



Upper Fraser Community Council Meeting
Date: March 10, 2010
Address: #201-2777 Gladwin Road, Abbotsford, BC
Time: 6:00 pm

Present: Jerry Laidlaw, Kerry Lawson, Cathy Bonnett, Brenda Gillette, Maggie Metcalfe, Heidi Schneider, Bryce Schaufelberger, Sylvia Dirks

Regrets: Jai Birdi, Kathleen Rake

Guest: Cheryl Lewis

AGENDA TOPICS			
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Review of previous meeting minutes & Introductions	Meeting minutes accepted by Brenda and seconded by Maggie, all approved		
	Agenda accepted by Cathy and seconded by Maggie, all approved		
	Cheryl Lewis attended as a guest of Sylvia Dirks, and is a mother of two children with disabilities. She attended the meeting to understand the purpose of, and how the council is involved within the community.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Strategic Planning	The main focus of tonight's meeting was to prepare for the discussion with John Talbot, contracted Facilitator, in regards to the Strategic Planning meeting. John will be working with Community Council members, and had presented three questions for the Council to discuss, for a better understanding of what approach is to be taken in each situation. The questions related to;		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Improving awareness b) Understanding local issues c) Supporting individuals to live better lives within their communities. 		
	Council discussed and recorded their answers/ideas to be submitted at the meeting. Council stated that many changes and lack of funds have impacted both the decisions and directions within the council, as well as in the communities.		
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WOW Program	The WOW (Widening Our World) award is given out yearly to acknowledge various individuals within the community, and to honour the work they have done and their accomplishments. Nominations for individuals or groups must be submitted on the CLBC website before April 4 th , 2010.		
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Supported Decision Making Workshop	The Supported Decision Making Workshop is to be held Saturday, March 27, 2010 at the Garden Park Towers in Abbotsford. This workshop is intended to help resolve "choices" between self advocates, parents, families and caregivers. Registration for the session is to be made through Richard Ashton, Executive Director of MSA Society for Community Living.		
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Upcoming Events	The International Forum on Legal Capacity and Supported Decision Making is being held at the Coast Plaza Hotel in Vancouver on April 15 th and 16 th , 2010. Cam Dore, Executive Director of Healthy Opportunities Society in Abbotsford, will be one of the speakers at the event. Some issues being addressed are; government's recognition of rights, what changes are needed to protect people's rights, and what are responsibilities of various individuals? Information and registration can be found at www.bcacl.org		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
ADJOURNMENT			
8:30 p.m.			
NEXT MEETING			
6:00 p.m. April 13,2010 @ 201-2777 Gladwin St. Abbotsford, BC			