



North Okanagan Shuswap Community Council Meeting

Minutes of Meeting on February 19, 2015

CLBC Boardroom, Vernon

1. Welcome & Attendance

- In Attendance: Lorne McEwen (Chair), Kelly Riguedell, Rose Vair, Bill Tidsbury (CLBC), Jennifer Love (CLBC) and Wendy Phillips (CLBC).
- Regrets: B. Elliott, James Weir, Colleen Larson

2. Agenda items:

- i. Approval of Agenda
- ii. Student Video Project
- iii. Supporting Families Contact
- iv. Recruitment
- v. Leave of Absence Request
- vi. CLBC Reorganization & Updates

Lorne expressed a note of appreciation to Bill for his support to the council as well as community inclusion initiatives. He will be missed. The council looks forward to working with his successor, who at the present time is Jennifer Love in the acting role of Integrated Manager.

- i. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve: Kelly Seconded: Rose Carried.
- ii. Student Video Project
 - Lisa Porcellato, CLBC PR contacted the three media companies in Vernon (Morning Star); Salmon Arm (Observer) and Revelstoke (The Times).
 - Media coverage appeared in February 4th, 2015 edition of the Salmon Arm Observer (copy attached) and an interview is scheduled for Lorne and Colleen to meet with staff from Morning Star next Wednesday, 25th at CLBC office.
 - Kelly emailed a refresher / reminder to her area schools.
 - Wendy sent an email mailout to CLBC service providers and enclosed the poster asking for it to be posted at their program locations and to forward to families who may be interested.
 - Wendy confirmed that she had not yet received any calls from students enquiring about the contest.
 - Bill suggested touching base with the Art Departments at the schools.



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Action: Kelly will follow through on this suggestion at Revelstoke.

Action: Bill will contact Service Provider's Employment Leads to create the excitement and involve Eric Darbyshire, Youth in Transition facilitator.

Action: Lorne will follow-up with Colleen to see where she is at with her action items.

iii. Family Support Project

Bill has spoken to Sylvie Zebroff, (CLBCs Community Council Liaison) and Risk Management (involved with the contracting piece) and has come away with no clear directions as how to proceed. CLBC is in the process of restructuring and priorities are shifting naturally to enable the timely planning and reorganization.

Jennifer advised the council that there is concern and potential for conflict as the Senior Group (CLBC facilitator, Rena Ludwig) have developed a renewed proposal for family support which they are expecting will be retendered in the coming weeks as promised.

Council discussed the idea that whilst there could be two separate entities to the funding, the Senior Group could join this council. It could be a successful partnership/venture and maybe will become a tool/vehicle that could be adopted by councils throughout BC.

Action: Bill / Jennifer to call Sylvie as to how to proceed.

iv. Recruitment

- Rose was asked how she could grow the group. She responded saying that her self-advocate group was asked to have some meetings held in the evening as some had to work in the day. The group is thinking about this and have not decided yet.
- Wendy suggested that perhaps some of the evening meetings could be combined with the council's scheduled meetings.
- Kelly suggested using skype as a tool to engage other self-advocates; Kelly also mentioned an active, self-advocate from Revelstoke, Rob Tuppy who would be a great asset and willing to participate.
- Wendy said attempts to recruit family members have been challenging and a couple of parents rescinded their participation due to busy schedules. She suggested that council needs to make their attendance worthwhile, give them a purpose. i.e. guest speakers, hot/key topics that are common issues among family members/caregivers, etc.
- Bill suggested asking Lori Skinner, CLBC Salmon Arm facilitator about inviting a spokesperson from the Alberta Association for Community Living (AACL).
- Lorne suggested hosting a family conference annually. Needs further discussion.



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v. Contact with MLAs

- a. Lisa P. is coordinating two separate meetings for council to meet with North Okanagan-Shuswap MLAs – dates for which have yet to be determined.

Action: Lorne will contact Lisa to confirm plans.

vi. Leave of Absence – B. Elliott

Lorne received a request for a six-month leave of absence from B. Council will need to recruit another Service Provider to be part of the council quorum and re-evaluate B's situation at the end of the six month period.

Action: Jennifer will ask at the next Service Providers meeting if there is any interest.

vii. CLBC Reorganization & Updates

Bill announced that Lynn Davies is the new VP Operations effective March 1, 2015. Subsequent reorganization involves Lynn hiring five new Directors, Regional Operations (DROs) and redistribution of staff in transitioning to integrated offices province-wide.

Self-Advocate Conference – Fall 2015

Elizabeth Hamilton is our newly employed self-advocate whose role will be Project Assistant in the planning of this conference. Elizabeth will work closely with Lisa Tokai, Facilitator and joins us on March 4th.

IncludeMe!

Tighter budgets impacted the roll out and delivery of the next phase.

Good news is that Vernon and District Association for Community Living (VDA CL) have reorganized and restructured their vision and outcomes to align with the eight domains and quality of life outcomes of IncludeMe!

Bill's Retirement

Bill expressed his thanks and appreciation to the council for their dedication and hard work and wished continued success for the future.

10. Next Meetings - 2015

- a) March 26: 5:00 pm – Vernon (review student video submissions due March 20th)
- b) April 23: 5:00 pm – Vernon
- c) May 21: 5:00 pm – Salmon Arm
- d) June 18: 5:00 pm – Revelstoke

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting March 26th @ 5:00 pm in Vernon