



North Okanagan Community Council Meeting

DATE:	Saturday, Feb.19, 2011
TIME:	10:00 am to 2:00 pm
LOCATION:	Vernon - CLBC Office

1.	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In attendance: Bill Tidsbury, Joanne Crawford, Kari Erickson (Recorder), Dianne Saint, Sue Phillips, Patrick Allwood, Lorne McEwen, Henry Sundquist, Helmut Herrmann, Lisa Kongsdorf, • Regrets: James Weir, Angela Davidson, Patricia Winters • Visitor: Philip Jodoin
2.	<p>Additional agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding South Island Council report
3.	<p>Approval of Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: To approve Agenda Dianne, Joanne second motion Carried .
4.	<p>Conflict of interest declaration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report
5.	<p>Review and approval of Jan. 15, 2011 minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Approval of revised minutes – Patrick – January 15- Sue and Joanne update missed, seconded by Dianne, Carried.
6.	<p>Self Advocate Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philip made a presentation to council requesting funding extension for the pottery course at the arts center for another year.
7.	<p>Discussion RE: Art Centre Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The idea was to create an ongoing program, however there is a concern that there may not be the money to put in every year. • Because of the success of the program, could we find other outside sources within the community for funding? Or maybe look at some “fundraising” and approach members of the community?



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8. Old Business:

a) Awareness PowerPoint Presentation:

- James and Angela to present power point but unfortunately were unable to attend.

b) Recognition Plaques – all sent out (Thank You)

- All past members have received the Thank You Plaques

c) Self Advocate Conference Update

- There will be two reps from each area, 9 for committee total.
- Conference will be in Kamloops.
- Next meeting is planned for March 8, 2011 in Kamloops.

9. Advisory Committee Update

South Island Council Report

- Similar issues between boards and committees universally, how the provincial govt implements its strategic planning, established councils to connect local community with administration. What is role of council as to how they pertain at the provincial board levels? Ensuring council accountability, need to make councils a more pertinent part of the community governance.
- Helmut and Bill do provide input to the govt, they get feedback but decisions are “top down” b/c how they look at things from a different view. These challenges are similar across the province. Concerns for CLBC and how is it working with community, what is working well, how to improve policies and practice?
- Henry and Helmut drafted a letter to family members in the community to give opportunity to talk to people on the board
- Grassroots is where it needs to come from not top down from prov govt and on, power in people to express their needs, now were given the opportunity to give that input, we are accountable to CLBC but nothing to show that our input has been heard or is important, if policies are going to be made better for people than we need to work better together.
- CLBC/CLS services was very top down structure, was based with the interest of community govts, it is a key time to strategically push the value of community govts, boards are not always based on the community approach, don't want to take over decision making just create a partnership.



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- our voice as community councils is important and will not be resolved in the short term, ongoing process. Have discussed family letters before and its important
- Perhaps as part of the parent letter have positive stories not just problems.
- Advisory Committee next meeting will be held on March 5, 2011

10. CLBC Issues

a) Current Budget Situation

- Continuing to show a deficit in our region
- Projection for following year is also a flat budget.
- CLBC will be introducing new contract management systems to analyze how we are paying and what we are paying.
- Provincially the organization is projecting a balanced budget.

b) Service Challenges

- Salmon Arm Homeshare Providers have voiced concerns regarding the new terms and conditions and the GSA and its affect on funding. A meeting has been scheduled to address these concerns.
- CLBE is currently working on relocating 13 individuals from WillowBrook as contract will not be continued.
- The Province is currently y looking at selling some homes, BC Housing owns them but certain homes are CLBC flagged as an organization we get to keep the revenue which we could use to purchase more suitable homes for aging re level entry, no stairs etc.

11. Vernon Chamber Meet/Greet – Council Role (April 19th 4-7pm, Schubert Centre)

- **Action:** have Greta book a table. Lorne, Lisa and Henry will be available.
- This is an opportunity to share information and make community connections for the Council.

12. October Community Living Event Planning

- Request from Dianne Mumm to have someone from CLBC headquarters come to the region to understand regional issues. What kind of even could we have to bringing Headquarters and the Community together.
- CLBC is planning an event for late spring or early summer to replace the Christmas Open House. The goal is to bring together supported individuals, service providers and the community.
- Sue, Joanne and Dianne are interested in planning event.

13. WOW Awards Participation

- Lisa will sit on nomination committee again this year.
- Nomination forms available at <http://www.communitylivingbc.ca/opportunities/recognition->



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[awards/#where](#). Deadline for applications is April 10, 2011

- It would be great to get numerous nominations for our region.

14. Provincial Board/Councils Meeting June 11

- Invitation extended to chair and vice chair (Sue and Lorne) (Helmut as Advisory Committee Staff)
- Collaborate with other councils to see if they want to prepare a proposal and have it added to the agenda.

15. Strategic Plan Updates

- Power Point Presentation (provide opportunities to community council) – pictures added throughout, additional slides depending on audience and possible video clips.
- Long Term Goals – preliminary 10 yrs from now how to establish trust between families and CLBC, liaison between community council and CLBC, build strong inclusive communities in North Ok/Shuswap
- If council wants to do a presentation or event by the end of March, there are budget dollars available.
- Provide Awareness – Joanne and Sue – Aging Forum coming up, paper articles in works still, will work on October Community Living Month next event in Salmon Arm
- Building Collaboration with Service Providers – Lorne, Joanne, Dianne once Power Point is finished work with Jennifer L. to coordinate service providers meeting, and get on agenda, possibly schedule service provider meeting for April 7
- Helmut and Henry –letter for parents of individuals
- Barriers to Accessibility and Inclusion – Kathy unable to attend, Kirsten has resigned, hopefully have another self advocate on, Darcy on this committee. Open to families coming to speak and allow them to advocate in what way they see is best regarding their own children, encourage the fact that we support inclusion and supporting individuals having full lives in the community.
- there is an interest in supporting parent groups, seminar on how to be a group and coalesce and come together to help each other, support one another how to make that happen
- Bill to follow up with Ali on article for the paper.
- Nomination Committee – short people, need service provider from Revelstoke and 2 family members from Vernon plus 1 more from Vernon



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16. Upcoming Events

1. March 16th and 17th Seniors Forum

- Booked and ready to go – Kim Lister has everything prepared and bringing all of the materials, March 16 in Salmon Arm – self advocate session 10 -12 and then session 1-4 Activity Centre downtown Salmon Arm
- March 17 – Schubert Center, Vernon; 10-12 self advocates and 1-4 parents and everyone else

17. Upcoming Meetings

- March 19 – Vernon
- April 16 - Armstrong
- May 14 - Revelstoke
- June 18 - Vernon

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting March 19, 2011

Vernon