



## North Region Community Council Meeting

Date: February 21, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

**Present:** Gord Robertson, Sheryl Demers, Debbie Still, Lisa Peters, Eldon Carter, Justin Pylatuk, Sweetie Sanghera, Ann Lewis

**Guest:** None

**Regrets:** Colleen Tuson, Penny Soderena-Sutton

<b>AGENDA TOPICS</b>	
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Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	Eldon, motioned the minutes from the January 17, 2015 meeting be accepted as amended – change “writing to running in Lisa’s Round Table” and misspelled Sheryl’s son’s name (Sean not Shawn) . Anita seconded the motion: all in favor.  <p style="text-align: right;"><b><u>CARRIED</u></b></p>
Additions to the Agenda	Aging, CLBC’s Strategy
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<b>Managers Report Sweetie Sanghera</b>	Sweetie discussed the next fiscal budget announced on February 17, 2015. CLBC is pleased to confirm that its operating budget will be \$852.5 million next year. This includes a transfer of \$834.3 million from the provincial government, an increase of \$37.7 million. “We are very pleased with the news of another increase in funding,” said CLBC CEO Seonag Macrae. “This reflects the government’s commitment to responding to the growth in people requesting help from CLBC and to maintaining vital services for individuals with developmental disabilities, and their families, even during challenging economic times. ”As a result of this new funding, CLBC expects to be able to provide new services and required support increases to approximately 2,300 individuals who are currently eligible or new to CLBC. CLBC funding helps provide a number of supports including respite care, residential or shared living, community inclusion services and employment supports. CLBC uses 93 per cent of its funding for services for individuals and families, and seven per cent on service supports such as working with families to develop plans, arranging access to community supports, monitoring services and administration. CLBC currently serves more than 17,000 people in B.C., which reflects a growth of 39 per cent over the past five years. This is due to population growth, advances in health care and increased life expectancy, increased referral rates from the school system and aging families who need more support to provide care for loved ones. CLBC forecasts further growth in those eligible for services of 5.7 per cent next year. “We expect growth to create demand for the services we are able to provide,” said Macrae. “We will continue to work with the government and stakeholders to maximize these

	<p>resources and respond to needs in a measured, responsible and sustainable way.”</p> <p>Lynn Davies received the new position of the VP of operations. Her position will be posted soon for the north.</p>
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<p><b>Chair Report Gord Robertson</b></p>	<p>Chair conference call, not a lot of councils participation – Here are my notes from the January Council Chairs Con Call: The following councils were represented on the call - Kooteneys, Central and South Okanagan, Central and Upper Island, North Shore Sunshine Coast, Surrey Delta, Richmond, Upper Fraser, and of course the North. Also on the call were Sylvie Zebroff and Randy Schmidt of HQ.</p> <p>Randy Schmidt the Communications Director - announced the WOW Award winners - Rona Chilliwack, Burger 55 Penticton, McLeery Golf Course Vancouver, and Shoppers Drug Mart in Kamloops. They were chosen out of 80 nominations.</p> <p>The second round of BCGEU/CLBC scholarships is about to be launched. HQ staff are starting to talk about a plan for web pages for each council. There is only 1 website manager for 13 councils. They are trying to figure out the logistics and other details of how to make it work.</p> <p>He also reported on the Regional Reorganization - the goal is to improve responsiveness and create efficiencies. CLBC will move from 3 to 5 regions, with Vancouver Island and Thompson/Cariboo the North being the 2 new ones. There will also be a change in the delivery model, with smaller teams with both facilitators and analysts reporting to the same manager. They are still very early on in the process and Dug Woollard's VP position must be filled first and then the 2 new Directors of Resource operations.</p> <p>Randy also passed on that the Family Support Institute has launched their CLBC funded Find Support BC Website.</p> <p>There was a short report from a representative of In-Common TV - they are working to improve the website to make it easier to find stories and to make it possible to upload videos. A link will be sent to the council chairs so we can provide feedback.</p> <p>Roundtable:  Surrey/Delta - issues are housing, the STAD report, and recruitment to the council  Central and Upper Island - they held a housing forum in Duncan, and are planning to move their council meetings to various communities around the region  Central and South Okanagan - they are planning a community dance in Kelowna to try to improve awareness and to recruit new members.  North Shore/Sunshine Coast - working on recruitment, and looking at bringing someone from Inclusion Works from Victoria to discuss how it works.  Upper Fraser - they had a family discussion group which surveyed all communities in the region. The info from the report will be shared. It focused on what is already happening in each location.  Kooteneys - hosting a dance in Creston where they are hoping to recruit.</p>

	<p>They are trying to arrange for busses from Cranbrook and Nelson to transport people to Creston.</p> <p>Richmond - Housing is their main focus.</p> <p>North - I reported that Sweetie had just started, we have a new recruit from Smithers, and that we are planning on having our May meeting in the Peace River area, and the September meeting out west.</p> <p>May 9<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Chair, Ann and Sweetie would attend – open house in DC or FSJ on Friday night, and have the meeting the next day in the alternate city.</p> <p>September in Smithers/Terrace area in.</p> <p>Meeting Staff will figure out the logistics</p> <p>Community open house</p>						
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CLBC's Aging Strategy Gord Robertson	<p>Gord will invite Jule Hopkins to a future meeting, for more information on CLBC's aging strategy, visit the following website:  <a href="http://www.communitylivingbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/CLBC-Strategy-on-Aging.pdf">http://www.communitylivingbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/CLBC-Strategy-on-Aging.pdf</a></p> <p>A copy of this will be mailed to all council members.</p>						
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PAC Sheryl Demers	Sheryl will send her report to Ann to distribute by mail along with attachments.						
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Work Plan	Council members will populate their workplans and bring it to Ann to complete the						
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Committee Discussion	<p><b><u>Membership Committee</u></b>  Colleen Tuson, Justin Pylatuk,  Vincent has resigned from Council, this leaves a Prince George vacancy open and Justin has joined the membership committee. If you know of anyone who wants to become a community council member, please pass their information on to Colleen Tuson and Justin.</p> <p><b><u>Self-Advocate Committee</u></b>  Eldon Carter, Penny Soderena-Sutton, Justin Pylatuk.</p> <p><b><u>Community Awareness Committee</u></b>  Debbie Still, Gordon Robertson, Justin Pylatuk</p>						
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## Round Table

**Lisa** – The CDC fundraiser was well attended with 170 people. Lisa is geared up for spring. She will not be available for the March or April meetings.

**Gord** – Gord will be in Ft St John with his wife Terry March 5<sup>th</sup> to do a presentation on Micro Boards. Gord will be holding an RDSP workshop in Dawson Creek for Work BC staff and on March 6<sup>th</sup> for folks with Developmental Disabilities and their families. Gord and Bree volunteered for the winter games in wheelchair basketball and had a great time. Bree had her picture taken with a lot of the participants. And on a REALLY big note – Vela Microboard Association is the organization that has allowed us to provide this wonderful life for Bree-Anna. Vela has been invited to Vienna, Austria to present to the United Nations next week. Along with 30 other international disability organizations world-wide Vela has been asked to talk about how we create good lives for people with disabilities. Bree-Anna will be one of the folks featured by our CEO at the conference and our family is asking you to please LIKE Vela on Facebook and follow the posts that will happen from Vienna, some of which will feature Bree doing many of her activities. If we can generate more LIKES on Facebook for Vela it will help us publicize the work we do supporting individuals with disabilities all over the world.

**Eldon** – Eldon is still working 2 jobs, on in lumber supplies assisting customers, and the RCMP detailing their vehicles. Quesnel Self Advocates did not have a “celebration” yet this year, hopefully they will shoot for March or May

**Sheryl** – Sheryl attended the PAC meeting, it was great and nice to see – a new chair has not been picked they are either nominating or putting their own name forth. Sad note her, sister- in-law, is seriously ill. Is still making baby gifts one a month for the impending arrival.

**Sweetie** – Wedding planning is going good for her daughters June wedding here in Prince George. The boy’s side looks for a venue for the reception; she will stay out of it and let them do their own thing lol. Sweetie is still flying back to her home in Vancouver almost every weekend..

**Debbie** – Debbie had an awesome time in Mexico zip lining and swimming with turtles. They finally got staff on board and she is GREAT working right now on taking lots of training online. An agency in Vanderhoof opened their inclusion for everyone, have potlucks, bowling crafts. Debbie was asked if she would be a reference for this

**Anita** – Anita is busy – she is involved in pancake dinner and has started another new job called Strong Start in 2 schools. It is very interesting to work with young families. On a personal note, Anita is also house renovating.

**Justin** – In March, Justin will be in Perth, Australia for 2 weeks for a wedding of his friend, 14 hour flight. Justin is now working for a pizza restaurant in Dawson Creek as a delivery driver. Justin is also is doing furniture moving for a local company. Justin told us he has not bitten his nails for 3 months. Way to go Justin – congratulations!!!!.

**Ann** – Ann is very busy at work, and as warmer weather is coming, she will be doing some traveling to other northern offices. Ann’s son fell while

	roofing in Calgary received a concussion and broken ankle. He is on the mend but it will take some time. Eldon asked Ann how her late New Year's Eve went.. well about as good (or as bad lol) as the original one – thanks for asking Eldon.		
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Next meeting: March 21, 2015 starting at **9:00 am**