



South Island Community Council Meeting

Date: June 22, 2010

220 – 4460 Chatterton Way, Victoria

Present:

David Steeves (Chair), Louise Doucet, Bill Hustler, Carol Antoine, Kam Judge, Rosemary Juszko, Kristen Kay, Bev Kissinger, Mike Langridge, Nigel Livingston, Roger Palmer, Sharon Sinclair, Mary Valeriote.

Regrets:

Mary Emmond, Michael Hayes, Lesley Lambert, Manager Community Planning & Development, Nina Linguanti, QSO Manager; David MacPherson, Director of Regional Operations.

AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Acceptance of the current agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order • Motion to accept agenda by Sharon Sinclair. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seconded: Rosemary Juszko o Carried • Motion to adopt minutes of May 2010 meeting by Bill Hustler. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seconded: Louise Doucet. o Carried
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Presentation & Discussion, Carol Antoine	<p>Carol Antoine: The History of the Sencoten Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol introduced herself through a moving drumming and chanting presentation. • She provided a background on her own family history and highlighted several important points related to the First Nations communities, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o In 1951 the Indian Act changed and First Nations children were apprehended from their homes at age 5. This is how residential schools came into existence. The First Nations people are still trying to heal from the resulting grief, loss and sexual abuse. They do so through their Longhouse, music and dance. o There are 25,000 aboriginal children in care in Canada; 6,000 in BC alone. Of all children in care in Canada, 30% are aboriginal. o In 1980 First Nations communities had their fishing and hunting rights taken away – these were reinstated in 1990. o Those on reserves are a ward of the federal government, and as such are unable to get loans because they have no collateral. o Given that reserves fall under federal jurisdiction,

	<p>support from CLBC must be requested; CLBC cannot go to them. Even then, one has to move off the reserve to receive this support. Carol spoke of the challenges of finding, connecting and communicating with those on the reserves who may support children with disabilities. Building trust is a significant challenge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jordan's Principle – A child living on a reserve required support, but this was not provided by MCFD, Ministry of Health or Indian & Northern Affairs; the child passed away. A law has since been passed that states that Indian & Northern Affairs must care for these children, but implementation is slow. • Council members asked: what traditions would help us to understand more and generally, what can SICC do? Carol suggested that Council have Donna Goodwater (CLBC staff) come in and meet with Council. David Steeves will follow up. • Carol works for Nil Tuo, an organization funded by Indian & Northern Affairs, and they have social workers who work with families. She stated that the prevention work is most challenging. • Carol and her husband work with First Nations children, taking them canoe racing. Through this process they work on teaching positive identification, self esteem, care for the environment and care for oneself. Between 30-60 children participate. • Carol generously shared salmon with council – thank you! 						
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Planning Session Report	David Steeves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report was provided to council members prior to the meeting and can be found in the Meeting Minutes binder. • Several good suggestions are identified in the report. • Bill Hustler suggested that the report be on the CLBC website. David is meeting with CLBC staff soon and will discuss at that time. • A motion to adopt the report was made by Rosemary Juszko. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seconded by Kam Judge. ○ Motion carried. 						
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Self Advocates Conference update	Mike Langridge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Self Advocates conference was held on June 16, 2010. Over 125 people attended and by all accounts it was a great success. The self advocate that traveled the longest distance 						

	<p>to attend came from 100 Mile House.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were workshops on antibullying, leadership, making friends and deinstitutionalization; Bill Hustler commented on the high level of participation by self advocates in the workshop sessions. Other parts of the conference included music, t-shirts, karaoke, door prizes and registration gift bags. • Mike particularly enjoyed the “labels” exercise that was part of the antibullying session. His favourite speakers were Fred Ford and Peter Bourne, who spoke about deinstitutionalization. • The conference provided a great opportunity to meet new people and network. • Discussion took place around the amazing artwork that resulted from the conference and plans for where it may end up. • Caitlyn Sassamans has written articles for both The Citizen and Possibilities Now regarding the conference. • Mike read a letter thanking Council for their financial support in the conference. • The Victoria Self Advocates have also received a \$ 2500.00 grant to develop a learning game for self advocates, one that will contain Canadian content. Once completed copies will be provided to the Self Advocate groups in BC. • Kristen announced that Mike has been nominated and accepted to sit on the BC People First Board of Directors, representing the South and Central Island. 		
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Committee Reports	<p>Membership & Planning – David Steeves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David will be attending the Annual Meeting with other Council Chairs and CLBC staff on Saturday, June 26th. There is a set agenda; the first part of the meeting will involve a review of each Council’s annual report and information from each Council Chair. The second part of the meeting is centered around Community Engagement; it will begin with a report from CLBC staff and then involve small group discussion. • David asked council members for input on the community engagement piece; is there specific information that Council would like shared or to receive from this part of the meeting? Council members expressed concern regarding what information families and service providers have received in relation to transition and service redesign; it is not clear what message stakeholders are receiving, how the message is being delivered and how it is being interpreted. <p>Communications Committee – Roger Palmer (Meeting minutes provided)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed committee meeting minutes from June 21, 2010 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A distribution list has been developed to provide other agencies with articles and information for possible inclusion in their newsletters; it is attached to the Communication Committee meeting minutes. Council members provided the names of other agencies to add to the list. Please let Roger know if there are any others that should be added. • Bill suggested that the Council may want to think about adding meeting minutes to emails that are sent out to other agencies. • It was also suggested that the Communications Committee may want to look at having Caitlyn’s recent article distributed in other media outlets , such as the Times Colonist and the Black Press. Roger will follow up. <p>Families Committee – Bev Kissinger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee had a meeting on June 15th • Minutes from the recent Meet & Greet in Sooke were distributed. They provide an overview of those who attended (i.e. family members, caregivers, etc), issues identified as “working” and “not working” and suggestions/recommendations. • The Family Committee will host a meeting in the fall to address issues around aging in our community. Letters will be sent to every family who receives support through CLBC. The Committee will be including Michael Hayes and his connections with UVic in developing this meeting. • Mary Valeriotte will be leaving Council (and thus the Family Committee) in January 2011. It is important in moving forward that Council looks at an appropriate replacement and someone who can be a part of the Family Committee. 						
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New Business	<p>Council Member Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 5.8 of the Council Member’s Manual – just a reminder that as a Community Council Member you are able to access professional development opportunities, as they relate to and enhance the work you do on Council. This would need to be built into the budget, but is something to keep in mind. • Kristen noted that the South Island Education Committee is hosting a speaker on September 27th to address the topic of Change in Community Living. She will circulate the details of this session to Council. <p>CLBC Social Media Feasibility Study – Nigel Livingston (written document provided previously)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CanAssist is conducting a study for CLBC regarding the accessibility of social media for their clients. This includes any web based media such as Facebook, Twitter, blogs, UTube, etc. They will be looking at barriers, accessibility, risk, etc. Information that CanAssist has requested from the Council includes: 1) general ideas/input 						

2) ideas for the contents of the survey and
3) suggestions of who they can connect with (i.e. agencies, individuals, etc) who may be interested in participating in the survey. It was suggested that perhaps Robin Syme of CanAssist could speak to Council at a later date.

Other:

- Kam Judge, new to the SICC, would like to join one of the Committees. She would also be happy to attend any of the Committee meetings to bring a cultural perspective. Kristen noted that the Self Advocates Committee always has room and Bev indicated that a multicultural perspective would benefit the Families Committee. Bev and Kam agreed to connect.
- A schedule of 2010/2011 meeting dates was distributed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm Moved by Roger Palmer 2nd by Sharon Sinclair

NEXT MEETING

Date: September 28, 2010 Time: 5:00 p.m. Location: 220 – 4460 Chatterton Way, Victoria, B.C.