



## North Region Community Council Meeting

Date: January 17, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

**Present:** Gord Robertson, Vincent Sherry, Colleen Tuson, Sheryl Demers, Eldon Carter, Penny Soderena-Sutton Lisa Peters, Sweetie Sanghera Ann Lewis

**Guest:** Anita Clegg

**Regrets:** Justin Pylatuk, Debbie Still

<b>AGENDA TOPICS</b>	
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	Sheryl motioned the minutes from the November 21, 2014 meeting be accepted as presented. Colleen seconded the motion: all in favor. <p style="text-align: right;"><b><u>CARRIED</u></b></p>
Additions to the Agenda	Nothing to add
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
<b>Managers Report Sweetie Sanghera</b>	Sweetie spoke to Pat, nothing is pressing at this time, moving forward and at the next meeting she will have a report. Gord welcomed Sweetie on behalf of the Council.
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
<b>Chair Report Gord Robertson</b>	<p>Not much to report, not much going on over the holiday. Gord sat on 2 council chair conference calls. The new communications director Randy Schmidt holds a strong personal interest in inclusion. On the Nov 27<sup>th</sup> call, some clients received a satisfaction survey through an Independent organization. Sylvie Zebroff, the liaison between CLBC and council, has provided council with conference call numbers. It is on all TOR's. Gord read reports from many of the other council's and the common theme was difficulty recruiting. Special chair conference call with the new CEO. Gord has invited Soenag McCrae to one of our meetings.</p> <p>Gord discussed we might consider attending meetings in the different areas of the North to hold a meeting once or twice a year. Open house meeting to invite and have potential recruits.</p> <p>Will discuss holding a community meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> weekend in either Dawson Creek and or FSJ. Will discuss holding a meeting in the NW by June.</p> <p>Will hold February's meeting on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>. Please let Ann know by Feb 13<sup>th</sup> if you are going to attend/call in and Chair/Manager will make a decision by Feb 17<sup>th</sup> whether or not to proceed with Feb meeting. PG members can attend</p>

	the office and others will call in.		
	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
	How to update council websites Contact Caitlyn Sassaman to help out	Gord will contact Sylvie and will contact Caitlyn to assist with the community meetings	Next meeting
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
PAC Sheryl Demers	Nothing yet to report from PAC, Sheryl will be attending next week. PAC chair is stepping down from PAC.		
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
Work Plan	Going forward, as part of round table, all items that pertain to the work-plan, please sure these are populated in the work-plan. This will be a standing item on the agenda.		
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Committee Discussion	<p><b><u>Membership Committee</u></b> Colleen Tuson, Vince Sherry Colleen and Vince had to cancel the meeting, as per the TOR recruit Vote on Anita Clegg – Colleen made a motion to have Anita Clegg join community council, Penny seconded the motion, all in favor – none opposed - CARRIED. Ann will send Anita CRR to complete. DRO will be in the PG office on January 26<sup>th</sup> to sign off letters. Welcome Anita - Gord said ideally we would like to recruit from Terrace, Prince Rupert, Burns Lake any of the communities in the N.W. From the Peace any representation from that area as well.</p> <p><b><u>Self Advocate Committee</u></b> Eldon Carter, Penny Soderena-Sutton, Penny discussed holding a self-advocate conference - Colleen has stepped down from this committee</p> <p><b><u>Community Awareness Committee</u></b> Debbie Still, Gord Robertson, Justin Pylatuk Have not met, will definite be very active on the out of town meetings.</p>		
	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
	New phone list Ann will send out a full binder to Anita	Ann	Next meeting
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
<b><u>Round Table</u></b>	<p><b>Lisa</b> – Quiet over here, girls turned 16 over the holidays one is studying for her drivers, lots of writing and lots of snow shoeing. CDC fundraiser in Quesnel at the campus.</p> <p><b>Gord</b> – very quiet Christmas. Big news is recruitment, staff has finally happening, a 28 year old started last night, has worked with someone with similar needs as Bree. She has worked at Exploration Place so has some good info there. She could lift Bree. She starts next Thursday. Another lady 49, has no experience, “she is interested in making a difference in a young woman’s lives” she read it and she said I think it would be good for my soul.</p>		

She is coming back tomorrow. They do two interviews, one without Bree and one with Bree. She has a couple of kids of her own, a grandson, a blended family. Going to Vegas in April, Colleen is going with them as a helper/friend. Bree and Gord are volunteering at the winter games, doing 5 sessions with wheelchair basketball and table tennis. Olympics will not be in Prince George for another 26 years.

**Eldon** – still plugging away at his new job, detailing vehicles for RCMP and his lumber job. They are holding a late New Year's Eve shin-dig to start the year off right. Special Olympics are going to Kelowna.

**Sheryl** – Just got back from the Mayan Riviera where they had a wonderful time; house Reno's almost complete. Sheryl discussed her 2 businesses, National Power Strips listed as a medical device for pain. And Sheryl's skin solutions. Excited for son Shawn and his power point presentation CKPG interviewed and shared the recognition her family received on Facebook regarding this. Shawn is working 4 hours a week at Ace courier. Sheryl is going to be a grandmother in June. Sheryl and family are seeking people to join their micro-board.

**Colleen** – One business with the ministry has opened a second bed resource. Her other 5 bed resource is going good, has been approached for another single bed resource. CLBC brought on board a woman she has worked with and will look at more contracts with CLBC. Is going to Mexico in a few weeks. She is having issues with her Chihuahua having separation anxiety and has been put on medication.

**Penny** – Penny husband's mom passed shortly before Christmas so they cancelled their plans to go there. Instead they invited the elder lady down stairs to join them. New Year's Eve event; went to a great Arabian night at a local restaurant and had their pictures taken. In her self-advocate role, was asked to attend another self-advocates for Christmas – Penny passed this on to others to attend. Still works at the snack shop at AiMHi and is training 2 others to work there, one is a program manager. Now she has back up for when she is away on vacation. She also runs the toy library at AiMHi.

**Anita** – Anita and her husband live in Smithers, owned and operated a fishing lodge, husband retired a few years ago. Their son has Downs Syndrome and they have an older daughter who is married. She has 3 grandchildren close to her; another son is a jazz guitarist living in Vancouver. Anita is finding it a challenge to find and establish a micro-board but is considering the process very lucky. Gone back to work for a pre-school teacher. Life is going off on 100 different directions. Has a sister living in Smithers with MS and is very much working towards having her community inclusive and accessible.

**Sweetie** – Is just in her first few weeks on the new job; lots to learn but is keeping fairly busy. Trying to learn how she fits in. Her family is still in Vancouver, but is looking for a home here. Sweetie is having a Lohri party tonight – this celebrates new beginnings. Aside from that she is very busy planning her daughter wedding in June in Prince George.

**Ann** – Tonight is my New Year's eve celebration. Work has been very busy with new Manager, new Facilitator in Smithers, (Mat Leave) and staff

returning from STADD.

**Debbie** – emailed submission read by Gord. I have put in a request to the District Of Vanderhoof concerning accessible washrooms in Riverside Park and should have some kind of response by the Feb. meeting. Have a great day tomorrow!

Thank you for your suggestion for washrooms at Riverside Park. The District has been looking at installing new accessible washrooms at Riverside, these are on our list of upgrades for the park. We are looking at building a washroom similar to the one at Ferland Park. Unfortunately I cannot provide a date for when this will be completed. We are hoping that it will be within the next two years.

ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

Next meeting: February 21, 2015 starting at 9:30 am