

Surrey – Delta – White Rock Community Council

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Community Council Meeting **Wednesday, March 26th, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Alison Scholefield, Edwina Jeffrey, Vicki Stratton, Claudia Meyerman, Marie Sabine, Laila Karim, Vernon Hudson and Wendi Mackintosh

Regrets: Onkar Biring, Cindy Bain

CLBC Staff: Sharon Rose, CLBC CPD Manager
Josefina Marchetti, SAS (Recorder)

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Review of the agenda and approval of the minutes from the February 26th, 2014 meeting

Motion

It was moved by Marie Sabine, seconded by Claudia Meyerman, to approve the agenda, as circulated. *Carried Unanimously*

Motion

It was moved by Marie Sabine, seconded by Vicki Stratton, to approve the minutes of February 26th, 2014. *Carried Unanimously*

3. Thank you to Marie Sabine

Marie Sabine started with the Surrey/Delta/White Rock Community Council back in 2006. Marie has contributed as a Council member, Council Vice-Chair, Council Chair, and PAC representative. She brought to the Council a blend of personal experience, passion, and leadership. Marie expressed her gratitude to the Council and informed that she will continue to work in the community towards a more inclusive society for people with developmental disabilities.

4. Feedback: Trial Community Council Orientation Session: Saturday, March 8, 2014

On Saturday, March 8, 2014, the Surrey/Delta/White Rock Community Council had the opportunity to discuss the new orientation process for new Community Council members. The Chair asked for comments on the session and its content.

The members that attended the session agreed the new Council Handbook is a good document and the idea of a standard orientation process for all members in all the regions will contribute to better understand the Community Council's work and goals.

Some of the members felt that the Council Handbook, orientation process with relevant video, lack a more in depth description of how Councils will align with the work of other

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committees and CLBC and suggest a graph to support this. Also we weren't sure if the orientation process would be done as a group, or individually.

For some members the video was too long and maybe not relevant to parents; for others, it was very emotional and perhaps overwhelming. However, even though hard to watch at times, reminds us not to be complacent.

It was suggested the orientation process could also be used for recruitment of new Council members.

The consensus was that the orientation process is needed and the present process seems to be a good start.

5. Reports

- **Monthly Council Chairs teleconference, February 27th, 2014**

A summary of the teleconference was distributed to all the members.

Items circulated for this teleconference: CLBC Update from David Hurford, Task Force Implementation from Brian Salisbury; Provincial Advisory Committee White Paper submission and Community Council chairs' roundtable (6 Chairs from 6 Community Councils in the Province).

The next Council chairs' teleconference will take place on Thursday, March 27th.

- **Video of Mark Wafer played on CBC**

Vicki Stratton informed the Council that CBC presented a video that lasted several minutes and that featured Mark Wafer and three of his employees with developmental disabilities. The focus of the video was employment for people with developmental disabilities a cause that Mark Wafer is an advocate for.

- **Self-advocate Conference 2014**

Laila Karim was one of the Surrey/Delta/White Rock Council that attended the conference. Laila informed that the conference was very well attended, the presentations were all done by self-advocates, the MC was a self-advocate, the atmosphere was great and the presentations were outstanding and very interesting. The minister of Social Development gave a brief speech via video; MLA Hayer attended the conference. The conference ended with a question and answer period. Overall, this was an outstanding event done by self-advocates for self-advocates.

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

At the February 21st meeting, the Community Council determined that the previous Mark Wafer employment events organized by CLBC, the Council and other community partners, have been very successful and subsequently, an event is planned for October 7, 2014. It will be an Employer Awards and Recognition Night. The partners from the Mark Wafer event are part of the committee: City of Surrey (Measuring Up Committee), Milieu Employment Services, Surrey Rotary and the CLBC staff from Surrey/Delta/White Rock. A draft of the minutes of the meeting was circulated. A meeting was called for March 21st, 2014 (Minutes will be available in April.)

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Some of the Council members mentioned the lack of Delta’s presence in this type of event. Sharon Rose mentioned that CLBC Communication’s department will work towards a meeting with the Corporation of Delta and CLBC to get them more involved.

6. **Recruiting, nominations and re-appointments**

The Chair announced that the Vice-chair position is now vacant and members that are interested can put their names forward or can nominate a fellow Council member. Due to time restraints, this item was tabled to the next Council meeting to take place on April 23rd, 2014. Discussion ensued about the necessary Skill Set for this position.

7. **CLBC Budget information**

Sharon Rose informed that CLBC doesn’t have numbers for its 2014-15’s budget yet. Sharon also referred to the work done in order to recover money which allowed CLBC to serve more individuals. The next fiscal, 2014-15, will be a challenge but CLBC will continue working to achieve the goals that have been set for the different regions. Although it was publicly announced that new money is coming to support CLBC individuals and families, CLBC doesn’t have the numbers yet. Sharon will update the Council as she gets information from the corporate office.

8. **Work Plan review and action (from February 26, 2014)**

Transportation and At Risk Youth/Adults were the two items discussed by the Council at this meeting. Although Marie Sabine’s second term expired, Marie will continue to attend Translink meetings. It was suggested that a self-advocate that is a Council member attend with her. The Council will invite Marie periodically to keep the Council up-to-date on this item.

Another issue the Council identified was transportation in Delta, which continues to be a problem for residents of Ladner, Tsawwassen and North Delta due to the bus schedules and their geographic locations.

The Council will contemplate having Linda McGowan, Consumer Advocacy Manager-MTV Canadian Bus attending a future Council meeting. Linda attended Council meetings in the past to talk about HandyDART and to gather information and feedback. The Work Plan will continue to be reviewed at the next Council meeting; the Work Plan is still in draft form.

9. **Next Meeting**

The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 23rd, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

10. **Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.