

Vancouver Community Council Meeting
Saturday, April 28, 2007

Present: Sue Salter, Peter Swayne, John Tsang, Richard McDonald, Anne Dumas, Mara St.Onge-Dueck, Rita Leedholm, Anita Lee, Tina Stagnitta

Regrets: Rachelle Czerwinski, Jan Wood, Ernie Baatz, Yaming Chen, Ken Wakeman, Natalie Marach

1) Welcome and Introductions

- **“What is the Buzz?”**

What’s going on out there?

- Sue shared information gathered at a Legal Forum called “A Public Forum for People with Disabilities”. One of the topics was Equal access to People with Disabilities.
- Peter brought to the attention of council an article “Fund will help disabled use skills in workplace”. Article states that \$2 million will be allocated in grants to increase opportunities for the disabled to gain employment. Question was asked if this is primarily for individuals with physically disabilities. More opportunities needed for individuals with learning disabilities.
- Workshop on May 16th on the new Federal Government of Canada’s creation of a Registered Disability Savings Plan. This plan is a financial tool that families and friends can use to secure the financial future for relatives and friends with disabilities.
- Workshop on May 5th by Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network – Home is Where the Heart is – Homeownership for People with Disabilities
- John alerted the council about the May 2nd Public meeting on Provincial Model Schools.
- The series of articles on Autism was mentioned to the council. A copy of one of the articles was distributed. An article about 2 women grappling with how to manage and finance their children’s therapy.
- Mara brought to the council the opportunity that Vancouver Foundation provides to eastside community. They fund community projects.

2. Doug Portfors – Budgets

- Budget was discussed

3. Anita

- Discussed Vancouver CLC Intake Flowchart and our functional model.
- Discussed eligibility and assessment process.
- Council members would like to discuss how council can bring issues to the forefront. How can we support CLBC as a council?
- Any individual/family requiring services should contact Vancouver CLC office and ask for the Intake Worker.

4. Ken/Ernie/Peter

- Guidelines on how we should spend the community council budget was discussed

Next meeting: June 2, 2007 - attempting to change the date to June 9, 2007 to due unavailability of Ann Dumas to attend the June 2nd meeting.

Strategic Planning Workshop

Time: 9:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Lunch will be provided

Location: 4th floor – 210 West Broadway

Press buzzer for entrance to the building