



Kootenay Community Council Meeting

November 20, 2012

Conference Call

Present: Helen Lorimer, Donna McCready, Madeleine Harlamovs, Mark Skelton, Kayleigh Postmus, Nick Toner, Betsy Goolieff, Brenda Jagpal, Jennifer Terwoord.

Guest Ben Postmus participated for Employment Summit Overview.

AGENDA TOPICS								
TOPIC	DISCUSSION							
Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	Donna/Nick moved to accept Minutes of last meeting.							
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Employment Summit Overview	<p>Provided by Ben Postmus. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase rate of employment in Canada • Increasing employment opportunities in BC • Target date of 2015 <p>Process used to gather information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciative inquiry, ie: asking positive questions, good energy. • Accelerating change. • Building on success. <p>Recommendation (Anna & Sheila):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate a committee to keep work going • Culminated months of work – need to keep. • Want other success stories. • Concern is that parents are often burnt out. • Hoping to inspire others. • Employers are open - people need to apply like any other. <p>Query:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to support parents due to their constant demands. • There is lots of information to share with parents and other contacts. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>ACTION</th> <th>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</th> <th>DEADLINE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE			
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Task Force Update	<p>Madeleine provided the following update on the Task force's Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Extending the Terms of Reference for CC. ➤ Improving communication and collaboration. ➤ Support councils to ensure goals are achieved. ➤ Enhancing sustainability of councils. 							

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Align PAC and Board meetings. ➤ PAC primary link. ➤ CC member may be invited. ➤ Chair also can have a stronger role, especially in information flow. This is important where the chair is not the PAC rep. ➤ A CLBC Board Member is assigned to each Community Council/Chair to facilitate. ➤ CLBC produce a one page info sheet or role of CC members to provide clarity. ➤ Provide increased training to Community Councils. ➤ Formal orientation by CPD Manager and Council Chair. ➤ Recommendation about Aboriginal representation. ➤ One time only term extensions. ➤ This report will be formally presented at meeting in November. 						
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PAC Annual Update	Task force was set up as a result of being at crossroads. PAC voice needs to be heard so there is two way communications and it feels like there is an opportunity to influence with results of people living leading better lives.						
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Request for Next Council Meeting	As Chair, Madeleine receives a fair bit of information regarding Council business. Discussion as to what info Council would like distributed to them.						
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Trail Parent Meeting	<p>Attempting to set up parent support meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Transition planning a high priority. ➤ Microboards and IF with Linda Perry in January. ➤ 10 parents. ➤ There are a few parents who are thinking about joining Community Council – Madeleine will follow up. <p>Donna offered her perspective about a seamless transition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Healthy link between parents and school. ➤ Donna offered to share with CLBC staff “what works” with the transitioning process. 						
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Youth Path Update			
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	BF to next meeting. Invite Gerry and/or KayLynn to attend next meeting.	Madeleine Jennifer	
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Information Session Invitation (Draft Letter)	A draft letter to invite parents to information session was reviewed – a great letter with some suggested changes.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Review before next meeting and decide where/when re: Information Session.	Jennifer, Donna and Madeleine	
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Spring Dance/Dinner Update	Brenda provided update on dance/dinner options – considering Trail. Donna, Madeleine, Nick, Brenda, Brenda and Kayleigh on working group.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Brenda will get more information and send notes to Community Council members.	Brenda	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Update on Cranbrook Improving Services For People With Disabilities			
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	Mark will forward link to Lorraine so that info can be put into Minutes for Council members.	Mark/Lorraine	
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Membership Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Denise's term is expiring in February; however she will be resigning prior to this. Lynn will finish her term (February 2013). Colleen has graciously declined to have her term extended for another year. Lynetta's application for new membership is being reviewed at next Board meeting. <p>Council wishes to recognize departing members by purchasing a thank you gift. Will try to purchase items that CLBC individuals are making/selling.</p>		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Purchase gift for Denise, Lynn, Colleen.	Madeleine	
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PAC Representative	Next PAC meeting is set for January 19, 2013. Madeleine is agreeable to being the PAC rep for the Kootenay area for one year only.		
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	Application paperwork to be forwarded to Madeleine for completion, then to CLBC for Board review/approval.	Lorraine	
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Review of Goals – Moving Ahead	Reviewed goals from October 22 nd Meeting Minutes and felt Council is on track with these goals.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Continue to review goals at next meeting.	Madeleine	
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“Creating Community” and “How to Engage Community” Workshops	<p>These 2 workshops are being offered in Vancouver on Nov. 26th & Nov. 27th. Initially, there was no interest in attendance from Kootenay Council members, however, Donna is now considering and will check if this is still possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very positive to have this opportunity. • Missed opportunity to join task force implementation group. 		
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Other			
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	Mark to bring Community Council Minutes to self advocate group on Dec. 30, 2012.	Mark	Dec. 30, 2012
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Annual CC/PAC/Board Meeting	The date for this meeting is set for June 15, 2013.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Next Meeting Dates			
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	BF: set dates for next Council meetings	Madeleine	
ADJOURNMENT			
NEXT MEETING			
Conference call set for January 22, 2013. Time is 9:00am to 11:00am Pacific Standard Time.			