



North Region Community Council Meeting

Date: March 16, 2013
 Address: #207 1600 15th Avenue,
 Prince George BC V2L 3X3
 Time: 9:30 am – 2:00pm
 Dial In information: 1-877-353-9184
 Conference ID: 8408132#

Present: Barb Warkentine, Shannon Moyle, Sheryl Demers, Terry Robertson, Ann Peltier, Sharon Taylor, Ryan Taylor, Pat Marshall, Ann Lewis

Guest:

Regrets: Eldon Carter, Willie Neal, Justin Pylatuk, Ruth Stanton-Davies, Kris Zemplak, David Johnston

AGENDA TOPICS	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	<p>Ryan Taylor motioned the minutes of the February 23, 2013 meeting be accepted, Terry Robertson seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Correction to the minutes; Terry will attend the March meeting but will not be available for the April Meeting.</p>
Additions to the Agenda	
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Managers Report	<p>Employment.ca – follow up on the website. This is not a job posting site, it is a program to define job shops.</p> <p>Family Independence Fund were given additional 2 million, no information available yet how that will be rolled out, the outstanding requests may eat this up. This fund really served the North well, approximately 20 families benefitted from this with funding vehicles, generators and things of that nature.</p> <p>Budget – approximate year to date balance was given, year-end report will be available at the April meeting.</p> <p>PATH training – Linda Perry is booked for April 27th</p> <p>Community Living British Columbia released a three-year Employment Plan to help increase the number of job opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities who wish to work in their communities. More information can be found at:</p> <p>http://communitylivingbc.ca/2013/03/community-action-employment-</p>

	plan-3/ PWD applications – Individuals only need to take in CLBC assessment form and MSD will use that to approve their PWD. Pat will get more information on this for the next meeting.		
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Chair Report	Barb will send the notes to Ann L to fan out to the Council members.		
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April 26-27 th Planning	Business meeting Friday April 26 th , dinner and Committee breakout meetings at 5:30pm and the regular meeting will start at 6:00pm, Saturday April 27 th meeting/PATH orientation will begin at 9:00 pm		
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Path Training	Linda Perry is confirmed for April 27 th PATH orientation. Send Ann/Pat the name(s) of any self advocate who might be interested in receiving a PATH. Meetings for both Friday night and Saturday will be held at the Coast Inn of the North, and includes dinner on Friday, coffee break refreshments and lunch on Saturday. We invite individuals to attend but we would need to have the consent of the person who is receiving the PATH to ensure they are comfortable with this.		
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PAC	Can we invite		
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Proloquo2Go	Proloquo2Go Proloquo2Go™ is an award-winning Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) solution for i-Pad, i-Phone and i-Pod touch for people who have difficulty speaking or cannot speak at all. There are 3 available for our self advocates use, and you can contact Sharon Taylor to help with training. Shannon will connect with Sharon for this. Please send the names and contact information of anyone you think might benefit having this to Ann L		
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Committee Reports	<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS.</p> <p>1. Self Advocate /Employment Committee Ruth Stanton-Davies, David Johnston, Eldon Carter, Willie Neal, Barb Warkentine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No one from this committee was in attendance <p>Sheryl Demers would like to move to the Self Advocate/Employment Committee.</p> <p>2. Community Awareness Committee Ann Peltier, Ryan Taylor, Terry Robertson, Shannon Moyle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shannon looked into Trade show April 26 & 27, in Smithers and in May for Terrace. Costs are approximately \$700. These are held on the weekends, Council members would be the ones attending. Shannon will contact Caitlyn to send pamphlets, etc. <p>Shannon made a motion for the council to financially support sharing the cost of a table with High Roads at the trade show in Smithers on April 26th and 27th, 2013 with the approximate cost of \$350. Sheryl Demers seconded the motion. The purpose of our council attending is for community awareness, business connections for employment; self advocates will sit at the table. Cost to the public to attend \$2.00 each. Sharon also discussed the summer street fair and Shannon thought it would be a good thing to participate in both. Shannon does not believe there is a cost to attend, but will check out the cost of participating in Smithers Street fair in the summer as well. .</p> <p>All in favor of the motion for the council to financially support sharing the cost of a table with High Roads at the trade show in Smithers on April 26th and 27th, 2013 with the approximate cost of \$350 to be paid from the 2012/2013 budget. This motion is passed.</p> <p>Ann Peltier made a motion for the council to financially support attending the trade show in Terrace April 19, 20 and 21, 2013. The total cost of \$350 will be jointly shared with the Terrace service provider who supports CLBC individuals. Shannon Moyle seconded the motion. All in favor, this motion was passed.</p> <p>Membership Committee Sharon Taylor, Kris Zemlak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One new person will be coming on in May as a community member. 	
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<p>ROUND TABLE</p>	<p>Barb - Ancient Forests of the World, just 45 min from Prince George past Purden Lake. They have built a boardwalk over the last few years; the grand opening this year and it is wheelchair accessible. Barb will let us know when the grand opening date is. The walk is approximately 2 hours, with a waterfall, picnic area. PGTRA held a workshop with 8-10 folks attending. Inclusion works!!!!</p> <p>Shannon High Road has a relationship with recycling company, a good thing for social enterprising. Water bottling company has one individual employed. They also have a kitchen opened and is hoping to use this as a High Road's program for cooking. They are renovating their building to meet the needs as they go along to hopefully incorporate more programs.</p> <p>Sharon – Is going to Cuba and while she is gone her floors in her home will be replace with beautiful hardwood. Her organization now has the most successful newsletter, passed it out to the community. Out of this they revised some programs and will add new ones such as hiking, photo ops and scrapbooking, woodworking, gardening and cooking. Sharon will send this to Ann L to fan out. Cooking has starting in small groups; gardening will start in the spring as well. Sharon will consider putting a table in the trade fair for her organization, she will connect with Shannon on this.</p> <p>Sheryl – Is really enjoying being here and is happy for the move to the employment committee.</p> <p>Ryan – Activities coordinator is helping to try to get more hours for Handy Dart to run longer, we have not heard back yet. Ryan discussed Curb Cuts, better for wheelchair accessibility to get chairs on and off the Handy Dart busses. Ryan will find out if the ED is still on this committee and report back to staff.</p> <p>Terry - Is off to Naramata April 18, PAC meeting on April 5th, the Journey of Family will be on April 11th with discussions regarding the MSD 12 point employment innovation piece. Linda Perry from Vela is coming to Prince George the end of April to do the PATH workshops for CLBC Staff on the 26th, Community Council on the 27th. She is also meeting with families on April 28th for a workshop on "Parents as Employers" and their responsibilities. Discussions will be on how tough it is to let people go, severance pay, wrongful dismissal, hiring process, etc. Terry will send a flyer to Ann to fan out. Terry had a very busy week; she was in Vanderhoof with CLBC Carol Goozh, to meet a family. Had a beautiful trip to Quesnel and met with families and was invited to speak at a support group, to talk on Microboards and IF where 21 people</p>

attended. Terry was invited back to do another presentation. Terry discussed the Quality of Life meeting.

Ann P – Workshop happening today by Terrace and District, regarding Augmented communication and I-Pads. They will be looking at a number of applications and brought in a speaker from Vancouver for this workshop. Ann will report back on this next meeting. The college is no longer available to use their rooms for renting. Pat mentioned other options that could be available. Ann attended her nephews wedding in England, sister and mom went as well. Travel plans didn't go as well as planned but everything worked out. Coming home was much better. Faced-timed the wedding to her family in Canada – she is loving new technology.

Council shared many success stories.

NEXT MEETINGS

Next meeting:

April 26, 5:00 pm and 27th at 9:30 am

The Coast Inn of the North

Prince George BC