



North Okanagan Shuswap Community Council Meeting

Minutes of Meeting on March 26, 2015

CLBC Boardroom, Vernon

1. Welcome & Attendance

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

2. Agenda items:

- Welcome
- Additional Agenda Items
- Approval of agenda
- Review and approval of previous month minutes
- Old Business
 - Student Video Project (submissions)
 - Family Support Project
 - Recruitment
- PAC Representative
- CLBC Updates
- Upcoming Events
- Upcoming Meetings

Meeting convened at 5:25pm.

- Additional Agenda items:
 - Reappointments of Lorne and Kelly to the council.
- Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve: Kelly Seconded: Rose Carried.
- Review and approval of previous minutes
Motion to approve: Colleen Seconded: James Carried.
- Old Business



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- a. Student Video Project: Although there were no submissions, council is very optimistic and still wants to pursue it with a re-launch in the fall. Discussions took place to tweak the poster content as well as the following edits:
- i. Delete 'contest' and replace with 'Bursaries'
 - ii. Add: Use your phone to capture any of the following"
Community Inclusion, Employment, Job Placement (Work Experience)
 - iii. Add: 2 submission deadlines: Nov 30/15 and Apr 30/16.

Additional suggestions to promote the initiative included involving school councillors, teacher's union, principals and PACs. It was also suggested that some representatives from the Community Connections Self-Advocates group could visit the schools and talk about the project and leave posters to be displayed. Rose said that she is sure that there are a few who would be interested in doing this.

**Action: Colleen would liaise with Vernon schools and get some names.
Rose will invite self-advocates to attend April's meeting.**

- b. Family Support Project: The premise for this project has changed and it is not what Bill originally presented and offered to the council. The key deliverable was having community partnerships coming up with creative ways of connecting NOS families and self-advocates and promoting community inclusion throughout our region.

The Senior Group RFP should be refocused to building a group of volunteers who become a resource for all families (transitions and seniors) with deliverables being distributed as follows: ½ Vernon; ¼ Salmon Arm and ¼ Revelstoke. Perhaps a council member can be part of the scoring of the RFPs.

As there is much work still to be done and with Jennifer's new role as Integrated Manager, this will need to be tabled until a new Senior Contract Coordinator (SCC) is in place.

- c. Recruitment:
- Reappointment for Lorne: Motion: Kelly Moved: Colleen Carried.
 - Reappointment for Kelly : Motion: Rose Moved: James Carried.

Colleen did not attend the last PAC meeting but had a colleague present this council's student video project and it was well received.

Colleen is going to the PAC meeting on Saturday, 28th in Vancouver. Recruitment



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seems to be a common issue among regions and she hopes to bring back some ideas to the council.

Council still needs to recruit a Service Provider replacing B. Elliott. (LOA).

Action: Kelly will ask Lori Skinner for an SP when she meets with her on Tuesday, April 8th.

- d. CLBC Updates: James read the CLBC Newsflash info he had received from Chris Rae, CLBC Communications Specialist regarding community councils having their own email addresses. Councils interested can contact Chris with their unique identification.

Action: Wendy to contact Chris Rae and request this email address:

NOSinfo@gov.bc.ca

The council budget has been reduced from \$12K to \$8K and council asked Jennifer to email the members how much has been spent this fiscal. Plans to sponsor self-advocates to attend conferences is a worthwhile objective. Council will look at the budget and plan initiatives around it. This topic is being tabled to May when the new budget is known.

Staff Update: Jennifer is the new Integrated Manager replacing Bill. Lynn Davies has been promoted to VP of Regional Operations working out of the Vancouver office. She is moving forward quickly to fill four vacant leadership (Director of Operations) positions, and the recruitment process of which should be completed in April. Lynn will then move forward on the structure of the 5 regional areas:

- 1) **North/Thompson Region** (North and Thompson Cariboo Quality Service areas);
- 2) **Southern Interior Region** (North Okanagan/Shuswap, South Central Okanagan and Kootenay Quality Service areas);
- 3) **South Fraser Region** (Upper Fraser and Surrey/Delta Quality Service areas);
- 4) **Vancouver Coastal Region** (Vancouver and Simon Fraser Quality Service areas);
- 5) **Vancouver Island** (South Island and Central and Upper Island Quality Service areas).

Elizabeth Hamilton is our self-advocate who is working diligently on this fall's Self-Advocate Conference being held in this region. A meeting is scheduled on April 23rd in the Vernon boardroom where self-advocates from across our region are invited to participate either in person or via conference call. Elizabeth will also assist with some administrative duties at the office.



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Budget: Will be challenging.

Our region will have a new operating system in May which sees the integration of existing CLBC business applications and processes and we are all excited as we move forward to a more efficient operation.

IncludeMe! Update: Debriefs are happening now and as a result of budget challenges, it is being placed in status quo. Council asked for a presentation on how this region did this year compared to other regions in BC. Perhaps this presentation can be combined with an Open House in the Spring.

Action: Jennifer will invite project Advisor, Gisele Duquette to come and present at an upcoming meeting.

Next Meeting Dates: There are some conflicts with future meeting dates and Jennifer is to come back and suggest new dates to meet.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Motion: Kelly. Seconded: James Carried.

10. Next Meetings - 2015

- a) April ~~23~~ (TBD) : 5:00 pm – Vernon
- b) May ~~21~~: (TBD): 5:00 pm – Salmon Arm
- c) June 18: 5:00 pm – Revelstoke

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm

Next Meeting TBD at 5:00 pm in CLBC Boardroom, Vernon