



## North Okanagan Shuswap Community Council Meeting

Minutes of Meeting on May 21, 2015

CLBC Boardroom, Salmon Arm

### 1. Welcome & Attendance

- Present: Lorne McEwen (Chair), James Weir, Kelly Bateman, Rose Vair, Colleen Larson, Jennifer Love (CLBC) and Wendy Phillips (CLBC).
- Guests: Shirley Bates, Administrator, Domaine Holdings (SP); Ted Dekker, Chair, Community Connections Self-Advocates Group; Lisa Porcellato, CLBC Community Relations Specialist

### 2. Agenda items:

- i. Welcome
- ii. Additional Agenda Items
- iii. Approval of agenda
- iv. Review and approval of previous month minutes
- v. Old Business
  - a. Student Video Project
  - b. Family Support Project
  - c. CLBC Communication Strategies
  - d. Recruitment
- vi. New Business:
  - a. Annual Report; Employment Mapping; Annual Council Chairs/Management Meeting
  - b. Shirley Bates, Domaine Holdings
- vii. PAC Representative Update
- viii. CLBC Updates
- ix. Upcoming Meetings

Meeting started at 5:30 pm with the chair welcoming everyone with special mention to the guests, Shirley Bates, Ted Dekker and Lisa Porcellato.

Ted Dekker asked council to please simplify the minutes so that self-advocates can read and understand them. This would also help them to take part in the meetings. Council agreed.



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iii. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: Kelly    Seconded: Colleen    Carried.

iv. Review and approval of previous minutes

Motion to approve: James    Seconded: Kelly    Carried.

v. Old Business

a. Student Video Project:

- The Project has been scaled back to one \$500.00 bursary for the region in this fiscal year and a second next fiscal year.
- As agreed at the last meeting, the poster wording has been changed and is waiting for B. Elliott to send Wendy the photos to put on it.
- It is felt that the teacher's strike and not enough advertising may have caused the fact that there were no submissions to council.
- Lisa Porcellato spoke of photo contests run by councils where Kelowna had received 15 and South Island had received 30.
- Shirley Bates suggested using social media like twitter, facebook, etc., to get the word out as this is the best form of advertising among the youth.
- James is looking at ways how council can get the bursaries included in the school programs.

**Action: James and Colleen will contact school councillors/administrators.**

b. Family Support Project:

Jennifer said that Russell Cox is the new Senior Contracts Coordinator (SCC) responsible for procurement. The new Support Coordination Contract will serve all families in the Vernon area and not only senior families. Management informed Council they will no longer be formally involved in the development and implementation of the contract. Council would like to explore ways in which to provide input into this contract.

Management has reduced the Council's annual budget to \$7,000. Council has asked for regular reporting from management of the expenditures and available funds as the year progresses.

**Action: Jennifer to provide copy of 2014-15 and this fiscal's budget.**

**Action: Jennifer to help with an outstanding item of Bill's regarding CLBC's process for managing grants and the rules around the issuance of such.**



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Motion to continue to self-fund Family Support Project:

Motion: James

Seconded: Kelly.

Carried.

c. CLBC Community Relations Specialist

Lisa is one of two Community Relations Specialists and she covers the North, Fraser and Southern Interior regions. She reports to Head Office in Vancouver. Lisa provides communication advice to all the offices and works as a contact with community leaders. She also helps with council sponsored events such as Community Living Month, family forums and transition/employment fairs. Lisa recommends that council partner with municipalities and service providers to help create and promote awareness.

d. Recruitment:

This discussion will be tabled for now as Lorne, Colleen and Jennifer are attending a workshop for council chairs, PAC members and CLBC regional managers on June 5/6<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver. Recruitment is a common problem with all community councils and this is one of the main areas of focus there.

vi. New Business:

- a. Shirley Bates came to the meeting to ask for council's assistance to work with CLBC regarding accreditation. The 'one size fits all' does not work. Shirley stated that her organization who operates a Group Home in Salmon Arm, are too small and going through the accreditation and Interior Health's licensing processes, is very time consuming and expensive. Shirley wants CLBC to exempt Domaine Holdings and other similar service providers from having to be accredited every three years.

**Action: Lisa will enquire with CLBC Head Office and will email the information to Shirley and council members.**

Kelly and Shirley left the meeting at this time.

Lorne will complete the Annual Report and send it out to council members for comments.

Most of the members completed the online council survey and asked if results or feedback would be sent out. Rose said she needs help to complete the survey.



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**Action: Jennifer to follow up with Head Office and advise council.**

**Action: Wendy will ask Elizabeth Hamilton to contact Rose to book an appointment with her.**

a. PAC update:

Colleen gave a summary of the PAC meeting she attended last month in Vancouver. She spoke of some members who were also parents/family members and found the dinner meeting close knit and quite powerful.

Information shared:

- CLBC services are provided to qualified individuals living within B.C.'s First Nations communities. To support this work, improved communications (brochures, etc) are given to families, communities and partners to keep them informed.
- There were family members and self-advocates present.
- Several self-advocates asked people to speak in clear, simple language
- All in all, a very formal meeting but there was time to make connections and build relationships.

b. Ted Dekker handed out a copy of his report which he read. The Community Connections Self-Advocate group have been very active in writing letters to BC Transit, Vernon Transit, City of Vernon, NORD and Spallumcheen regarding transit issues for people with disabilities. The group have been successful in getting Eric Foster, Rick Fairbairn to ride the Armstrong Bus as well as the Spallumcheen Mayor, Janice Brown. Among other highlights, Ted reported on the group receiving \$100.00 for their article that was posted on [www.selfadvocate.net](http://www.selfadvocate.net) website.

Council thanked Ted for his presentation and congratulated the group for their efforts and successes so far and to keep up the good work. They also said that if council can be of any assistance, to please contact them.

c. CLBC Updates:

- Jennifer announced the new Director of Regional Operations, Jennifer Terwoord (former Integrated Manager, Kootenays).
- Kamloops has joined up with the Thompson/Cariboo region.
- Vernon Integrated office has gone through several staff changes and seems to be complete now.



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- Self-Advocate Conference has been scheduled for last week in October at the Prestige Inn, Vernon. Would the council be open to participating?
- Owners of a large residential group home in Vernon have given notice to CLBC that they are retiring after many years. All families and staff have been notified. Our team will work with families at the planning stage.
- The IncludeMe! Project Advisors are keen to come and talk to council of their findings. They found that transportation was identified in every aspect of the survey that improved quality of life for individuals.

Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 pm. Place: TBD**

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm