

SURREY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

Present: Cheryl –Anne Hendy Jane Moon
Coreen Windbiel Marie Sabine
Larry Shareski Maddie Addison
Sandra Cottingham Shirley Tan

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

Regrets: Connie Hulley
Karen Virtue
Sheila Palmer
Wendy Mackintosh

Guest: Linda McGowan, MVT Consumer Advocacy Manager

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and welcomed the members.

Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and accepted with one correction. It said Approval of Minutes of May 2009, it should say June 2009.

Approval of the Minutes of June 18, 2009

Motion:

It was moved by Coreen Windbiel, seconded by Maddie Addison, to approve the Community Council minutes of the meeting held on June 18, 2009.

Introductions of New and Existing Members

The Chair welcomed Shirley Tan, new Surrey Community Council member. All the existing members introduced themselves. The Chair then welcomed Edwina Jeffrey, who attended as a guest and who has been nominated to be a Council member. Edwina's application was sent to the CLBC Board of Directors for approval.

Transit Issues -HandyDART

Guest speaker, Linda McGowan, Consumer Advocacy Manger for MVT Canadian Bus Inc., was introduced. Linda informed about the changes to the HandyDART service delivery and answered questions from the Council members. Linda also informed that HandyDART drivers have taken a strike vote but negotiations are continuing. Adult

day programs, dialysis and medical appointments will be considered priority in the event of a strike.

Some of the changes in the service delivery are:

- Centralized call centre to book or cancel trips
- There are more vehicles on the road and the hours have been enhanced
- Crossing borders is not an issue anymore
- Taxi/savers no longer available from HandyDART contractors
- FareSavers will be sold only at FareDealers
- 55 more buses during 2009
- Old buses will be replaced after the Olympics

Linda McGowan will keep the Council and CLBC updated on the strike issue and any other important news.

Proposed Format for Future Meetings

Council discussed and approved having a business session one month and a working session the following month.

The dates for the upcoming meetings are as follows:

October 29	<i>Working session</i>	March	<i>No meeting scheduled</i>
November 26	<i>Business session</i>	April 29	<i>Business session</i>
December	<i>No meeting scheduled</i>	May 27	<i>Working session</i>
January 28	<i>Business session</i>	June 24	<i>Business session</i>
February 25	<i>Working session</i>		

Changes to the Terms of Reference

Due to the lack of time, Council decided to discuss this item at the next meeting.

Manager's Report

Transition of Children's Services to MCFD.

Sharon Rose informed that the process continues but there is nothing new to report.

Community Living Month

Each year Community Living Month celebrates the achievements of people with developmental disabilities and recognizes the hard work of individuals, families and community members to create inclusive communities. Every year CLBC celebrates with the community and this year the "Start with Hi" campaign will officially kick off around BC during the Community Living Month. As part of the celebrations, Surrey CLBC will participate in the Peace Arch Community Services 5th annual community resources fair and will be promoting the "Start with Hi" campaign at this event. The event will take place on Saturday, October 24, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m..

Jule Hopkins - Presentation on Safeguards

Following discussion it was agreed that November 26, 2009 would be the best time for Jule's presentation on Safeguards. Sharon Rose will coordinate.

Plan for Orientation Session for New Council Members

The council will split in two groups for the meeting on October 29. One group, lead by the Chair, Sandra Cottingham, will work with the new Council members and the other group will work on the distribution of the "aging parents" brochure. Since the brochure has been sent to Communications and is expected to be approved soon, the Council needs to find the best channels of distribution.

Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 6:30. This will be a working session, with an orientation session for new council members, as well as work session for existing council members.

Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:30.