

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

**Council Meeting Minutes**  
September 26, 6:00pm – 8:00 pm

**Present:** Debra Appleby, Sue Mann, Maxine Wilson, Carol Broomhall (Minute taker)

**CLBC Staff Present:** Soheila Ghodsieh (Manager, Community Planning and Development), John Bergman (Quality Service Manager)

**Regrets:** Barb Goode, Conrad Alberts, Jim Wong, Vera Anderson, Barbara Thomas, Jacqueline Gordon

**1. Introductions**

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

- As quorum was not met, the Agenda was not formally adopted. An information session was held instead.

**3. Adoption of Previous Minutes**

- As quorum was not met, the Minutes were not adopted.

**4. Council's 2012 Strategic Plan**

- Tabled until October meeting
- Will review Jack Styan's letter

**5. Presentations**

Maxine Wilson

- Suggestion to start a letter-writing campaign – increase awareness around employment issues and engaging community.
- Spoke of the importance of being grassroots, community-based.
- Goal is for the province of BC to have the highest level of employment for people with disabilities, anywhere in North America.
- Maxine did 19 interviews around employment.
- Thinks that the employment developers and coaches need to spend more time getting to know the people they support.
- CLBC does have an employment round-table that meets every quarter, to try to ensure a smooth transition.
- A province-wide survey of CLBC staff showed that morale in the Fraser Region was the lowest in the province this past year. May have been because of the media attention on Ridge Meadows Recycling.
- Believe WorkBC is taking more of a gate-keeper approach and don't have the staffing/expertise to support individuals with disabilities to find work. Talked of other issues of concern with WorkBC criteria.
- Soheila said that CLBC facilitators can go with the individuals to support them in their meetings with WorkBC.
- A lack of priority for supporting individuals with disabilities to find work.
- (Carol will scan the 2 docs on CAEP)
- Will meet by teleconference on Oct 10<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the Employment Summit

## CLBC – Sohelia Ghodsieh

- Jai Blrldi is Acting Director for Regional Operations for the Fraser Region (for the past 7 months), and will be in place until a Director has been formally appointed.
- Jai, John Bergman and Fateh Esmail will attend when invited.
- Have hired 4 new staff – as a result of family survey that showed families may be underserved due to staff work overload.
- Hired 1 permanent staff and 3 auxiliary staff.
- NOTE: Any of the members of the council can sit in on staff hiring meetings.
- Community Living Month:
  - Oct 11, from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm -- Holding an informational meeting on Ridge Meadows Recycling — Pitt Meadows Family Rec Centre, 12027 Harris Road
  - Oct 18<sup>th</sup> – BBQ in Maple Ridge – at The Act Theatre, from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm (music, entertainment, food)
  - Oct 19 – 21 – Family Focus Conference at the Coast Cascade Hotel in Langley. CLBC will cover the cost for any council member to attend.
  - Oct 20<sup>th</sup> – hosting various workshops – 10:00 am – 3:0 pm in Dogwood Pavillion in Coquitlam
  - Unfortunately, this conflicts with Family Focus Conference in Langley
- Ridge Meadows Recycling – have continued to have conversations with families and individuals. Decision was to continue the program as is for 2 more years. Referrals will be through CLBC for that program.
- MCFD has designated one person to liaise with CLBC in this region.
- Are targeting BC Housing for more information sharing – trying to reach an agreement between them and CLBC so have better information on which individuals may be eligible for CLBC services.
- Question: Will there be another housing workshop soon?
- Answer: One of the workshops on Oct 20<sup>th</sup> will address housing.
- Suggest that the CEO of BC Housing be contacted directly. Response that one of the CLBC Directors has a good relationship with the CEO already.
- Suggest that sometimes it is beneficial to go a little more slowly.
- It's all about relationships – who you know.
- Regional Operation Plan – A Regional Work Plan and Draft-1 Plan for Operations was provided.
- Soheila will email the Council versions of these plans within the next week.
- Lifelong Learning meeting at SFU – CLBC and staff and individuals from agencies attended the meeting.
- Topic was education for people 19 years and up, and for people 55 years and up. People don't need to read or write, just participate somehow and receive a certificate.
- What else can we do to provide programming or activities for youth over 19 years old? Where are all of the kids who are over 19?

## 6. Update from the Chair – D. Appleby

- Diane Bruno is confirmed as our newest Council member.
- Deb sent the Council the following docs over the summer: WOW Recognition Awards, Strengthening Community Councils, Summary of Presentations at the Provincial Council meeting.
- Provincial Council meeting held on the weekend.
- Any Council members who are coming to the end of their term are welcome to extend their stay an additional year.
- Provincial Council discussed strategic plan, focusing on family resilience.
- All Council meetings are open to the public, and people can be put on the Agenda. Can also submit via the internet if out of town.
- The Service Plan is on the website.
- Highlights include:
  - Integrated Services Support Team has been in place for 6 weeks.
  - Aging Forums and initiatives
- Over the years, Councils have been asking for material to hand out to community members.
- CLBC came up with a “Rack Card” and would like feedback.
  - Suggest write more in plain language.
- Also came up with other collateral and would like feedback.
  - Think should have a few key words – i.e. listen, respect, collaborate.
  
- October Fraser Council meeting will be hosted by Meaghen, not Soheila.
- November meeting – Soheila will invite John Bergman (to discuss budget), and a Health Manager. Will talk about a One Government Approach – how families can combine various funding from CLBC, MCFD, Health ministries.

## 7. Action Items – Update

- None.

## 8. New Business

- None.

## 9. Confirmation of next meeting date:

**NOTE: Because the last Weds in October falls on Halloween, the next meeting will be held on:**

**Wednesday, October 24th, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm,  
400-205 Newport Drive, Port Moody**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.