

VANCOUVER CLBC COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Present: Peter Swayne, Ernie Baatz, John Tsang, Yaming Chen, Paul Sibley, Mark Perry, Rachelle Czerwinski, Rita Leedholm, John Davies, Deanne Ziebart, Theresa Huntly, Liz Cochran, Yuko McCulloch, Goli Khalafi, Mara St.Onge-Dueck

1) **Reviewed minutes** of April 22, 2009; also reviewed the Council's goals and objectives and reviewed Terms of Reference for new Council Members.

2) **What is the Buzz?**

- "Recreation Unlimited" (RU):
 - new programme funded by CLBC, provided by The Vancouver Park Board (VPB)
 - VPB strives to provide recreational opportunities for people of all abilities.
 - Proposal:
 - unique inclusive program offering young adults with developmental and/or physical disabilities (19-25 years old) opportunity to participate in integrated/ supported, social/recreational environment.
 - Proposed staff ratio 3:1 with 1:1 peer volunteers.
 - wide range of recreational activities in and around the city
 - meet old and new friends
 - acquire new skills that can be used outside of the program
 - Registration for the program will begin on July 5th.
 - This is the fruit of council's efforts in engaging the Vancouver Parks (John & Peter)
- Strathcona Community Centre - Unlimited Fridays organized by Chinese Parents Group & Strathcona programmer - Ron Suzuki
 - CC excited to offer opportunities for participants to join in and use the gym
 - two issues: they need a leader and kids require support
- Trout Lake Community Centre - Yaming has introduced CLBC to this CC
 - Trout Lake supports: Youth in Action prog. and programs for youth with development delays and developmental disabilities
- BCACL AGM - June 2nd-4th - Doug Woollard has arranged for members of community councils to have a table at this conference
- Transition Youth Group - a parent support group
 - June 26th Transitions Group Summer Social and Graduation Celebration
- Service info Fair - an opportunity for families to come speak to Service Providers- June 17th, 4-8pm, Holiday Inn, organized by CLBC office
- Block Party - Mara has organized a Block Party, 3 volunteers have special needs as do several participants; July 11th at 46th and Fraser
- Handy Dart \$16m to expand - 55 new buses, 6am - 12am,
- Community Living Agencies Network 41 non-union agencies will meet to discuss good contracting practices, pension plan, other common issues

3) CLBC update - John Davies, Paul Sibley Director of Regional Operations

- Paul updated council on his new role at CLBC, to work on organizational structure, sit at the Managers' table and be the face of organization's regions

Challenges:

- Who do people contact when they have ideas, concerns, questions
- Facilitators and Analysts were separated - two different operational streams. Now work together, 2 streams are integrated to meet needs of individuals and families.

Expectations:

- Facilitators will:
 - be face of CLBC Facilitators
 - be involved in Plan creation, effective crisis response
 - facilitate discussion between individuals and service providers
 - have an expanded role fostering partnerships in the community.
- Strategic Plan - Operational Goals: CLBC
 - has operated within its mandate
 - has always been within budget
 - is now providing service to 80% of previous waitlists
 - has, as an urgent priority, service delivery to remaining 20% on waitlist who are receiving no services

Focus:

- Individuals with health and safety issues
- Individuals with housing needs
- Individuals with no current services

Recommendations to consider:

- Improve organizational structure re:
 - how people experience the organizational structure (customer service perspective)
 - how do the operational streams work together
 - how to increase communication efficiency with partnering Ministries
- CLBC will look at every referral for support requests with customer service focus
- CLBC will ensure parents have direct input when plans to meet their children's needs are being developed
- 2 examples of individualized funding type programmes:
 - families organized Joint Management of multiple MicroBoards
 - "Friendship Project" Comox Valley received innovation grant- 7 families pooled 5 hrs each respite/wk to fund program for 7 young adults thro' host agency

4) **Sub-committee reports**

Transition Committee - John & Ruth-Anne

- 4 Information Sessions offered by CLBC to parents were very successful. Employment session was the most popular. Plan Writing to be repeated 1st week of June - numerous requests, full attendance
- Ruth-Anne, transition worker at the Vancouver CPD office, is in charge of managing the transition of 94 students aging out of school this year.
- Children services will move to Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) end of October. John is doing orientation and joint training with MCFD front-line Social Workers with goal of improving working relationships and pre and post transition services

Community Recreation Committee see "Recreation Unlimited"

Communication with other Councils - June 20th Community Councils and CLBC Board will hold a joint meeting Rachelle and Yaming will represent the Vancouver Council

5) **Community Networking** - Council discussed ideas around getting more involved in our communities including:

- contacting churches re: availability of space for programmes and as a positive way to do outreach
- getting schools to make untapped resources (e.g. gymnasiums) available throughout the summer
- working closely and in partnership with the School Boards and Ministry of Education.
- Contacting Youth Centres at Recreation Centres to arrange community/school dances or a social event for all to attend.

Next council meeting will be held on:

Wednesday September 16th, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.