

Surrey – Delta – White Rock Community Council

#2017 – 7495 – 132 Street, Surrey, BC V3W 1J8

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Community Council Minutes Wednesday, May 25, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

Present: Marie Sabine (Chair), Sherry Adam, Linda Beck, Laila Karim, Vicki Stratton and Vernon Hudson

CLBC staff: Anthony opden Dries, Integrated Services Manager

Recorder: Edwina Jeffrey

Regrets: Alison Scholefield

Guests: Tracey Chan

1. **Call to order**

2. **Welcome to All and Introductions**

The Chair welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Guests and council members introduced themselves. The Council welcomed Anthony opden Dries.

3. **Review and approval of the agenda for the May 25th, 2016 meeting**

The May 25th, 2016 amended Agenda (with addition of 7., 10.-12.) was adopted.

Review and approval of the minutes of the April 27th, 2016 meeting

Motion: *It was moved by Linda and seconded by Laila, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 27th, 2016.*

Carried Unanimously

4. **Lower Mainland Down Syndrome Awareness Walk Feedback**

Three CLBC staff supported the event; and Edwina and family attended. Unfortunately, the walk participation was low, despite the fact that the weather was good, and a great event was planned. Event attracted younger families, who were not interested in future planning. Recommend that Council will have to look at this next year to determine interest. (Note: There are two Community Council banners: table, and parade.)

5. **Council Members Participation in Community Events: Ladner Days Parade**

Marie will follow up with Vicki and Alison on this May 29 event.

6. **April 30 Housing Forum Review: (Council attendees: Vicki, Linda, Alison and Marie)**

Council discussion and review on Questionnaire feedback:

Linda presented feedback: the Forum was well attended, including extra attendees not registered (possibly on the waitlist). It was a good sign that everyone found the Forum interesting, as no one left during the entire 3-1/2 hours. In fact, people stayed afterwards to network more.

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Setup of round tables helped to accomplish better networking.

The event was very informative.

Estimate 115 attended with 43 questionnaires providing feedback completed.

Synopsis is available in meeting package. (Details follow)

Question: Were any BC Housing representatives invited? Answer: No. There was discussion regarding the appropriateness of their attendance. BC Housing did provide a grant for the construction of the Semiahmoo House Society's affordable inclusive apartment project. It was noted this project is the first purpose-built building in Surrey in 37 years.

Next Steps:

Plan for next Forums (listed below are the popular suggestions)

Wills trusts and estates (Marie knows a lawyer who specializes in this field. Marie will ask her if she would like to present.)

Positive Behaviour Supports: Sherry Adam has offered to facilitate this workshop

7. **Inclusive Employer Awards** – (formerly Innovative Labour Solutions Awards)
Edwina gave the event background beginning in 2013 to present. Linda mentioned the website: www.employerawards.ca Linda will ensure that with the help of Nav Basra, the Community Council will add information to its webpage about the event. The event is on September 29.
8. **Possible Additions to 2015-2016 Workplan**
Grieving: Marie suggested this topic be added. Specifically to engage local Hospice Societies to teach agency or other staff how to assist developmentally disabled individuals with grief following the death of a family member or friend. It is unlikely there would be any cost to doing this. Marie is willing to liaise with the Surrey, Delta and White Rock Hospice Societies. It would be beneficial to have a hospice member on the Community Council.

This item will be added to page 5 of the Work Plan.

Affordable Housing: Richmond has on their Council webpage a description of what they are doing. Marie reviewed everything that Richmond Council has engaged. Marie is attending a meeting on June 3 and 4 (annual joint meeting), and she will talk to the Richmond Council Chair about what they are doing, then go from there to talk to the City of Surrey about having a someone from their Planning Department sit as a Community Council member so they can better understand the need for affordable housing for the developmentally disabled.

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Add Affordable Housing to page 8 of the Work Plan.

9. **June 20th Board tour/open house/meeting with Council**
Agenda for the day: 2:30-4:30 pm Open House; 4:30-5:30 pm Board meets with the Council. Council could mention highlights like ILSA event, and success on Housing Forum and planned future forums. Council could learn about the CLBC reorganization. The June Council meeting will follow immediately after the Board meets with Council for an abbreviated meeting ending at 6:30 pm.
10. **Marie advised that Cindy Bain has resigned from Council for personal reasons.**
11. **Marie asked if anyone can take the Council Chair teleconference call tomorrow evening (May 26).**
12. **Sherry mentioned she has ideas for speakers to the Council.**
Re: Invite Guest Speakers (from Work Plan).
Subject: Positive Behaviour Supports (Sherry Adam).
Subject: Representation Agreements: ask Nidus representative to attend a Council meeting to walk us through the steps to do our own agreements.
13. **Adjournment at 7:50 pm and Reminders:**

CLBC Open House:	June 20 2:30-4:30 pm
Meeting with CLBC Board:	June 20 4:30-5:30 pm
Next Council Meeting:	June 20 (after the Board meeting)
Ladner May Days Parade:	May 29