



North Region Community Council Meeting

Date: January 18, 2014
 Time: 9:30 am – pm
 Dial In information: 1-877-353-9184
 Conference ID: 8408132#

Present: Barb Warkentine, Sheryl Demers, Ryan Taylor, David Johnston, Justin Pylatuk, Terry Robertson, Pat Marshall, Ann Lewis

Guest: None

Regrets: Ann Peltier, Willie Neal, Eldon Carter, Sharon Taylor, Vincent Sherry.

AGENDA TOPICS			
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	David Johnston motioned the minutes of the November 16, 2013 meeting be accepted, Justin Pylatuk seconded the motion. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>		
Additions to the Agenda	None		
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Managers Report – Pat Marshall	White paper discussion to Terry, the council welcomed Pat back after an extended absence. Pat did not have a report for this meeting but states its business as usual.		
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Chair Report – Barb Warkentine	Not much to share at this time.		
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Strategic Plan	This will now be a standing agenda item, to be updated at each meeting. Previous minutes will be discussed for follow up items to be added to the Strategic Plan. There was discussion on alternating holding council meetings in alternating communities – Terrace, Smithers, Fort St John and Dawson Creek. Will continue this discussion at January's meeting. Also more discussion in January will be CLBC's Public Relations to arrange speaking engagements with various stakeholders.		
White paper – Terry Robertson	The provincial Government has created a website for people in BC to be part of the public consultation process, as well as organizing a series of public consultation events. The website is located at http://engage.gov.bc.ca/disabilitywhitepaper/ . (It		

	<p>can be found on the tab “White Paper Process” on the homepage)</p> <p>"Whether living independently, landing that dream job, mastering life skills or competing in the Paralympics, people with disabilities are living independent, full lives – but there is more that can be done to reduce barriers and increase accessibility. Whether you’re someone living with a disability, or a friend, family member, neighbor, employer or co-worker, you’re invited to share your thoughts about how government, businesses and communities can better support people with disabilities to fully participate in our communities.</p> <p>There are many different ways you can participate in the conversations .Your comments and ideas will inform the development of a White Paper – a document that will reflect the voice of British Columbians.</p> <p>This White Paper will form the foundation of a Summit to be held in June 2014 on the issues facing people with disabilities in British Columbia. Community Consultations in Prince George will be on: Tue Jan 21 - 7-9:30 PM (register) and Wed Jan 22 - 9:30-Noon (register)</p>						
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Terry – PAC	<p>The next PAC meeting will be January 25, 2014, business meeting on the Friday night and meeting on the Saturday and other schedules of meetings throughout the year. Terry will take the handbook discussion to PAC and will see what decision the board came to with regards to approving membership at local levels. Terry explained the roles and responsibilities of PAC.</p>						
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HANDBOOK discussion	<p>Discussion on inviting Joanne Granek to the February meeting. Barb will connect with Brian and Joanne as feedback for the handbook is due by the middle of March. Some comments from the council members are: it’s not written in plain language and too long. Bullet form feedback from the council to Joanne. Supporting documentation for training purposes. QS must also be engaged in council not just CPD. LOTS of repetitiveness. CPD admin to update N drive with minutes, terms of appointments. Presented in a binder with tabs, maybe it’s the set up, Terry will take our responses to the next PAC meeting.</p>						
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Meeting dates for February – March N.I.C.E. Conference	<p>February 22, 2014 - 9:30am. March 15th will be the Marches meeting date</p> <p>March 28-29, 2014 cancelled N.I.C.E. conference as there is not enough time to go into it to make it a successful. Too many people leaving to make this work.</p>						

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Committee Reports	<p>New incoming members will have to work on the terms of reference. Suggestion WORK BC to come in and provide support and training for new</p> <p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS.</u></p> <p>1. <u>Self Advocate /Employment Committee</u> David Johnston, Eldon Carter, Sheryl Demers Have not met, Suggestion WORK BC to come in and provide support and training for new council. Ann Lewis to fan out contact name.</p> <p>2. <u>Community Awareness Committee</u> Ann Peltier, Ryan Taylor, Terry Robertson, More accessibility – wheelchair and walkers are not able to access businesses</p> <p>3. <u>Membership Committee</u> Sharon Taylor, Vince Sherry Discussion on letter to send out to Service Providers for recruitment. Vince and Sharon will connect with Caitlyn Sassaman for wording on the letter. Recruit their own replacement, in the next two weeks. SAS Ann will discuss with Vancouver for a template letter of recruitment, Terry to contact folks in Vanderhoof, Quesnel.</p>		
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ROUND TABLE	<p><u>Barb</u> – PGTRA had the first meeting of the year. Another successful year, program is growing 3 nights a week. Good core group to do the work, website will be updated. Accident with her brand new car, the other car ran the red light, she was not hurt. Christmas was good. Working with people with disabilities is the best.. how do we keep the drive going and recruit people.</p> <p><u>Ryan</u> – Nothing much – went to Kelowna for Christmas. Had a great time – no snow.. gift cards are amazing</p> <p><u>Sheryl</u> – Sheryl shared her experiences from New York, she shared her experiences/issues with CRC's for Microboards. Special Olympics information was shared. Sheryl has been asked to do a radio blurb Adventures seekers from CNC. Sheryl will add this to the Strategic plan for next month.</p> <p><u>David</u> – travelling lots. People First editorial board meeting in Vancouver. BC self adv foundation board. Sub committees through inclusion BC. They are the ones who partnership with employment 3 regions Kamloops Victoria lower mainland. If goes well they will add 4 and the north will be one. Involved with summit lead employment initiative – this involves getting ready to do presentations chamber and schools city council. David will give reports next time he is back. Christmas was good. Busy, busy.</p> <p><u>Terry</u> – Terry's dad passed away, work is really busy, families with complicated and complex issues. Terry is involved with parents support group, and discussed some further support groups – Fred Ford attending in March, STADD director is coming in February, to she may be setting up, she will let us know. Gord RDSP workshops – lots of changes, Terry/Gord will</p>		

report at the next meeting. Community Living collation – inclusion BC trying to pull together to discussion issues.
Justin- Christmas was wonderful, got a “onesie” lol, interesting application for registration tax refund for fuel tax refund, person with disability working up to \$500. Per year, will back date it. Beneficiary of national authority – they will go back 10 years reviewing your income tax to give \$ owed if any. Justin will send the link to Ann. New job – selling cell phones. Booth in the mall, suit and tie job. Went to Justin Timberlake concert in Edmonton.

NEXT MEETINGS

Next meeting: February 22, 2014. 9:30 am
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