

**Vancouver Community Council Meeting  
Saturday, April 12, 2008**

**Present:** Sue Salter, Peter Swayne, Tina Stagnitta, Natalie Marach, Rachelle Czerwinski, Ken Wakeman, Ernie Baatz, Yaming Chen, Richard McDonald, Paul Sibley, Doug Portfors, John Davies

**Regrets:** John Tsang, Mara St. Onge-Dueck, Jan Wood, Rita Leedholm

**1) Review of previous minutes – to amend previous minutes by adding to the discussion on the FDA admission that mercury based vaccines can exacerbate Autism systems. It was suggested that we add “Most researchers dispute this”.**

**2) Presentation on the Budget – Doug Portfors and Paul Sibley presented the budget to the community council and clarified their roles.**

- **Doug Portfors is moving to a new position as the regional Senior Contract Coordinator and will lead the initiatives in QSO such as unbundling, new contract system and procurement standardization.**
- **Paul Sibley is the new QSO Manager and will manage the operation of the Vancouver Coastal QSO.**
- **A discussion regarding the budget occurred.**

**3) What’s the Buzz?**

- **Yaming gave the community council feedback on a workshop he attended “Transitioning from High School to work – Preparing Students with Autism for Adulthood”**
- **Rachelle will be attending the BCACL conference – June 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. Community Council will pay for her attendance at this workshop.**
- **Sue updated the council on the conference “Changing the World – One Person at a Time”**
- **Peter asked the council to complete the BCACL Survey as soon as possible.**
- **BCGEU Paper was discussed “A Discussion Paper on Community Living – Exploring Solutions”.**

**4) CLBC update**

- **Peter updated the community council on the Transition committee. Suggestion by committee - transition seniors out of Dayprogram into other programs to provide space for other individuals.**

## **5) Sub-Committee Reports**

- **Transportation report has been submitted to Norah Flaherty**
- **Plan Proposal – Prioritizing the submissions – Who should be doing this? Is this something that CLBC manager/staff should be doing? Is this something that council should be doing?**
- **Community Centre Committee – discussed process. Parent can talk to program director at a particular community centre and discuss how the individual can be included in the community centre activities.**

## **6) Communicating with the Board and preparing for May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of Councils' Chairs and Co-Chairs**

- **What issues should be discussed at meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>?**
- **Send any suggested agenda items for May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to Natalie.**
- **Natalie, Peter and Sue will meet to discuss suggestions for agenda.**
- **Natalie and Sue will attend the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and will report back to council at June meeting.**

## **7) Other Business**

- **Council Members may apply for reimbursement from community council budget to cover the cost of paper and ink needed to print out Council minutes, briefing notes, agenda and other Council related materials**

## **8) Introduction of new manager – John Davies.**

**Next Meeting – Saturday, June 21, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.**