

SURREY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2010

Present: Connie Hulley Maddie Addison Shirley Tan
Coreen Windbiel Marie Sabine Valerie Newton
Edwina Jeffrey Sandra Cottingham Wendy Mackintosh

CLBC Staff: Sharon Rose, CLBC Manager
Josefina Marchetti, Recorder

Regrets: Cheryl -Anne Hendy, Karen Virtue and Sheila Palmer

Guests: Debbie Holmes, Surrey School District No. 36, Foundations Program
Stephen Russell, CLBC Manager - Special Projects

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and welcomed the members.

Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of one item: Group photo for the news paper article.

Approval of the Minutes of March 25, 2010

The Chair informed of a typo in the date of the minutes. It states February 25, 2010; it should state March 25, 2010.

Motion:

It was moved by Marie Sabine, seconded by Wendy Mackintosh, to approve the minutes of March 25, 2010 as amended. *Carried Unanimously*

Motion:

It was moved by Wendi Mackintosh, seconded by Marie Sabine, to approve the notes of the work session held April 29, 2010. *Carried Unanimously*

Guest Presentation - Debbie Holmes, School District #36

The Chair introduced Debbie Holmes, from the Foundation Program, Surrey School District #36.

Debbie Holmes advised that more and more youth with developmental disabilities are ending up in the legal system. Their strong need for social acceptance and compromised cognitive functioning make these youth an easy target for gangs, drug dealers and others involved in criminal activity.

The Surrey School District has acknowledged the seriousness and prevalence of this trend, and has responded by prioritizing funds to run the Foundations Program. The program supports intensive behavior intervention in a nontraditional classroom setting, and provides

employment skills, work experience opportunities, recreation and community experiences. The program currently has 16 youth but there is estimated between 60 and 80 youth with developmental disabilities in Surrey, who are engaging in at risk street behaviors, and who are eligible for CLBC services.

Debbie is seeking the council's endorsement for the work that is being done to increase awareness of this trend, targeting various levels of decision making, including Surrey's Municipal Council, those who are part of the Surrey Crime Reduction Strategy, and Crown Counsel. The supports that these youth require to be safe and independent as they transition to adulthood are unique, and considerable understanding of these needs is required at all system levels - schools, police, legal services, DDMH and CLBC. Sharon Rose committed to connect Foundations Program staff with Developmental Disabilities Mental Health Services (DDMHS) with regards to addictions services for youth with cognitive challenges in the mild to moderate disability range.

This issue will be reviewed at the next council meeting, to discuss whether there is a desire by council to included "at-risk youth with developmental disabilities" as an item in the Strategic Plan for 2010.

Manager's Report

Sharon Rose reported on the following:

- CLBC's focus for this fiscal year is the new contract management system and service redesign and savings
- CLBC will respond to issues raised by individuals and families identified in the You, Me and CLBC report from the Self Advocate Advisor and the Family Partnership Advisor.
- Customer service improvement through collaborative work practices.
- Pilot project for the Quality of Life Innovation Project. Seven service providers will participate of this project. Self-advocates are being trained as surveyors.
- One agency per region will transition from day service to employment.
- CLBC will continue to improve and refine how we collect, share and use information.

Overview of Ongoing Projects & Initiatives

Marie Sabine presented a summary of the ongoing projects:

- Aging Parents:
 - News paper article (done)
 - Rack-card (in progress)
 - Recommendation to the Board (done)
- Local Transportation:
 - People with developmental disabilities' transportation issues are similar to seniors' issues.
 - Translink sponsored a Surrey rapid transit stakeholder's workshop, Marie attended to ensure developmentally disabled individuals concerns were addressed. More stakeholders meetings are scheduled

- Planning for Connectedness:
 - Establish parent support group
 - Create planning blue print
 - Bring community partners to the table
 - Hold community awareness presentations

- Youth with Developmental Disabilities at Risk
 This item will be included in the Strategic Plan, September 2010.

Stephen Russell – CLBC

Stephen Russell worked with CLBC as a Community Planning and Development Manager in the Upper & Central Island region. About a year ago, Stephen moved to his current position as Special Projects Manager. One of Stephen’s assignments was to work on the new Community Councils’ Manual and Terms of Reference. Stephen has been touring the province in order to assist Councils, to present the new Terms of Reference, to talk about shifting the areas of emphasis and where do the Councils stand in the CLBC structure among other items.

Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

Sandra Cottingham, presented her resignation as Chair of the Surrey/Delta Council. The resigning Chair called for nominations for Chair.

Only one nomination was submitted: Marie Sabine.

Vote:

Marie Sabine was elected as Chair of the Surrey/Delta Community Council by unanimous vote.

Vote:

Maddie Addison was elected as Vice-Chair of the Surrey/Delta Community Council by unanimous vote.

Group Photo

Group photos were taken to be included in an article to be published by CLBC on the PossAbilities news paper.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on June 24, 2010 at 10877 - 64A Avenue, Delta.

This will be a working session.

Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.