

***Motion:** It was moved by Alison Scholefield, seconded by Laila Karim to approve the expenses and reimburse Edwina Jeffrey. Carried Unanimously*

6. Council member to be part of the Innovative Labour Solutions Awards/Inclusive Employer Awards

Event background explanation: This initiative was started by this Council in response to an invitation to host Mark Wafer in 2013 (an inclusive employer) who was invited to the lower mainland to present on why hiring people with disabilities are good for business bottom line. The presentation met a and the Council agreed to host Mark Wafer. Partnerships in 2013 were formed with the Rotary Club of Surrey, Milieu Family Services, and the City of Surrey - Measuring Up Committee.

Following the successful 2013 event, the partners launched the inclusive employer awards event in 2014. WorkBC Employment Services joined the committee in 2015. Planning for the 2016 event has begun.

Essentially a Council member is needed to participate in the monthly event planning committee meetings, made up of subcommittees; e.g., venue, sponsorships, marketing, etc. As Edwina is involved in this committee (but is no longer officially a Council member) it is important to have a Council member attend, to maintain the connection of a Council initiated event.

Actions:

Linda Beck volunteered to attend the committee meetings as a Council member and Edwina will notify Linda for the next meeting date, and location.

7. Housing Forum Subcommittee – Update on progress of planning for the April 30th Family Housing Forum

The Forum is a good starting point to talk about housing, from a person-centred way. The individual has to be involved, rather than from a parent view.

Actions:

It is recommended that email addresses be requested at the event, for future follow-up.

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POSTER:

Linda was tasked with making a poster and Lisa Porcellato (CLBC Communications) helped with formatting. Two samples were provided. The white poster with 'Housing Forum' at the top was the preference. Suggested edits to wording:

- Change 'free' to 'no cost information seminar'.
- Add opposite each speaker more information to entice attendance.
- Add 'There will be an opportunity to ask questions.'
- Seating is limited; rsvp is required – first come first served.

Actions:

- Need to finalize poster and get it into the mail.
- Distribute poster through CLBC and target age group (up to age 40).
- Distribute poster to Facilitators who know of individuals who are looking for housing.
- Vernon offered to help with stuffing envelopes.

SPEAKER UPDATES:

- Shirley Anne Reid and L'Arche are not available.
- Add Delta Community Living Society (Tara Asquith, Manager, Residential Services)
- Add a home share provider.

Actions:

Vicki to call for Clay (?) to find out last name etc . Housing for Young Adults with Disabilities (HYAD) possibility (a segregated, shared, pooling resources; 17 units = 14 for people with disabilities and 3 for staff).

Confirmed Speakers and Program:

Cheryl Blake, (CLBC) will present first (45 mins.); then Doug* (30 mins.); then Tara; followed by a specific home share provider. Other presenters as needed/available; e.g., HYAD and all will have specific time slots. * Doug Tennant will be talking about cluster housing (e.g., Semiahmoo's apartment building).

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Actions:

Marie will follow-up with Dan Collins (Langley Association for Community Living) as a possibility to be a presenter.

VENUE:

The forum will be held at the Delta Golf Course and the invoice will be paid in the next fiscal budget.

Actions:

Josefina will ask the venue if we can bring in food.

8. **Participation in Community Events: Do we want to be involved in these events; if yes, who will be involved?**

Sharon reported that internal re-organization is in progress noting that in 2015 the Council had a Community Engagement Facilitator who was responsible for reporting to the Council community events in which the Council could network or participate. However the Community Engagement Facilitator is currently on maternity leave. Question: Other than the 2015 events where the Council participated, are there other events that can be identified?

Council members reviewed 2015 events (with 2016 dates):

LMDSS T21 Awareness Walk: (2016 date: May 14)

In 2015 the event was about awareness of who/what CLBC is. Table attendance included one self-advocate along with one Council member and a CLBC Facilitator.

2016 location:

Bear Creek Park, 13750 88 Avenue, Surrey, BC)

Table set-up: 9 a.m. (to be confirmed)

2016 Walk Agenda

10:00am to 11:00am: Registration and hand in pledges

11:00am: Opening remarks

11:30pm: Warm up and Walk

1:00pm: Prizes and enjoy the vendors and activities

Need volunteers to transport Community Council tent, banner, Council rack cards, fruit gummies (Costco), table and CLBC materials and stand-up CLBC banner. (Volunteers brought comfortable folding camp chairs.)

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Actions:

Council members to let Marie know if they would like to participate and how much time they would like to volunteer.

Ladner Mayday Parade: (2016 date: May 29)

In 2015 (Rachel) Community Engagement Facilitator got the blue CLBC t-shirts, and participants used the Council banner. The group was placed in a good location in the parade (near the front) and close to the Special Olympic delegation. Council members and self-advocates handed out candies. Overall this event brings good awareness to the community. Participating individuals felt empowered and included.

Newton Days: In 2015 it was in June. It was busy and they ran out of candy. Participation in this event will be discussed more at the April meeting.

9. **Other:**

a) 2016 Innovative Labour Solutions Awards (ILSA) 2016 report

Edwina reported that all committee members were able to attend the March 18 meeting. A guest (retired CKNW reporter) presented on media tips and is available to connect with the group on newspaper contacts.

The event will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at the Surrey Arts Centre (140 capacity). Committee felt that this venue allowed for more networking, was accessible, and venue staff is available for any IT glitches. The room for dinner has sound system, and visual system that allows for special effects. Catering costs and menu are being developed.

Awards have been purchased. The website is being developed and the MC is a motivational speaker with a disability.

A Surrey Association for Community Living representative has been attending the meetings.

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b) Self Advocate Conference (Abbotsford)

This is a one day meeting and attendees were from the South Fraser region. Reports were that it was fantastic, getting better every year and has encouraged leadership development.

Vernon reported on the various aspects of the conference; for example:

- How to make decisions and why this is important.
- There was discussion on the disability/community living movement.
- What relationships you have; the process and how to get started.
- The speakers were self-advocates who spoke of their life stories.

Vernon would like to be part of the planning committee for next year, which could be in Surrey as this conference rotates from area to area.

10. **Adjournment at 7:58 pm**
11. **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, April 27, 2016**