

Peace District Community Council
Minutes
January 23, 2008

Present:

Council Members:

Justin Pylatuk
Sharon Doerksen, Vice-Chair
Amy Nowicki
David Johnston
Cindy Mohr
Marla Reed
Jackie Allen (by phone)

CLBC Staff:

Sharon Moore, Senior Clerk
Patricia Marshall, Community Development & Planning Manager

Regrets:

Corrine Goodwin

Absent:

Phyllis Foster
Calvin Kruk, Co-Chair
Melody Hauser
Hugh Erickson, Co-Chair

1. Called meeting to order at 10:15
2. Discussion regarding attendance to meetings and work schedules:
 - a. Motion by Marla Reed to change the time of the meetings to Wednesday's at 12:00 noon to 3:30pm to accommodate schedules. Seconded by Cindy Mohr. All in favor. Carried.
 - b. Motion by Cindy Mohr for Sharon Doerksen and Cindy Mohr to contact council members who are not present to see if they will be attending future meetings. If they will not, we will ask for a letter of resignation. Seconded by Marla Reed. All in favor. Carried.
 - c. Motion by David Johnston to appoint Ryan Taylor, self advocate from Fort St John to the Community Council. Seconded by Justin Pylatuk. Discussed sending Ryan's application to the CPC Manager, to be forwarded to CLBC Provincial Board for approval. All in favor. Carried.

d. Motion by David Johnston to set the next meeting date for February 20th at 12:00 noon at the CLBC Board Room, Dawson Creek. Seconded by Amy Nowiki. All in favor. Carried

3. Survey Questions re: Gaps in Service – Discussed priorities that fit within strategic goals previously set.

a. Housing was a priority for all council members and their communities. Discussed the names put forward. It was decided that a recruitment committee would be appointed to address this issue, as the council should ensure that all communities are adequately represented.

i. Dawson Creek council members have been working as a group to address the housing issue and have met with their MLA. They will be doing a survey of all groups that are in need of low cost housing so they have a better idea of the number of housing units needed.

ii. Also discussed surveys for apartment owners to check if odd jobs, such as snow shoveling, hallway and laundry room cleaning, grass cutting, etc. would help with lowering monthly rent.

iii. Fort Nelson has different needs and Jackie, our only Fort Nelson member, would like more information, in order to serve her community better.

iv. The MLA will then use this to approach the Minister of Housing.

v. Fort St John asked that Dawson Creek share their survey and they will do something similar in their community.

vi. The council would like Housing to be a standing item on future agendas.

b. Discussed the need to communicate the services that are available to our communities.

i. All council members will bring a description of the services they are aware of to the next meeting. This will be compiled and added to the DIOC database. These descriptions can also be compiled and distributed in our communities.

c. The need for respite for families in our communities was discussed.

i. Pat stated that she is getting some information on respite coops that have worked in Ontario. She will share with the council when she receives it.

ii. Cindy stated that the Parent Support Network in Fort St John is recruiting people interested in providing respite. Many of the parents are not receiving funding for respite and therefore the agency would like to help them in funding a respite program. Discussed some options of how to do this. Pat stated that

parents wanting direct funded respite should apply right away, as there is a new budget year upcoming.

4. Motion to adjourn made by Marla Reed at 1:14 p.m.