

**Vancouver Community Council Meeting  
Saturday, February 16, 2008**

**Present: Sue Salter, Peter Swayne, Tina Stagnitta,  
Natalie Marach, Yaming Chen, Anita Lee,  
Rachelle Czerwinski, Richard McDonald, Jan Wood,  
Rita Leedholm, Mara St. Onge-Dueck, Ken Wakeman**

**Regrets: John Tsang, Ernie Baatz**

**1) Reviewed last month's minutes**

**2) What's the Buzz?**

- **Tax session – update by Rachelle. Disability Tax Credit and Disability Savings Plan was discussed. Sue suggested Plan to give a talk on the Disability Savings Plan – perhaps at the next “Family Meeting”.**
- **“Transition from High School to work for Students with Autism” session on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Yaming will attend and council will reimburse the cost.**
- **March 10, 11, 12<sup>th</sup> – CLBC conference – Sue will be attending the conference and Council will reimburse the cost. Sue will update council on information gathered at the conference.**
- **Council discussed the guidelines that should be used by council when reimbursing the cost of attendance at workshops. The theme and topics of the workshops should match the goals and objectives of the council; members are expected to give a report on workshops they attend that the Council has paid for.**
- **Family.net – a Parent Group working on a plan to discuss the progress of CLBC. Peter is interested in participating in this group. Next meeting is February 27<sup>th</sup>.**

- **Emblem and Letterhead will be discussed at the Provincial Co-Chair meeting in May. Perhaps an emblem that is shared by all councils would be a good idea.**
- **Anita's retirement – How does it impact the council?**

### **3) CLBC Update**

- **Anita – Employment Proposal. There is a joint initiative with MEIA. The initiative is meant to look at providing sustainable employment for individuals. Request for Proposals has gone out and Proposals are due at the end of this month. Peter suggested that a letter be written that would recognize "Jobs West" and its work in supporting employment and that they would be able to continue in this capacity.**
- **Natalie is resigning as co-chair. Ken is resigning as vice-chair. Sue voted by council members to be the new vice-chair. Should we be looking for new council members?**

### **4) Sub-Committee Reports**

- **Outreach Committee – (Sue, Peter, Jan, Ken, John, Anita)  
Peter updated council. How to reach out to individuals who are not in touch with CLBC.**
- **Plan Proposal Committee – (Ernie/Peter)  
Peter updated council. Reviewing profiles of clients gathered from facilitators.**
- **Community Recreation Committee – (Peter, Sue, Natalie)  
Committee has been contacting Community Centres and Neighbourhood houses to assess what services are available for our individuals.**

- **Transition Fair – (Mara, Rachelle, Yaming)**  
**Suggestion was made that council connect with VSB regarding their annual Transition Fair. Mara will connect with VSB.**
- **Transportation Committee – (Sue, Ernie)**  
**Preparing the Transportation brief to present to Advisory Committee**

**5. Communication strategy**

- **Peter – Letter and Questionnaire to family was discussed by council. Decision was made not to send this out at this time.**
- **Yaming – Feedback form – Council has decided to use this method to gather information from families. Also, will gather information at periodic meetings that council will hold with families and self-advocates.**

**6) Goals/Objectives – Are we meeting our goals? Yes**

**7) Self Evaluation – Complete the self evaluation and bring to the next meeting.**

**8) Council budget – Plan for next Fiscal. Council would like to fund community initiatives in the future.**

**9) Next “Family Meeting” scheduled for Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**10) Next Community Council meeting on March 8, 2008**