

Surrey – Delta – White Rock Community Council

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Community Council Meeting Wednesday, June 25th, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.

Present: Edwina Jeffrey (chair), Onkar Biring, Cindy Bain, Vernon Hudson, Wendi Mackintosh, Laila Karim, Alison Scholefield and Vicki Stratton

Regrets: Claudia Meyerman

CLBC Staff: Sharon Rose, CLBC CPD manager
Rachel Hopcott, community engagement facilitator
Josefina Marchetti, recorder

1. Call to order

The Council got together at 6:00 p.m. for an early start and had a working dinner. The Chair called the session to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and accepted, as circulated.

Review and approval of the minutes of May 28th, 2014

Motion

It was moved by Alison Scholefield, seconded by Cindy Bain, to approve the minutes of May 28th, 2014, as circulated. *Carried Unanimously*

3. Review of the annual report

The Council reviewed the annual report. The Chair asked for two more items for the highlights section of the document. The members agreed that Item 1 and item 2 of the Work Plan Goal #1 should be added as highlights. Changes and grammatical errors will be done and sent to members by email for review. Final copy will be sent before the August 1 deadline.

4. Recruiting, nominations and re-appointments

a. Council evaluation of skills form

This document is a summary of the skills and demographic information that each member brings to the Council. The document has been created to assist the Councils keep track of the skills their members have and/or the skills they are lacking for recruiting purposes. The Chair distributed a sample filled with her information and asked the members to complete their information and send it to her. Our Council should be looking to recruit up to five people.

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b. Nomination of new member

The Chair received an application from Zorica Medved, a self-advocate. Zorica completed all the necessary documents and her criminal record check was completed. A motion was done to nominate Zorica, the next step will be to send the nomination to the Director, Regional Operations for the Fraser region.

Motion

It was moved by Onkar Biring, seconded by Cindy Bain, to nominate Zorica Medved as a Surrey/Delta/White Rock Community Council member. *Carried Unanimously*

c. Vice-chair vacancy

The position for Vice-chair is still vacant. None of the current members feel to have enough experience to assume the position. The members discussed the possibility of recruiting a new member specifically for this position; this way, the Council can look for a member with the skills needed to take over the Vice-chair position. The Council will further discuss this item at a future meeting.

5. Work plan review and action

• Volunteers to form committees

The Chair informed the Council that she will revise the work plan and will email the complete, up-to-date document to all the members. In the meantime, the Chair and members discussed the possibility of having small Committees set up to take over the different topics. Not all the volunteers need to be Community Council members; the Council is allowed to get volunteers from different sources (i.e. School District, CLBC facilitators, DiverseCity and other community service agencies, etc. In order to accomplish this, the Council asked for suggestions from the members. Some of the suggestions were to focus on retired professionals, to organize open houses, create awareness via activities in the community, talk to community agencies, etc.

• Review draft calendar of Council speakers

The Chair circulated a calendar for speakers that could attend Community Council meetings. After some discussion, few changes were suggested. The Chair will circulate the revised calendar.

• Community updates

Rachel asked the members if they are receiving her community updates via email. All members are receiving the updates and informed Rachel they are very helpful; the Council would like to continue receiving these updates.

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- **Website maintenance**

Josefina informed that Headquarters has acknowledged the problem that most offices are experiencing with WordPress and the timing of the postings on the CLBC website due to a shortage of staff in the Communications department. Headquarters also confirmed that this issue will soon be solved.

6. Reports

- **Monthly Chairs Teleconference**

The minutes of the Community Councils Chairs Teleconference were distributed. The teleconference was held on May 29, 2014. The Surrey/Delta/White Rock Chair attended the teleconference.

- **Joint Meeting: CLBC Board, Community Council Chairs, Provincial Advisory Committee and CLBC managers.**

The CPD Manager and Chair reported on the June 6 Workshop on Community Building facilitated by Joe Erpenbeck (Building Caring Communities). This workshop was also recorded by graphic facilitators Aaron Johannes (Spectrum Consulting), and self-advocate and Emily Carr College of Art graduate Liz Etmanski.

Also reported was the all-day session, beginning with group analysis of CLBC's Strategic Plan. Each person in the group decided individually how they rated a strategy, then it was discussed and as a group determined which rated high to low. The afternoon session continued with more ideas on community building.

- **"Surrey/Delta Community Action Employment Plan"**

The Chair informed the Council about the event to recognize employers in Surrey, Delta and White Rock. The event is organized by CLBC, The City of Surrey, Measuring Up Committee, Milieu Family Services and the Surrey Rotary. The Chair confirmed the date of the event to be Tuesday, October 7th, 2014. The event will recognize employers who hire and support employees with developmental disabilities. The Committee is still working on the details of the event. The Chair will keep the Council informed about the progress of this event.

- **Updates on "Surrey Crime Reduction Strategy"**

Developmental disabled youth & young adults and the criminal justice system was an initiative that started a few of years ago. CLBC, the Justice System, RCMP, Surrey School District, City of Surrey and other stakeholders got together with a common goal, to prevent youth and young adults with developmental disabilities from getting involved in the justice system, and if they do, the committee wants to see all the parts involved acknowledging that a person with a developmental disability can't be treated

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the same as a regular person that committed a crime. Marie Sabine, former Council Chair, was the Council representative to this committee. Marie sent her regrets as she was supposed to do a presentation on the current developments and the work that is being done. The Chair will send a hard copy of Marie's report to all the members via email. The Chair also asked for a volunteer to replace Marie and join the Committee. The next meeting of this Committee will be held at the City Hall, on October 1st, 2014.

7. Next meeting

Next Community Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 24th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment

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