

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

Council Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2012, 7:00pm – 8:30 pm

Present: Richard Faucher, Jacqueline Jordon, Vera Anderson, Debra Appleby, Conrad Alberts, Barbara Thomas, Carol Broomhall (Minute taker)

CLBC Staff Present: Soheila Ghodsieh (Manager, Community Planning and Development)

Regrets: Barb Goode, Jim Wong

1. Introductions

2. Adoption of Agenda – Moved/Approved

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

- October 26, 2011 Minutes adopted – Moved/Approved
- November 30, 2011 Minutes adopted – Moved/Approved

4. Presentations

- None.

5. CLBC Update – S. Ghodsieh

- Going to have the 2nd Self Advocate Conference on March 28, 2012, at Shadbolt Centre, Burnaby – for all of Fraser Region
 - o 30 – 40 people from each municipality can attend this all-day event
 - o Agenda will focus on employment and transportation
 - o Conference will be mainly organized by self advocates
 - o Invitation will be sent out soon
- A Housing Forum will be held in New Westminster before April 1 – a 2-hour evening session
- Held an employment forum earlier tonight – 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm at Evergreen Centre in Coquitlam
 - o Over 60 people attended – very informative
 - o 4 different organizations presented, and self-advocates told of their employment experiences
 - o Presentations could have been a bit less complex, so will work with presenters at upcoming housing forum to ensure that occurs
- Report on CLBC has come out – indication that \$40 Million in additional funds will be earmarked for CLBC
- Do not have concrete information on exactly how the money will be spent – Soheila will inform the Council once they have confirmation
- The Report said that CLBC failed in 2 areas:
 - o Conflict of interest of employees participating in home sharing;
 - o Support Request Lists are not accurate.
- Comment: Some staff from community living organizations also participate in home sharing, but there is no perceived conflict because the organizations ensure that the staff can in no way influence other areas of the person's life, contracted services, etc.

- 114 are on the Support Request List in the Fraser Region
 - o There is a ranking tool to determine where on the list an individual is placed
 - o CLBC announced in the previous funding allocation (2 months ago) that anyone ranked over 70 should receive funding
 - o Have a Fraser Region staff currently going through the list to confirm details and appropriate placement
- Either Brian Salisbury or Doug Woollard will attend our next Council meeting
- Clarification that Doug Woollard is still Acting/Interim CEO of CLBC

6. Report from the Chair – D. Appleby

- Next month we will welcome 2 new members to our Council – Sue Mann, from Community Ventures and a family member, and Maxine Wilson, former Mayor of New Westminster.
- Deb sent a fair bit of information to Council members this past week:
 - o The draft letter that Caitlyn and Richard worked on with respect to the Housing Workshop;
 - o Provincial Council Meeting Minutes;
 - o Information on the CLBC internal report.
- Also noted that Scott Gibney is no longer with CLBC and has been replaced by Caitlyn Sassman.
- Asked Soheila to briefly update the Council on her progress re: meeting with the various Mayors
 - o Those meetings are going ahead;
 - o Will update the Council at the next meeting regarding Maple Ridge Recycling – have come up with a plan to meet with families, Maple Ridge City administrators and Mayor, etc.
- A community member asked Deb to enquire further about the CLBC employee who was recently featured in the media as having a fairly high-paying job at CLBC and also a high-paying life sharing contract. Would like more information on that situation if possible.
 - o Soheila will ask if that staff is comfortable coming to a Council meeting to discuss her situation.
- Reminder for Council members to return their re-appointment forms and criminal records checks.
- Encouraged Council members to watch the Lighting the Way Video, if they have not already done so. Soheila was kind enough to send another link to Council members to view at their leisure.
- Re-iterated key statements from the recent Report on CLBC:

“Deputy Ministers recommend that...annual funding for CLBC will increase by 18 Million.

“Recognizing the need to provide dedicated funds for the development of improved supports to youth transitions, Deputy Ministers recommend funding of 10 million/yearly be provided to the Ministry of Social Development. This funding would support development of new approaches to day and employment programs, improve transition planning for youth with developmental disabilities, facilitate transitions in individualized funding and support innovations in the sector. The Ministry of Social Development will work with CLBC and other ministries in pursuing these initiatives.”

“....Over time the budget of CLBC and that of MSD should be aligned with changes to the composition of individuals and families receiving supports and aligned to clearly identified outcomes.”

- Discussed importance of families becoming educated about financial benefits available to them – i.e. disability tax credit.

7. Appointment of Vice Chair

- Vera Anderson has accepted a nomination – Approved/Moved

8. Action Items – Update

- All action items from the previous meeting were accomplished.

9. New Business

- Would like an update on the budget at the next meeting. Soheila will arrange for Fateh Esmail to present.
- The next meeting will primarily be an information session.

10. Confirmation of next meeting date

- **Next Meeting: Change of date: February 28, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, 400-205 Newport Drive, Port Moody**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.