



Region Community Council Meeting

Date: June 21, 2014

Time: 900 am

Present: Gord Robertson, Colleen Tuson, Debbie Still, , Truly Shearing-Berge, Ann Lewis

Regrets: Vince Sherry

No Show's: Eldon Carter, Penny Soderena-Davies, Justin Pylatuk

AGENDA TOPICS	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda accepted. • Not a quorum again, suggested we do an email to all council members to have the last 3 sets of minutes approved via email vote.
Additions to the Agenda	None.
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Managers Report Truly Shearing-Berge	Dawson Creek office has a back fill coming for 6 weeks. July 7 th – Aug 14 th . Enjoying meeting the managers and Senior Contract Coordinators working on new policy and to get clear understanding across the province. Truly and Pat spent a lot of time together to go over roles, looking at more training for North staff and moving forward with this. Hired facilitators for Smithers and Prince Rupert both start in July and are half time positions, Dave Sutton in Quesnel is Retiring and the position has been posted. NEW CEO – start date is in August, will be releasing the information next week on who it is. Its understood this person has a lot of history being in the role of CEO, worked with persons with disabilities extensively, and is reported to be very personable. Doug will provide a lot of training, not sure what his role is going to be after that. Truly has committed to come to Prince George one week a month during her acting manager role.
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Chair Report Gord Robertson	<p>Community Council Chairs Meeting:</p> <p>Community Council Recruitment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the meeting in Vancouver June 6-8, community building for everyone workshop for people with developmental disabilities, facilitator from Vancouver - Joe Erpenbeck spoke on random acts of kindness in the community, encourage self advocates to do this to

	<p>draw attention to them to show everyone they are also a member of the community. Contribute – part of being a citizenship is contributing to the community as a whole. How do we build inclusive communities, you cannot wait for others to invite us in, you have to knock on the door and ask for involvement. ABCD Asset based community development what gifts can we contribute, talk about positive assets, even if it is great smiles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairs conference call – May 		
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	Add Council recruitment as a standing agenda item	Truly	Prior to next CC meeting
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<p>PAC Meeting – June 6 and 7th, 2014 Sheryl Demers</p>	<p>Welcoming remarks from Doug Woollard: Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Where do we want to take the roll of councils ➤ Regarding quality improvement, if mistakes are made we should be learning from them; ➤ We need to look had how we shape our communication; This year created the \$100,000 dollar scholarships, over 150 applicants for 30 seats; currently under review ➤ Individualized funding is an option ➤ Looking at strategies around aging parents ➤ More work in the Transitioning youth to adults ➤ Our goal is for people to feel they have been fairly treated ➤ There is an internal review with regard to “Home Sharing” ➤ Should have ability to choose service provider that best meets their needs ➤ Looking ahead <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We want individuals and families to know what they can expect from us ○ We are currently servicing 16500 individuals ○ Enhancing engagement with Aboriginal Communities ○ Fostering employment to have a job like everyone else <p>Denise Turner: Then spoke and in summary: CLBC – who are the customers – remember we exist because of them Focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What they need ➤ How do we serve them ➤ How do we improve ➤ Learn from our mistakes, not repeating again and again ➤ Create a culture of better integration <p>Reviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How we do reviews, the complaints process etc. ➤ Stressed that we do not have all the answers 		

- We conduct meetings in public places to provide transparency
- Six meetings yearly, two of these are out of town

Denise thanked all council members in the group who have retired for their contributions over their terms.

Jack Styan

Spoke about the Strategic Plan – which is to be completed by November 2014 He had each table do an exercise in which we individually had to rank without discussion initiatives that were listed on a worksheet he provided. We could add to the list an initiative we felt should be added, but then would need to remove one that was already there. Then we discussed our choices with the group and had to come to a consensus with the group the order of priority from most important to least important.

Joe Erpenback and co-presenters took us through a series of discussions about assumptions we make in our neighborhood.

In summary it was all about people connections, fitting in and being part of community. Everyone has gifts, gifts of the heart, gift of the hands, gifts of the head and can contribute and you do not need to have challenges to feel lonely. We all need to feel a part of our community regardless. So the value of this was that we can go back to our communities and in our projects we can create inclusion “intentionally”. Cynthia Page talked about creating gardens in spaces through the community where people came together and shared. It was not so much about growing food but about connecting people with the same passion or about people just having a place to go to be included. Another speaker Brittany talked about a camera project where people were given cameras to take pictures in and around the community and then posted later and everyone could see what was in and around the community they lived in and this brought people closer together. So as a community we can effect change in a positive way.

For my first time it was exciting to meet others from across the province and to feel a real connection to them, with common passions and goals.

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Committee Discussion	<p><u>Membership Committee</u> Colleen Tuson, Vince Sherry Gord explained the process to the guest and other new members. At this time we have no representation from FSJ or anyone west of Vanderhoof. Discussed the paper from Caitlyn Sassaman on making a difference for persons with developmental disabilities.</p>		
	<p><u>Self Advocate and Employment Committee</u> Eldon Carter, Penny Soderena-Sutton, Colleen Tuson</p>		
	<p><u>Community Awareness Committee</u> Debbie Still, Gord Robertson, Justin Pylatuk</p>		
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PPT Governance/Work Plan Pick dates for the September 2 day meeting (Friday night and all day Saturday)	<p><i>Presentation on Governance and structure. This will be presented in September when we are up to a full compliment and devote a full day to this; a Friday night session and a Saturday morning for the PPT Governance and the afternoon complete the work plan.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that Council will choose the date for this session via email poll – once the PAC meeting is set so there is no conflict. It was also agreed that the meeting needs to be set by the end of June. 		
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2014/2015 Meeting Dates	<p>September’s meeting date will result from replies of availability from an email to all council members. It was discussed to continue to hold the remainder of the meetings on the 3rd weekend of the month. Oct 18th, Nov 15th, December – NO MEETING, January 17th, February 21st, March 21st and April 18th. These will be discussed and confirmed at Septembers meeting</p>		
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Joy of working workshop	<p>Motion was sent out via email to approve sending council member(s) to attend: Community Living BC in partnership with Smart Options & Williams Lake Association for Community Living</p> <p>“Joy of Working” & Two day Business Boot Camp Training in Williams Lake and Kamloops</p>		
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<u>Round Table</u>	<p>Gord – Gord is officially retired but still has not come to grips with this. He and his wife (and former council member Terry) went on a vacation following Council Chairs and PAC meeting. They went to Vegas and Utah for week. Breanna is doing well, they applied for a new power hospital bed (no more cranking) and are looking forward to that, this was partially funded by CLBC. They are concerns about the other kids playing with the buttons and making Breanna a “taco” lol. Breanna is going with Colleen to the Williams Lake Stampede next week with a couple of other service providers; this will be her 8th years. They are going to the lake for 10 days in July and then a trip to Edmonton in early August to visit son and daughter-in-law.</p> <p>Debbie – Our business is starting to pick up, we had a full house again this week. Debbie’s husband bear guides and Debbie went out with him on Thursday to help take down bear camps. They are working on the new cabin</p>		

hoping to complete in September and the fishing is starting to go great. Thunder has a job paper shredding in town, the company includes him as an employee. City council meeting is working on getting a community centre – there has been no funding for 10 years, they can't wait that long, proposal was to have the city purchase the space, and the people who uses it will promote the funding.. this is a long process and is moving forward slowly. Is going to take a road trip to see what Smithers as a Grendal Group. Is planning a coffee group inviting all folks to come and see what they are all about. Wednesday June 25th 2-4.

Colleen – 30 years working with community living, right now main business high risk youth group home. Gets children from CYSN, developmental trauma. Just got back from Kelowna, is scheduled for cataract surgery and is looking forward to this. Colleen has 2 children aged 22 and 24 yrs old. Daughter is graduating from high school.

Sheryl – Told her storey to the guest, of her life and life with the council, her first trip to PAC was very rewarding. She explained Microboard with her son, and is very happy with this decision. Lots more independence with this. Prior to having the Microboard, the family kept him busy with Special Olympics and therapeutic riding and jumping poles. But realized as they all go older they needed more, wished they had gone in this direction sooner. Networking is huge

Truly – lots going on with her assuming the role of Acting CPD manager and is finding it a bit difficult to keep up. Dawson has a facilitator to come and back fill for 6 weeks from July 7 – Aug 14. Enjoying meeting the managers and Senior Contract Coordinators working on new policy and to get clear understanding across the province. Truly and Pat spent a lot of time together going over roles, looking at more training for north staff, moving forward with this. Hired facilitators for Smithers and Prince Rupert both .5 positions will both start in July. Dave Sutton from Quesnel is retiring and the position has been posted. NEW CEO – start date is in August, will be releasing the information next week on who it will be. This person has a lot of history being in the role of CEO, worked with persons with disabilities extensively, very personable. Doug will provide a lot of training, not sure what his role is going to be after that.

Karen – Guest here seeing what council is all about and 4 children, youngest has a developmental disability. She is also a grandmother of 3, the latest one arrived last week.

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Next meetings:

September 27, 2014 9:00 am