

**Vancouver Community Council Meeting
Saturday, March 8, 2008**

**Present: Sue Salter, Peter Swayne, Tina Stagnitta,
Natalie Marach, Anita Lee, Rachelle Czerwinski,
Mara St. Onge-Dueck, Ken Wakeman, Ernie Baatz**

**Regrets: John Tsang, Yaming Chen, Richard McDonald, Jan
Wood, Rita Leedholm**

1) Reviewed last month's minutes

**2) Jule Hopkins – Manager, Service Accountability and Safeguards
Presentation and discussion of "Responding to Vulnerability –
Safeguards and People with Developmental Disabilities"**

3) What's the Buzz?

- **Mara – Discussion on the FDA admission that mercury based vaccines might exacerbate Autism systems though most researchers dispute this**
- **Rachelle – Gave a copy to all council members of "Brief to VSB joint Committees III Re: 2007/2008 Budget" Presented by Special Education Advisory Committees (SEAC)**
- **Rachelle – Gave a copy of "Successful Transitions – Working Together for Better Outcomes"**
- **Sue – Presented an article that states that the BC Supreme Court will not say that the Provincial Government has to provide a particular service.**
- **Gift was presented to Anita Lee "Our Lifetime Member"**

4) CLBC Update - Anita

- **Anita updated the council on the last "Transition" meeting**
- **Helen Van Wart (facilitator) will be the contact with Catherine Remedios (VSB) to discuss funding options based on the model in Powell River.**
- **Mandy Molnar will be the contact regarding the "Employment Initiative".**
- **New Manager at QSO – 9 Contract Coordinators for the province. Doug Portfors will be the Contract Coordinator for Vancouver Coastal.**

5) Sub-Committee Reports

- **Outreach Committee – (Sue, Peter, Jan, Ken, John, Anita) Profiles that facilitators have completed will be passed on to "PLAN". We received 9 proposals in total.**
- **Community Recreation – Peter's plan is to meet with Killarney Community Centre. Suggestion that Community Centres do something for Community Living Month.**
- **Transportation Brief – Presented by Sue. E-mail any additions by next Saturday then Sue will send to Norah Flaherty.**
- **Communication – Feedback form has been submitted to Roz Ingram. Once approved it will be added to the CLBC website. Agreed that next Family Meeting should be in the fall giving the council and new Manager time to organize the event. Once location and time confirmed then letter will be sent to Families with the Feedback form.**

6) Budget Plan for next fiscal year – B.F. to next meeting

7) Nominate Council Members –

- **Council members will informally ask potential nominees and then bring names of nominees to Community council. Once the Council agrees on the nomination then the interested nominee will be formally asked to join council.**

- **Nomination committee – Sue, Mara and Peter**

8) May 10th meeting – Natalie and Sue will attend the Community Council Chairs/Vice Chairs meeting.

9) Other Business – Natalie

- **To discuss at the next meeting. What is the role of the council? How can we be most effective?**

Next Meeting – Saturday, April 12th. Doug Portfors will present the budget for next fiscal year between 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. We won't be meeting in May. Next meeting will be June 21, 2008.