

Surrey – Delta Community Council

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Community Council Meeting **Wednesday, June 27, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Brent Leksén, Claudia Meyerman, Coreen Windbiel, Edwina Jeffrey, Elizabeth McLoughlin, Karen Virtue, Marie Sabine, Valerie Newton, Wendi Mackintosh, Bob Logelin

Regrets: Riia Talve and Cynthia Roling

CLBC Staff: Robin Hamilton, CLBC CPD Acting Manager
Cheryl Blake, CLBC QS Manager
Jessica Humphrey, Self-Advocate Advisor

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and accepted as circulated.

Draft Statement of Rights of Individuals

The Chair introduced Jessica Humphrey, CLBC Self Advocate Advisor. The Self Advocate Advisor helps to answer questions about CLBC; and works in close partnership with the Family Partnership Advisor and the Aboriginal Advisor. They are a resource and liaison for self advocates, their families, and CLBC staff. Jessica is preparing a Statement of Rights policy that provides practical examples of how individuals can expect to be treated when they are meeting with CLBC staff and when they are receiving supports or services. After her presentation, Jessica asked the Community Council for their suggestions and feedback.

Overview of the Employment Agenda

The Chair introduced Cheryl Blake, Surrey/Delta Quality Service manager.

Cheryl has been working along with other CLBC staff, service providers, individuals and their families to draft an “employment” agenda that raises awareness about employment. Next step is to develop a plan to expand the work and provide opportunities for all individuals with developmental disabilities that want to work. A Committee formed by community and CLBC will sponsor conversations about work across the Province. The purpose of this Committee is

to engage a broad range of community members in the development of a three year Action Plan. Anyone interested can apply to be part of this process.

Opportunity to Attend Other Community Councils' Meetings in the Fraser Region

The Chair informed Council members that there is an opportunity to attend a meeting held by the Simon Fraser Community Council and one held by the Upper Fraser Community Council or for those Councils to attend a Surrey/Delta/White Rock meeting. The idea is to strengthen the relationships among Councils and improve communication by learning more about their work, their projects, their communities and their issues. No decision was made but the Chair asked the members to provide feedback.

Extended Term for Community Council Members

A task force was formed after the last joint meeting with Advisory Committee members, Community Council Chairs, the CLBC Board and senior staff. The task force met and developed recommendations. One of the recommendations states that "the CLBC Board immediately create a one-time only term extension process for individual Community Council members, where absolutely needed. This Council Committee member term extension would be for a period of one year only". Council members welcomed the idea as there are a few terms that will expire by the end of this year. Council will discuss this recommendation and the formation of a recruiting committee at its next meeting, in September.

Update on Results from the May 4th Forum – Developmentally Disabled Youth and the Criminal Justice

The Committee met on June 18th, 2012 to debrief the May 4th, 2012 forum. The Committee includes member from the RCMP, Crown Counsel, Corrections, MCFD, City of Surrey staff, a City of Surrey Councilor and two CLBC facilitators and one Community Council member. The CLBC Council Chair attended the debrief meeting.

The City of Surrey prepared an evaluation overview based on the feedback received from attendees to the forum.

Next Meeting

The next Community Council meeting will be held Wednesday, September 26th, at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.