

Surrey – Delta – White Rock Community Council

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Community Council Meeting Wednesday, May 27, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.

Present: Alison Scholefield, Edwina Jeffrey, Cindy Bain, Vernon Hudson, Vicki Stratton

Regrets: Wendi Mackintosh, Laila Karim and Zorica Medved

Guests: Linda Beck – Potential Community Council member (community member)

CLBC Staff: Lee Rudance - CLBC Acting CPD Manager

1. **Call to Order**

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

At the request of the Chair, Lee Rudance, CLBC acting manager, introduced herself and provided a summary of her background. Lee has worked in the Fraser region since CLBC's inception; last 2 years has been Quality Assurance. Previous job was a resource to other managers. Lee has been the acting manager for the Surrey/Delta/Region while Sharon Rose is on temporary assignment at the Provincial Assessment Centre (PAC).

2. **Review of the agenda**

The agenda was reviewed and accepted as circulated.

Review and approval of the minutes of April 22, 2015

Motion

It was moved by Alison Scholefield, seconded by Cindy Bain, to approve the minutes of April 22, 2015, as circulated. *Carried Unanimously*

3. **CLBC Updates: Mary-Lee Rudance, Acting Manager**

May 13, 2015 Fraser Council meeting report

The Chairs and CPD Managers met with Jai Birdi (DRO – Director, Regional Operations)

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Highlights:

Upper Fraser

The Upper Fraser Community Council has new members, and they have done an orientation process. Council is planning a themed event 'celebrating inclusion' in the format of a PechaKucha (lightning talk) which is 20 slides in 20 seconds and 12-16 presentations on. PechaKucha is designed to get people talking and brainstorming. Partners for this event are: University of Fraser Valley and Jelly Marketing. Council has also looked at the family procurement package and are working on smaller package(s) to make it easier to use. Randy Schmidt, new Communications Director for CLBC, visited the Council.

Simon Fraser

The Simon Fraser Community Council has a tough time recruiting new members. Jule Hopkins, manager of Policy and Program Initiatives, recently visited the SF Council to help out with the goals in the next year.

Council membership: The Council has two new subcommittees: 1) housing and 2) financial. Council is looking for self-advocates and service agencies.

(Surrey/Delta/White Rock report – not discussed at Council meeting)

General Housing Discussion

Jai Birdi, Director – Regional Operations for the Fraser regions, opened the conversation speaking about CLBC's interest in this area and future direction.

Dan Collins, Executive Director for the Langley Association of Community Living talked about national responsibility for coming to the table for individuals for affordable housing. Dan spoke generally about this issue and explained that all situations are unique, and to think 'out of the box' or be creative. He suggested that partnerships could be formed with families, seniors, faith communities, governments (provincial and local), and municipalities.

4. **Recruiting, Nominations and Re-Appointments**

The Council reviewed Linda Beck's application and voted to confirm her nomination as a Council member. Linda has applied as a community member.

Motion

It was moved by Alison Scholefield, seconded by Victoria Stratton, to nominate Linda Beck as member of the Surrey/Delta/White Rock Community Council for a 2 year-term.

Carried Unanimously

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ACTION: Josefina will complete the necessary documents and send them to the Fraser-Director, Regional Operations, Jai Birdi for approval and appointment.

ACTION: Josefina to process the criminal record check for Linda.

ACTION: Edwina will follow-up on contacting DCLS for Council representation.

ACTION: Edwina will propose a leave until September for Zorica.

5. Community Council Budget 2015-16

Josefina informed the Chair prior to the meeting, that the Council budget was approved for \$3,000. However, Josefina was not in attendance to answer questions from members at this meeting.

The Chair informed that she believes the funds are for meeting expenses, respite, gifts, cakes, and other miscellaneous. (The budget is for every expense the Council incurs, including events.)

Any other expenses for community events that come up above and beyond the Council budget can be covered by a different account (Community Development account).

ACTION: Request Josefina to provide bi-monthly balance of funds available.

6. Work Plan and Action

a) Annual Report: Completed

b) Annual Council self-evaluation (App. 11 – CC Handbook)

Lee has not received the online compilation of our Council's report. When the Council's report is ready, it will be forwarded to the Council Chair and to the CPD Manager

c) Council networking initiatives/community events

Ladner May Days Parade: May 24 - Alison expressed that it was a very positive experience. Rachel (CLBC), Alison Scholfield's son, Paul, Vicki and her daughter Lisa attended the parade. Delta Community Living Society was represented with one staff member and seven self-advocates. This was the first parade for some self-advocates so they all had a great time. Pictures were taken and then sent to all participants.

Alison suggested that maybe next time the Council can offer more candy and maybe acquire streamers or pompoms. The attendees agreed this event was a good way to create awareness. The parade theme this year was Medieval,

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and if continued next year it is suggested participants know the theme in advance.

T21 Awareness Walk: May 31 – LMDSS Bear Creek Park Surrey - Anja Miskin, CLBC facilitator and the Chair will attend this event.

ACTION: General setup, brochures, etc. are being coordinated with the Chair, Supervisor Administrative Support and Anja Miskin.

Newton Community Festival: June 27 – Vernon Hudson and Wendi Mackintosh will attend this event.

ACTION: CLBC representatives are to coordinate general setup, brochures, etc.

d) June Meeting: Community Council:

Council members agreed to invite Shirley-Ann Reid from Housing Be Mine.

ACTION: The Chair will contact and invite Shirley-Ann to the June meeting.

e) Subcommittee formation to plan for fall forum:

Council talked about themes for a family forum and chose Housing as a priority.

The forum will be planned for Spring 2016 and the Council members held general discussion around possible Keynote or panel speakers, venues, partnerships, program and registrants.

ACTION: Council members to create a subcommittee in September to manage this event.

7. Reports

a) June 5 & 6 Joint CLBC staff/Chairs/PAC rep meeting

- Previous PAC minutes were posted on the CLBC website
- June 5 meeting highlights will be on recruiting tools and methods to help Communities learn what Community Councils are and what they do.
- June 6 meeting highlights will be on development of distinct regional profiles and learning about unique work that councils have done by sampling of councils around the province

b) Highlights of monthly Chair teleconference: April 30, 2015 (minutes not available)

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i. CLBC Website and/or email updates

CLBC Website

ACTION: Edwina to forward the mockup page to the Council members for their feedback. If no objections, Edwina will contact Chris Rae, to give go-ahead for page to go live.

ACTION: Council members asked what the method is for updating, and Edwina will ask Chris Rae.

Email updates: Cindy reported that no emails have been received yet.

ii. October 1, 2015 – Hiring People with Disabilities-Innovative Labour Solutions Awards report

The Committee met on May 22 at the CLBC office. Representatives from Neil Squire Society (Nate Toeves, Employer Outreach Developer and Katrina Tilley, Occupational Therapist) did a presentation on a federally and provincially funded program, designed to support employment for people with disabilities in BC who require Assistive Technology to overcome disability-related barriers in the workplace. These services are available to individuals and employers. The Subcommittee members reported on progress to date on Action items. Next meeting: CLBC office on June 25, 2015.

The Chair brought forward to the Council members the opportunity to sponsor this event through funds from the Council budget.

Motion

It was moved by Victoria Stratton, seconded by Cindy Bain, to approve from the Community Council's funds up to \$500 for the October 1st, event to subsidize self-advocates' attendance.

Carried Unanimously

8. Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2015.

Council meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of every month, except in July, August and December.

9. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.