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North Shore Coast Community Council Meeting

January 23, 2009

Sewell's Marina, 6409 Bay Street, West Vancouver, BC

10:00 – 2 p.m.

Present:

Catherine Abraham (Co-Chair), Liz Barnett, Aryn Burton (family member) Mary Dowdall (CPD Manager) Fiona Galvani (Co-Chair), Peter Russell (self-advocate), Robert Soumang (self-advocate)

Regrets: Coranne Anderson, Pat Hull, Rizia Jeffery, Rick King

Minutes: Isabelle Listar

Agenda Topics

1. Agenda

Addendum to agenda – addition of CLBC/MCFD Transitions to the Agenda topics

Agendas will include as standard items:

- Approval of agenda;
- Approval of minutes;
- Service Provider update;
- Transfer of children's services to MCFD update;
- Fiscal update

2. Minutes

Minutes of the last council meeting of November 18, 2008 approved.

3. Introductions

Introductions were made around the table. Welcome to Aryn Burton, new council member from Whistler, BC. Aryn will be the council representative for Squamish, Pemberton, Mt. Currie and Whistler.

4. Role of Council Members

Discussion was held on our council and how we can make it work better. Some councils are working better than others. It was suggested that we look at other council websites and review their minutes. Another suggestion is for council members to attend other council's workshops to get creative ideas. Our council recently received an inquiry from Roger Palmer, a new member from the South Island Community Council.



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He is interested in knowing how other community councils around the region are doing. He is trying to understand what the role of the community council is so that he can best make a contribution.

Some feedback given for Roger Palmer:

- Commitment to work on recruitment and membership.
- One of our accomplishments has been going out and meeting with groups within the community.
- Develop a Communication plan.

5. Strategic Plan

The council feels it is important to listen to families concerns, hear about peoples experiences when engaging in community meetings.

Council reviewed our commitment to attend community meetings. Liz will attend CLS, Peter and Cathy will meet with self advocates. Liz and Mary will attend the Inter-agency meeting.

Implementation of Communication Plan

Community Council to write articles in each Get Connected issue. Cathy will write article on our council for the next Get Connected newsletter. Council is also interested in writing articles in local community newspapers.

6. Recruitment

We have geographic challenges in maintaining council membership. Attendance to council meetings is also problematic. Having a regular meeting date may help.

Fiona and Cathy to take on role of recruiting new council members.

They will contact the present council members to discuss whether members want to renew their membership.

Isabelle will send out an up to date contact list of council members.

7. Terms of Reference Review

CLBC is conducting a review of community councils. After our next meeting, we will gather information for Suzanne Veit and Fiona and Cathy will communicate that information.



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8. Budget – Money to spend

Discussion was held on our budget. The council discussed having funds available for training and for transition planning. The council to support a Workshop training event. Liz suggested a workshop on transitions and employment.

Decision was made for the Council to organize a Workshop for family members, self-advocates, service providers and other individuals in the community. Workshops to be held in Powell River and North Vancouver.

Objective is to make the Workshop a community event.

Suggestion is to invite Dave Hingsburger to participate in the workshop as the keynote speaker. Isabelle will inquire on the costs of having Dave Hingsburger, and Mary will check on Paul Malette from CBI Consultants Ltd.

A Transition Fair workshop is being held on April 7, 2009. This fair is co-sponsored by several agencies. This fair is for young adults graduating from high school.

One of the guest speakers is Paul Malette from CBI Consultants, who will speak on supported employment.

Kathleen Jessop is the rep for the Transition Fair Planning Committee.

Liz will talk to Kathleen Jessop about the transition fair.

9. Community Council Annual Report

The council discussed the Annual Report to CLBC and the guidelines. Fiona and Cathy will develop a draft report for approval at our next meeting. Information gathered for the response to Roger Palmer may be useful in completing the report. Report to be completed by March 31, 2009.

10. Transitions

One of the issues identified as being a priority for the council is transitions.

Discussion was held on transitions as a topic for our council. Our focus would be on transitions into adult services. Cathy will prepare a draft report for council to begin our discussion at the next meeting. Mary and Liz will provide information for our next meeting on services currently available. Liz provided an update from service providers.

Mary provided an update on CLBC.

Discussion was held on the transfer of children's services (ages 0 – 19 yrs) to MCFD, which will occur on October 31, 2009. Adult services will be under the Ministry of Housing and Social Development.



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Once Children's services move over to MCFD, CLBC will start planning for individuals who are 17 years old to ensure successful transition into adulthood and for individuals to have community supports established at time of transition.

CLBC is working proactively with MCFD and the school system in the development of a protocol which will provide information on whom to contact and what support services are available.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **February 27th, 2009** at Sewell's Marina in Horseshoe Bay..