

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

**Council Meeting Minutes**

November 30, 2011, 7:00pm – 8:30 pm

**Present:** Richard Faucher (via teleconference), Jacqueline Jordon, Barbara Thomas, Jim Wong (via teleconference), Vera Anderson, Debra Appleby, Carol Broomhall (Minute taker)

**CLBC Staff Present:** Scott Gibney (Community Relations), Soheila Ghodsieh (Manager, Community Planning and Development), John Bergman

**Regrets:** Barb Goode

**1. Introductions**

- **Scott Gibney** (604.664.0825) scott.gibney@gov.bc.ca
- New Community Relations Specialist – works with 6 other regional community councils;
- Looking for opportunities for engagement and inclusion;
- Used to be Public Affairs Manager at Safeway; on the Board for Easter Seals Society;
- Held CLBC Open Houses, including Self Advocate meeting on Dec. 1.
  - o SA meeting went very well. 27 people showed up.
- Dec 3, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm – Celebrating UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities – at Maple Ridge Safeway, Abbotsford, Vernon, Terrace – low-key celebration focusing on safety and on-line safety;
- Available for support with events and fundraising;
- Works with Barb Penner on supported employment – hoping to use his networking skills to support inclusive employment;
- Meets with federal and municipal politicians – can help with facilitating discussions or initiatives with them;
- BACI planning a large initiative for advancing inclusion through purchasing; request that Scott help with facilitating connections with Safeway and other community partners;
- Are hosting Public Forums – an invitation to parents to better understand how CLBC is funded, and help family members build networks;
- Community Councils requested the Public Forums be held;
- Soheila will be meeting with 7 mayors of the Fraser Region; all Council members are invited to participate with her;
- A link has been sent to all Council members on “Come Together” – a film about Community Councils.
  - o Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pa70tOwwsEU>
- Another CLBC video – “Light the Way” features Barb Goode – created by Vancouver Island South Community Council. Link is on the CLBC website;
  - o Self-advocates say what supports they would like so can participate in community councils.
  - o Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nfKr9Dhx3G4>;
- Are working on council engagement stories – initiatives worked on; how accomplished and next steps;
- Will be compiled with other remaining councils into a book; share ideas and engagement tools;
- Please let Scott or Deb know of any stories you think would be good to share.

## **2. Adoption of Agenda – Moved/Approved**

**3. Adoption of Previous Minutes (Wednesday, October 26, 2011)** – not everyone was able to read Minutes in advance, so agreed to adopt October minutes at the next meeting.

## **4. Council's Role – John Bergman, Soheila Ghodsieh**

- Soheila has talked to Brian Salisbury for approval to request that either Brian or Doug Woollard join the January meeting to answer any questions the Council may have;
- Question: Have new terms of reference for Councils been circulated?
- Answer: They were circulated a year ago – it's on the CLBC website; Terms have not changed; Soheila will send a copy by email to all Council members
- Question: Concern from last meeting regarding lack of information flow to Council members (i.e. regarding closure in Maple Ridge). At what level are we kept informed regarding future changes? Only found out through public media.
- Answer: None of the managers had any idea this would turn into such a big issue; radio got a hold of the story before they were able to share the information with some staff and all Council members.
- Question: How can we make sure this doesn't happen again?
- Answer: Doug Woollard has released a report which addressed this issue – in Communications section. CLBC needs to inform families and Council before decisions are made or information flows; recognize the need for everyone to be informed.
- One Council member thinks it's more about being respectful to families than an issue for the Council. Families feel like they have been left out in the cold. If we could find a way to respect each other, we will be fine.
- In Doug Woollard's report, it states that families need to be in the loop and are an integral part of moving forward.
- One member thinks it's more of a concern that these situations don't occur in the first place.
- There is another concern that as a Council member, we should be more informed in advance if other family or community members have questions.
- The Council members are the eyes and ears of the community. Important to contact CLBC when they hear issues in the community. It's 2-way communication.
- People calling into the Client Support Team Hotline have gotten responses and were heard.
- Government did give an additional \$8.9 million to address individuals on the Request for Service List because of media attention.
- Tomorrow will finalize how many individuals will receive services in the Fraser Region.
- Question: Who is on the Deputy Minister Working Group? Min of CD, Health, Housing and Social Development – the Deputy Ministers of all those ministries. A high-level evaluation.
- Internal audit by Ministry of Finance; done by same group that audited BC Hydro last year.
- Addresses cross-ministerial issues, particularly youth in transition. Internal audit will look particularly at Request for Service List and how that can be funded.
- Results of audits will be released early January.

- Will go to Minister's office for review, then 1-2 weeks review there, then released.
- Questions: Internal audit report – will detailed findings and recommendations be made public?
- Answer: the recommendations will be made public
- There will be an internal review of all regions – what's working and what's not; how to move forward; how to work together – Doug Woollard asked for this.
- There will be some duplication or cross-over in the reports; Deputy Ministers will look at cross-overs and at innovative ways to fund services.
- The internal reviews will be made by the summations of the internal working group and the internal audit.
- Question: Internal review auditors – will they be interviewing community council members?
- Answer: Are not aware of specifics of that review.
- If they want to do a thorough review, they should be speaking to the Community Councils around the province.
- Members of the Fraser Region Community Council would like to be contacted for the internal review.
- ACTION – Richard will draft an email to Doug Woollard (and pass to the council for review before it is sent), stating: We understand you are doing an internal review; the Fraser Region Community Council would like to be included in the process.
- At the end of the process, they will disclose who was consulted.

#### **5. CLBC Update – Soheila Ghodsieh**

- Thanks to Jackie for coming to the community event in Maple Ridge;
  - o Over 300 individuals showed up
  - o A large fair with a movie by self advocates
- 3 upcoming events
  - o Meeting with families -- Meaghen Taylor-Reid organizing
  - o One on January 25, at Coquitlam Evergreen Cultural Centre – a family forum on employment
  - o Family forum on housing – February in New West
  - o Need help from Committee members to do a family forum in March
    1. Vera will help
    2. ACTION: Soheila will arrange for Megan and Vera to all meet
- QUESTION: would we like to have meetings like in Surrey – talking about CLBC services – for 4 nights?
- March – SA conference will be held (120 participants last year) in Surrey
- Brian Oulton is organizing the event – for all SA from Burnaby to Chilliwack and Boston Bar
- Maple Ridge office will be closed; people always meet with Brenda in the library
  - o One staff there – Brenda Braun
  - o A lot of money to spend on one small office
  - o Staff will use the MCFD office in the future
- This coming year, will be able to provide services to all individuals who are listed as high priority ranking score (over 70)
- Will give either home share or community inclusion day program
- Likely will only be able to give one or the other
- For those who request a group home, they are able to provide that
- QUESTION: How does CLBC participate in high schools?
- Soheila had a good meeting with Haney High School

- Currently have people doing a 13<sup>th</sup> year of school;
- Are asking to add a 14<sup>th</sup> year so that there can be a 2-year certificate program;
- QUESTION: Concern over son's eligibility for CLBC funding once hits 19 years old – IQ over 70 but needs personal care, etc.
- ANSWER: Contact CLBC to discuss. He needs to be assessed before age 19;
- Concern also over support teachers at secondary level and lack of training in vision planning.

#### **6. New Members – Soheila Ghodsieh**

- New requirement for Council Members is a criminal records check;
- CLBC will pay for it – just need to fill out the form, sign it and return to Soheila;
- Soheila will re-mail the application to members with a self-addressed envelope;
- Soheila will also send the document explaining why this new requirement is necessary.

#### **7. Re-appointment Forms**

- Jackie would like to step down as Vice Chair, but will stay on Council;
- Carol will pass the forms to Richard Faucher and Barb Goode;
- Have committed to transport Barb to and from the meeting, and support her through the meeting;
- QUESTION: How has the community garden been going?
- ANSWER: It's an amazing innovative initiative that has advanced inclusion for people with disabilities – over 700 people involved; also focused on housing. Jim and Richard will arrange a discussion with Scott on the initiatives.

#### **8. Vice Chair Position**

- In the January meeting of the CLBC Council, they will approve who is the new Vice Chair and Chair;
- Deb will remain as Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm, with New Business Agenda Items not addressed.

**Next Meeting:** January 25, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, 400-205 Newport Drive, Port Moody