

Surrey Community Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 26, 2009

Present: Cheryl-Anne Hendy Larry Shareski
 Connie Hulley Maddie Addison
 Coreen Windbiel Marie Sabine
 Jane Moon Sandra Cottingham

Regrets: Coreen Windbiel

CLBC Staff: Sharon Rose, Surrey CPD Office Manager
 Josefina Marchetti, Recorder

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm and welcomed the members.

Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and accepted, as circulated.

Approval of the Minutes of January 29, 2009

Marie Sabine noted that the last item on page 2 of the minutes had a typo; it should read **Report from the Recruiting Committee**. The word Committee was omitted.

Motion

It was moved by Marie Sabine, seconded by Larry Shareski, to approve the Community Council minutes of the October 23, 2008 meeting as amended. *Carried Unanimously*

Budget Allocation

As per the Surrey Community Council's request, the budget allocation, sorted by service provider, was presented by Cheryl Blake, quality service acting manager; John Bergman, senior contract coordinator; and Catherine Merit, children services acting manager. The presenters answered some questions from the Council. The quality service senior staff asked the Council member to feel free to contact them in case any other information is required.

Survey Follow-up

The results from the survey have been put together and three major areas have been identified as areas of concern and follow-up by the council.

1. Housing, home support and resource access
 for those with aging parents. (Action Plan 29)

2. Transportation (Action Plan 35 a)

3. Keeping connected with others, and achieving a healthy balance between work, life-long learning and leisure activities. (Action Plan 35 b)

1. *Re Action Plan 29:* the Council has requested a list of individuals (35 and older) and will look further into the aging parents' issue. The Council expects to make a formal recommendation with regards to prioritization and planning for these individuals in Surrey.

2. *Re Action Plan 35a:* the Council agreed that as a first step, members would create inventory of existing initiatives and to get in touch with the City of Surrey. Marie has agreed to provide leadership to the council on the transportation action plan.

3. *Re Action Plan 35b:* the Council will meet with Committees, Surrey Parks and Recreation, etc to discuss initiatives and find ways to better get to the individuals supported by CLBC and let them know what is available for entertainment, sports, etc. The Council will work towards making employment accessible. The council will develop ways to become involved in community and provincial initiatives for lifelong learning, adult literacy programs, etc.

Annual Review

Maddie Addison volunteered to coordinate council member input for the annual review draft. The finished draft was presented to council for review, and subsequently, the 2008-2009 Annual Report is now complete. The document shows the accomplishments during the past year and some issues that have been identified and will be dealt with during the year 2009/10. The document also reflects the Council's *key strategic initiatives* as well as those general actions central to the mandate of the council, such as *building welcoming communities, accountability, financial decision making*; their issues and challenges. The final document will be sent to the CLBC Communications Department. The Council thanks Maddie for her work on this.

Review of Action Plans

The Chair presented a document listing the Action Plans showing which items have been completed to date. Council members were asked to review the list in preparation for choosing which actions they wish to monitor as the council moves forward. The list and assignment of the actions to Council members will be included in the agenda for the Council meeting on March 26.

Advisory Committee

Community Councils members received a note from Lois Hollstedt, Chair of the CLBC Board of Directors, asking for their feedback on the new Terms of Reference of the restructured Provincial Advisory Committee to the CLBC Board of Directors. The Terms of Reference state that the Council members interested in being part of the Advisory Committee should be self-advocates or family members.

Report from the Recruiting Committee

The Recruiting Committee informed that Connie Hulley and Sandra Cottingham have been appointed for a second two-year term as Surrey Community Council members.

The Committee also informed that Sheila Palmer, a family member, has been appointed as a Council member for a two-year term.

The members of the Recruiting Committee will work with institutions such as Surrey Board of Trade, Rotary, School District, etc. in order to let the public know about the Council's work and to look for new members.

There was a discussion about using local news papers. The Committee will work with the Communications Department in order to publish an article and pictures to promote the Council's work and get people interested in being part of it.

Manager's Report

Transition of Children's Services Back to MCFD

October 31, 2009 continues to be the date for the transfer of staff and resources.

Although the May election will bring changes, it is not possible to know if these changes will impact the decision to transfer children's services.

Membership on the Advisory Committee from Community Council

The manager confirmed the representation from Councils on the Advisory Committee to the Board must be either a self-advocate or a family member. She also informed that the reason for this clause in the Terms of Reference is because that is how it is written in the Community Living Authority Act.

Registered Disability Savings Plan

Information on RDSP will be provided to individuals and families during the orientation sessions with CLBC facilitators. CLBC has contracted with Planned Life Advocacy Network (PLAN) to see how they can help to increase the facilitators' knowledge on this topic.

Community Relations Update

CLBC has hired a second specialist in community relations, her name is Caitlyn Sassman. Caitlyn and Rachel Schmidt will continue to work on government relations, community relations and media.

2009/10 Budget

To address the need for increased services to adults, the province will provide an additional \$52.4 million to CLBC; this represents an 8.5 per cent increase. The CEO, Rick Mowles, is touring the province and will be discussing CLBC's 2009/10 budget in more detail.

CLBC's Service Plan

The Service Plan for 2009/10 has been posted on the CLBC website.

Next Meeting

The next Community Council meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26, at 6:30.
(Note: Recruiting Subcommittee will convene at 6 pm.)

Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:40.