monique Nelson from posAbilities, in Maple Ridge – Date TBA
- Transition Fair in Maple Ridge – April 8

- Transition Fair in Burnaby – Date TBA
- Forum on Aging – to explore the gaps in support – held during October Community Living Month. Want to hold a Transition Fair for people transitioning through services after 55 years.
 - In Burnaby, more than 37 people over 65 years old are receiving services; Over 100 over 50 years old.
 - The RDSP recognizes aging issues with people with disabilities, with people being able to withdraw funds at an earlier age.
 - In the Fraser Region, over 400 people are over aged 50.
- In April, a Quality of Life mini-conference for staff. Council members are welcome as well. Andrea Baker is one of the presenters, talking about the work of Dr. Schalock.
- CLBC Budget – an increase of \$37 million per year, for the next 3 years. But most will go to cover the annualization of last year's budget.
- CLBC will announce that Admin costs will decrease from 7% to 6.5%.
- Fraser Region will know their next year's budget by April.

7. Report from the Vice Chair – Vera Anderson

- CLBC has hired 2 new people:
 - Tracy Mitchell, an Aboriginal Advisor based out of the Airport Square Office in Vancouver. She will help with recruiting for the Council if we want.
 - Sylvie Zebroff has been hired as a Family Advisor and looking at planning.
- Upcoming workshops:
 - Housing workshop with Carol Stinson & Monique – some time between March and May.
 - Housing Alternatives for an Aging Population – seminar on May 28 – 29.
 - Meeting on April 16 for the Fraser Region Chairs, Vice Chairs of Councils, and Management.
 - June 11 – 14 – InclusionBC has a conference in Nanaimo.
 - Hope people will participate and help out with the various workshops and events.

8. New Business

- Continuing to look for more new members. Need a minimum of 6 more on the Council.

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting

- **Next meeting date:** 5:00 pm on Monday, April 7, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.