



Prince George & Area Community Council Meeting

September 27, 2008
171 – 1600 15th Avenue
Prince George BC V2L 3X3
9:05 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Present:

Bonnie Fallowfield (chair) Jenny Jones Pat Marshall Terry Robertson
Barb Warkentine Bev Currie Jean Scriver Vicki Pigeon
Ruth Stanton

Regrets:

Frank Jamin Kris Antrobus

AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Acceptance of Agenda and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One amendment to Minutes of meeting June 21, 2008: Correct Spelling of Rosemary Burbot • Motion to accept Minutes of meeting June 21, 2008 by Barb Warkentine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seconded: Ruth Stanton ○ Carried • Pat Marshall requested the following be added to the Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Northwest Region ○ Videoconferencing ○ Confidentiality • Terry Robertson requested the following be added to the Agenda: Shelley Nessman Self Advocate Support Person with CLBC

COUNCIL UPDATES

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Updates from Council members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry Robertson works for VELA. Conference in Okanagan well attended. With respect to support group for families with microboards there is a new family that is interested. There was a BBQ for families this summer. • Ruth Stanton talked about coming events in October. There will be a

fashion show, chili and bun lunch at AiMHi on October 12 from 12 – 2; Dance on October 31; Halloween Bingo; and a pancake breakfast. Ruth will send information to Vicki Pigeon and Jean Scriver for Self Advocates in Quesnel and can use notes Neal brings to AiMHi meeting. AiMHi calendar can also be checked online.

- Pat Marshall advised that October is Community living month and will be celebrated in Quesnel on October 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Open House and new office opening. Pat has a 17 minute DVD entitled “Freedom to Belong”. All Community Council Chairs are to receive one. Pat Marshall will check on status of DVD’s for Chairs. Will play DVD during lunch after meeting.
- Bev Currie would like to host art exhibit “Inside out”. She will talk to Art Gallery and library. This is another means of raising community awareness. Pat Marshall advised that it is possible to have exhibit in CLBC Boardroom but need to check insurance and make sure artwork has lockdown hooks.
- Vicki Pigeon reported on self advocacy meetings. The July meeting was good, only 5 people attended August meeting and September had a good turnout. They are planning a dance. Self advocates are excited and have secured a location downtown. Vicki will share details such as time and location with Ruth once they have been confirmed. The ratio of Self Advocates to staff is 22 Self Advocates to 5 staff. The number of Self Advocates is growing. Vicki will be handling finances with Jean passing the duties to Vicki.
- Jean Scriver had nothing to report right now.
- Bev Currie reported that the Community and School Support Assistant program is taking off at the College. There was a meeting in Vanderhoof yesterday with 30 of their staff. They are developing their own TA program and it is gaining momentum. There hasn’t been much training available in Vanderhoof or Prince George.
- Jenny Jones reported on the Downs Syndrome support group. They had dinner at Red Robin with 8 Self Advocates and no parents. There will be Karaoke next week and dinner at one of the Self Advocate’s home. The 5th Annual Dinner will be November 1. The Challenger Little League province meeting in Vancouver will be October 11. There will be 6 teams from Vancouver, 3 from Victoria and Prince George. They are trying to expand into other areas. The golf tournament hosted by VCTV raised \$15,000.00.
- Pat Marshall updated the council of regional developments. Barb Warkentine has to leave by noon today. She reported on the riding program at the fairgrounds. Next year they will have more full-time therapeutic riding and more openings. The Prince George Horse Society is acquiring more land. There is a 5 year plan for develop riding trails, walking trails and bike riding trails. Prince George Horse Society is building a new barn with therapy riding being their number one priority. There are six instructors now interested. Part of the

	<p>curriculum for Self Advocates will be to help with horses i.e. feed, groom and ride them. Self Advocates from outlying areas such as Quesnel or Vanderhoof could come to Prince George and participate on a casual basis. Bonnie advised CHAPS program is Quesnel is in infancy. As insurance is an issue Horse Council of BC should be checked online with respect to insurance. Self Advocates could self-insure. Barb advised there will be a training session for Life Skills Worker volunteers in March.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonnie Fallowfield advised Mary Strawstrom is running for Mayor. She is with Minister Richmonds' Council on Employment. She attended Self Advocates meeting and spoke Saturday and also listened to frustrations and successes of Self Advocates. Alison Duddy has been hired as information intake on employment concerns. • Terry Robertson. Jenny and I attended parents support group. Nine parents attended in September. 									
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Consultation meeting – set for Saturday, November 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bobby Noble and Jessica Humphries are coming. Personal connections are better than advertising. • Council should share list of people they invite to prevent overlap. • School District, Agencies, Self Advocates and parents should be invited. There is a municipal election that day so no point in inviting City Councillors. • Focus should be on adults and children transitioning. 									
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Confidentiality	Pat advised there are many changes occurring over the next three months. She has put on hold most of the presentations regarding the CLBC model.		
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	Refer people with questions to MCFD, CLBC, Housing & Development websites for Official announcements by the respective ministers.	All members	
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Approval of Terms of Reference for Community Awareness Committee	Bev read out Terms of Reference. The second bullet under Resources "All financial costs will be paid through Prince George & District Council Budget." To be omitted. Motion made by Bev to omit this reference and to accept the Terms of Reference as amended. Bev, Jenny & Frank are on this Committee.		
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	Chair must be decided on.		
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Membership Recruitment	Kris knows a lady in Fort Ware.		
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	Email Kris to contact lady in Fort Ware	Terry Robertson/Kris Antrobus	
	Confirm with Pat that AiMHi gym is booked	Terry Robertson	
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Council funding	Budget estimate is based on forecasted usage.		
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Quesnel Self Advocate Funding follow-up	Council cannot use their funding dollars for this type of project. Individual conference attendance by member is not eligible under the learning budget.		
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Innovation Funding and Home Ownership & Registered Disability savings plan workshop	Bonnie reports last proposal for Innovation Funding accepted. The workshop will be November 1 from 12 – 6. See CLBC website under innovation.		
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October 11 meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council agreed Jule should speak at same time as Jane Holland. • Bonnie to work with Anna to develop Agenda. • Jane wants to hear concerns. • Discussion rest of time and Agenda. • Support groups could also meet with Jule. • Bonnie will work on times and confirm with Jane and Jule. • Bev suggested that Jane could come to the Disability Class from 8 – 11 a.m. on Friday. • Self Advocates caucus interested in meeting with her. Jule will be presenting. Jane will not be presenting. 						
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NW Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Marshall advised she has assumed responsibility for new region called North Region which combines former NE Region and NW Region encompassing three community councils. • She has asked that administrative matters be brought directly to Anna and if it is not something Anna can deal with to request assistance from Ina. • Pat updated the Council members on the Video Conferencing pilot project for the North Region. • Pat advised that the results from the Satisfaction Survey were in and now available on the CLBC website. • Shelley Nessman works for CLBC supporting Self Advocates around province. She should meet council to tell them her role. 						
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ADJOURNMENT							
Bonnie Fallowfield adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.							
NEXT MEETING							
October 18, 2008 – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Prince George CLC Boardroom							