

Surrey – Delta Community Council

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Community Council Meeting **Wednesday, May 23, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.**

(Please note: minutes reflect Chair's direction and do not follow Agenda timeframe)

Present: Brent Leksen, Claudia Meyerman, Coreen Windbiel, Edwina Jeffrey (Recorder), Elizabeth McLoughlin, Marie Sabine, Riia Talve, Valerie Newton, Wendi Mackintosh, Bob Logelin

Regrets: Cynthia Roling and Karen Virtue

CLBC Staff: Robin Hamilton, CLBC CPD Acting Manager
Jai Birdi, Acting Director of Regional Operations-Fraser Region

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Agenda

The Chair asked that 'Elimination of the TaxiSaver Program' be added to the agenda. The agenda was approved as revised.

Approval of the Minutes of April 25th 2012

Motion: It was moved by Valerie Newton, and seconded by Claudia Meyerman, to approve the minutes of April 25th, 2012. *Carried Unanimously*

Jai Birdi, Acting Director of Regional Operations-Fraser Region

The Chair introduced Jai Birdi to the Council members and Jai provided highlights of the drafted Regional Operational Plan.

As Acting Director he advised that he is available to assist Council. Jai then reviewed the introduction of Plans at the Provincial level: raising themes from all-day meeting in April. Jai specified that initiatives are sometimes done in duplication and expressed that it is hoped that common ground can be found and more opportunities to increase partnerships can be created.

Feedback from other meetings suggests that it might be valuable to bring Council chairs together to share ideas. Jai reviewed some of CLBC goals and then opened the discussion and provided time for questions.

May 4th Forum - Developmentally Disabled Youth: Helping to Reduce Involvement in the Criminal Justice System

CLBC staff, five current Council members and one former Council member attended the forum.

Feedback from members:

- Excellent; hope the amount of work that went into table discussions will move forward
- Next meeting: June 18th for next steps; committee members include RCMP, Crown Counsel, Corrections, MCFD, CLBC, City of Surrey staff, City of Surrey Councilor.
- Hope there is accountability and committee commit to making a difference.
- Sensitivity training to deal with developmentally disabled used to be one week; now it is one day.
- Is there a model to track previous work?
- How do you identify kids at risk?
- Privacy an issue.
- Developing care plans for individuals at high risk to offend or re-offend; who would be the keeper of the plans?

The Council acknowledged the City of Surrey for supporting this initiative.

Jai advised he has sent a letter of appreciation to Mayor Watts.

Translink Services in Delta – Information Update

Marie provided a brief written report.

Translink Fare Saver Issue

Council agreed that the Chair prepare a letter of concern regarding the elimination of the FareSaver program. The CLBC Communications Department will be asked for feedback.

2011/2012 Community Council Report

The Chair asked for feedback from Council members regarding the draft annual Community Council report. Suggestions will be added to the report.

Review and Updating of the 2011/2012 Strategic Plan

The Chair asked each Council member to share any thoughts on keeping or adding to the Strategic Plan.

The following was agreed to:

1. Keep transportation in the plan.

2. Lifelong Learning – (feedback from SACL) lots of interest (re pilot literacy project) from families; Council should keep this on plan.
3. Interest expressed in over-age program within the school system.
4. Keep 'At Risk Youth and Young Adults'.
5. Remove emergency response as this item is completed.

Add to next Action Plan:

1. How to identify and initiate contact with families that may be eligible for services. MCFD must be involved for individuals under 19. Could an MCFD staff sit at the Community Council table to help create a seamless process? The Community Council Terms of Reference would need to be reviewed before proceeding. (Jai Birdi to look into whether a representative from MCFD could be part of the Community Council).
2. Acute care follow-up (i.e., Representation Agreements) MCFD, employment and life-long learning
3. Lack of information for immigrants.
4. Education Centres – (e.g., Back in Motion; Newton Advocacy)
5. Customized employment is important and it works.
6. How do families find social and recreational programs for individuals to connect?
7. Invite Doug Nutting of 'Recreation Integration Victoria' to present at an upcoming Community Council meeting.
8. Contact Fraser Health representative who deals with ethical questions around individuals with disabilities and invite him/her to attend a Community Council meeting.
9. It was agreed to have Riia and her artwork on our council page. Next Council meeting will prioritize additions and existing strategic plan.

Next Meeting

The next Community Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2012, at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

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