

Surrey – Delta – White Rock Community Council

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Community Council Meeting **Wednesday, February 26th, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.**

- Present:** Edwina Jeffrey, Vicki Stratton, Karen Virtue, Cindy Bain, Claudia Meyerman, Marie Sabine, Laila Karim, Onkar Biring, Vernon Hudson
- Regrets:** Wendi Mackintosh, Brent Leksen
- Guests:** Alison Scholefield (potential CC member)
Brian Salisbury (Director, Individual, Family and Volunteer Engagement)
Joanne Granek (Contractor – Supporting Task Force Implementation Committee)
- CLBC Staff:** Sharon Rose, CLBC CPD Manager
Ankica Paro, Team Assistant (Recorder)
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1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Welcome to Brian Salisbury and Joanne Granek

Introductions of the members took place and Brian and Joanne began their presentation of Community Council Member's Handbook. It was noted that Joanne Granek helped with the Community Council Members' Handbook. Review and feedback on the Handbook's content took place.

3. Review of the Agenda and Approval of the minutes from the January 22, 2014 meeting

Amendment to the 'Draft' Agenda: move item 8. "Recruiting, nominations and re-appointments" to item 7. Reports and also add: Self-Advocate Conference. Agenda approved as amended. Amendment to the minutes of January 22, 2014: under Item 6 "Reports" - change made: "Disability **White** Paper Consultation"

Motion

It was moved by Marie Sabine, seconded by Claudia Meyerman, to approve the minutes of January 22nd, as amended.

Carried Unanimously

4. Thank you to Karen Virtue

Karen's term as a Community Council member expired. The Chair and the Council expressed their appreciation for the work and the time Karen devoted to the Council.

5. Trial Community Council Orientation Session: Saturday, March 8: 9 am to 2pm:

A trial of the new Community Council Orientation will take place on Saturday, March 8, 2014. The Surrey/Delta/White Rock Community Council will have the opportunity to discuss the

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new orientation process for new members. Some questions arise as: Will each Community Council member do an orientation on their own or will the orientation be done as a group?

6. Community Action Employment Plan: October 2014

The Mark Wafer presentation that took place on October 1, 2013 was a successful event. Building on the success of this event, on February 21, 2014 the original local organizing core met to begin a plan for this year's event (slated for October 7, 2014). The theme for the event will be a recognition and awards night for those Employers who have already employed people with disabilities. It was explained that more employers should be approached to help with employment of individuals with development disabilities and new partnerships have to be built but events like this will help to achieve the goals of the Employment Action Plan. This event is also an opportunity to recognize the benefits of employment to individuals with developmental disabilities. Other Rotary Clubs and institutions like the Delta Corporation should be invited to the table.

7. Reports:

- Monthly Chair Teleconference: February 27, 2014
- Recruiting, nominations and re-appointments:
 - Congratulations to Vernon Hudson who became a Community Council member.
 - Brent Leksens cannot continue on Community Council. His term expires at the end of the March, 2014. Vice chair nomination will wait until next month. All CC members to read the Handbook to see what the Vice Chair does and then the nomination can take place at the next CC meeting.
 - Claudia Meyerman's term also expires on the end of the March, 2014.
- Claudia Meyerman reported on the Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) Submission to Disability White Paper Consultation. The top 4 items for the submission were housing, social inclusion, employment and transportation. Voting Community Council members present unanimously endorsed being added to the PAC white paper submission.
- Sharon reported that the Community Relations facilitator is to identify what are the greatest needs. Is it housing, social networks, etc.?

Motion

It was moved by Vicki Stratton and seconded by Marie Sabine that the Surrey/Delta/White Rock Council be added to the PAC submission.

Carried Unanimously

- Self-Advocate Conference (March 12, 2014) – Onkar Biring will attend and communicate with Sharon on possibility of another Council member attending. This would fit into a 'listening' exercise, which we have outlined in the Work Plan.

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8. Work Plan Review and Action:

Sharon and Edwina explained that they had reviewed the 'draft' Work Plan 2013-2015 in order to help expedite the Council members' review process. The plan was presented with new information, and 'struck-out' information so that everyone could view the changes. Council members made suggestions and amendments were made. Alison suggested that new Council members should be recruited in Delta so we get a mixture of members. The Council will try "shared chair" meetings for one year in order to ensure a smooth transition from one chair to another, when required. Unfortunately, due to time constraints, the Chair tabled continuing on this item until the March 26, 2014 meeting.

9. Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.