

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

**Council Meeting Minutes**  
October 24, 2012, 6:00pm – 8:00 pm

**Present:** Debra Appleby, Sue Mann, Maxine Wilson, Vera Anderson, Diane Bruneau, Barbara Thomas, Jacqueline Jordon, Carol Broomhall (Minute taker)

**CLBC Staff Present:** Nadir Wahba (Facilitator)

**Regrets:** Jim Wong

1. **Introductions** – welcomed new member Diane Bruneau
2. **Adoption of Agenda** – Moved/Approved
3. **Adoption of Previous Minutes**
  - May 30, 2012 Minutes – Carol will email the Board and ask for e-approval
  - September 26, 2012 Informational Meeting Notes – M/S/C to Receive the Notes
4. **Business Arising**
  - Note that Barb Goode and Conrad Alberts are no longer on the Board of the Community Council.
5. **Council's 2012 Strategic Plan**
  - Need to have a discussion on which topics the Board would like to focus on in the coming year.
  - Would like to discuss the information from Jack Styan on Engagement with Community Councils.
  - Memo from Jack Styan asked if Councils were interested in the following 4 initiatives:
    - Mapping Service Gaps
    - Inclusion
    - Employment
    - Innovation
  - Discussion on what council should focus on – employment & housing, or transitioning.
  - Success of transitioning depends on skills of parent and education team.
  - Think that's an issue that the Council may not have as much direct impact on.
  - Suggest that we have someone from Sir Charles Best give a presentation to the Council at a later date.
  - Other suggestion that the focus on employment should not be only at the high school level. Should begin as early as possible.
  - Comment that there is a large population who will never be gainfully employed. Some – who need 2-person transfers – can't even do work experience because of staffing issues.
  - Suggest don't just focus on employment because of the large number of individuals who may never be employed.

- The Council would like to focus on Inclusion and Innovation – which encompass key areas of interest such as employment, housing, and mapping service gaps.

## **6. Presentations**

### **CLBC – Nadir Wahba**

- Community Living Events went very well in October.
- The Maple Ridge event was very well attended – 3 times larger than previously experienced.
- Thriftys, Save-on Foods were great community sponsors for the event.
- Soheila has interviewed for a .75 Facilitator
- 3 new Facilitators have joined the team replacing existing staff who have left or on maternity leave.
- Simon Fraser Region serves around 1600 individuals.
- Some individuals who live with their parents haven't come into contact with CLBC yet.
- Encourage individuals and their families to make contact.

## **7. Update from the Chair – D. Appleby**

- Attended Family Conference this past weekend – on Employment, Individualized Funding, and Housing Options. Wished they had presented full-day workshops on each topic – so much to discuss.
- As of Oct 1, 2012, people could make \$800 a month on top of their PWD. But there are some clawbacks which seem unfair.
- It is not acceptable that after all of the years of inclusion at school, that a child's life doesn't transition easily after high school.
- Discussion on parents joining resources together to create their own programs for their children. Suggest they develop a good plan and then approach CLBC for funding.
- Barb, Vera, Jim, Jackie, and Deb have agreed to a one-year extension as Council Members.
- Discussion on the Provincial Advisory Council – must be a family member to be on that Council.
- Deb sent the Annual Report of the Advisory Committee to the CLBC Board of Directors in mid-September.
- Jai, Soheila, John and Deb attended a recent meeting hosted by CLBC at Ridge Meadows Recycling. Parents attending seemed to be struggling with trust. Conversations went well. Many conversations on problems with WorkBC. Parents wanted assurance that they would be well-communicated with, and would receive ample warning if any major decisions were going to be made on the status of the Recycling initiative.
- There is a two-year extension on Ridge Meadows, and they will be open for referrals again.
- Is willing to remain as Chair of the Community Council until the end of the year. Chair must be a family or community member. So Vera, Maxine, or Jacque are potential Chairs.
- Vera will stay as Vice Chair.
- Discussion: transitions for some are from grade to grade, so transitions around age 19 are not as significant because there is always planning occurring.

## 8. Action Items – Update

- None.

## 9. New Business

- Would like to recruit more Board Members. Would like more members from other Municipalities – Burnaby, New Westminster.

## 10. Confirmation of next meeting date:

Suggest that next meeting be held on Wednesday, November 14th, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, 400-205 Newport Drive, Port Moody. **If guest speakers and majority of the Board are not available on that day, suggest the meeting revert to November 28<sup>th</sup>. (This was the case, so meeting was later confirmed for the 28<sup>th</sup>)**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.