



Prince George and Area Community Council Meeting

Saturday, June 21, 2008

#171, 1600 – 15th Avenue, Prince George, BC

9:10 a.m.

Present:

Bonnie Fallowfield - Chair
Jenny Jones
Jean Scriver

Vicki Pigeon
Bev Currie
Ruth Stanton

Regrets:

Barb Warkentine, Vice Chair
Kris Antrobus
Pat Marshall

Frank Jamin
Terry Robertson

AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Acceptance of Agenda and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes	<p>One amendment to agenda: Bev Currie to be removed from the Members Present list and to remain on regrets list.</p> <p>Motion to accept agenda by Vicky Pigeon Seconded: Ruth Stanton Carried</p>

COUNCIL UPDATES

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Updates from Council Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean reported on the Self-Advocate's Meeting. Penny Soderena-Sutton attended, as well as 13 to 14 other members. Penny did a great job. They are now going to use Seniors Centre for meetings. Vicki assisted self-advocates to set up Penny as speaker and to arrange the Seniors Centre as a neutral place for self-advocates to meet. • Ruth reported on the AGM conference in Vancouver; she attended as a self-advocate. She went to a workshop and the speaker spoke about having a job at a bank. Ruth also mentioned AiMHi's 25th Family Picnic where they are going to sell ice cream, pop and water. • Bev reported that the first group of Teaching Assistants will be taking their practicum this fall in School District 57. This is a Distance

	<p>Program and can be taken part-time over 5 years or can be completed in 2 ½ semesters. A new program is being developed that is employment related – Maximum 15 students. Rosemary Verbeault will be the instructor. Perhaps she could be asked to be guest speaker next year. Discussed Quesnel funding for the following year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonnie reported that she is getting help preparing a proposal for innovation funding. She wants to have workshop “Home Ownership & Registered Disability Savings Plan”. Bonnie advised of Conference “Working Matters” on November 13 and 14 sponsored by the Canadian Association for Supported Employment of Vancouver. Council can use Council Development Funding. 												
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Council Funding Regarding Direction from Doug Woollard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bonnie will send funding documents to all Council members. Clarification is needed as Prince George is not included and whether the information required is for 2009/2010 fiscal period. Council members should record mileage to travel to meetings and start claiming mileage expenses. Also, consideration should be given to remuneration for respite care so Council Members can attend meetings. 		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	E-mail Bonnie regarding her travel expenses for attending Council Meetings.	Ruth Stanton	
	Send out e-mail requesting estimates from every member regarding travel and office expenses.	Bonnie Fallowfield	
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Invitation letter to Rick Mowles.	It has been arranged that Rick Mowles, CEO of CLBC, will be meeting with Council on September 27, 2008 at a location and time to be determined.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Send letter of invitation to Rick Mowles	Barb Warkentine	
	Discuss this topic with Pat	Bonnie Fallowfield	
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Jane Holland and Colleen Hay's Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bonnie read email from Colleen Hay. Bonnie will contact Colleen and suggest a teleconference lasting not more than one hour on a Saturday of her choosing in November. Jane Holland is coming to Council's October 18 meeting. Barb Penner sent letter regarding CLBC Employment Initiative Project. They want examples of successful employment and also situations where things have not gone well as that is when the most can be learned. Real Work for Real Pay. Bonnie read news release that City Council in Quesnel appointed Minister's Councillor Employment for Persons with Disability. 		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
ADJOURNMENT			
Meeting was adjourned			
NEXT MEETING			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 27, 2008 – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – location to be determined. Rick Mowles to attend October 18, 2008. – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Prince George CLC Boardroom Jane Holland to attend 			