

North Okanagan Community Council Meeting
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

<p>1. WELCOME:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>In attendance</u> – Patrick Allwood, Lynne Barisoff, Kirsten Cacka, Jo-Anne Crawford, Helmut Herrmann, Lisa Kongsdorf, Sue Phillips, Patricia Winters, Bill Tidsbury Dianne Trudel (CLBC RECORDER)• <u>Regrets</u> – Kathleen Nelson, Henry Sundquist, Grant Huffman (QSO MGR)
<p>2. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nothing added.
<p>3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion to approve by Patrick, Sue seconded, carried.
<p>4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None declared.
<p>5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clarification on Item #15.• Motion to approve by Sue, Jo-Anne seconded, carried.
<p>6. MEMBER UPDATES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Patrick<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Shoestring Theatre has a series of short plays available to the Vernon, Salmon Arm and Revelstoke areas.➤ Kirsten<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Is raising money to purchase an adapted bike. Poster distributed.➤ Jo-Anne<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Salmon Arm is struggling to start up a self advocate group.▪ SACL is currently looking to identify any areas that could create cost savings.▪ October is Community Living Month – SACL is having an open house on Friday, October 2nd from noon to 4:00 pm.➤ Helmut<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Attended a PLAN meeting last Monday.▪ PLAN is working on presenting another RDSP workshop.➤ Lisa<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ New council member and has a daughter with disabilities.▪ Works with Independent Living as an advocate for people with disabilities.➤ Sue<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Presented the prize cheque to the lucky Kindale raffle winner.➤ Patricia<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Good summer with lots of travel. Renewed vows for 50th wedding anniversary.
<p>7. OLD BUSINESS:</p> <p>a) Family Project Funding –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Pamphlet titled ‘Inspire – The Next Step’ distributed to council members.▪ The information pamphlet has been distributed to agencies, service providers and their networks but there have been no submissions/proposals as yet.

- Suggestion to distribute to a wider audience; email to families, include in next 'mail out', advertise in paper, etc.
 - Might get a better response if there was a template or example of a proposal included in the paperwork.
 - Other councils in the Province are interested in doing a project similar to this.
- b) Residential Options –
- Still active within CLBC.
 - Regional Manager looking at some fiscal dollars being available.
 - Okanagan is one of the last areas to have large residential group homes.
 - CLBC wants to focus more on the availability of individual support and choices.
 - Tranquille, Woodlands & Rainbow Ranch closed with money available for future planning.
 - Money was not available for changes in these group homes so they stayed in place.
 - Need to move forward. CLBC is looking at a 5 year plan to address such issues as an aging population (needing more supports) and aging structures.
 - There is a need for integrated facilities that address extended care and multiple disabilities; oxygen, lifts, wheelchairs, medications, nurses, attendants 24 hours per day, etc.
 - There will always be a need for group homes but need to have choices factored in for the individuals we support.
- c) Awareness and Communication –
- Meeting with Allie in Salmon Arm last Thursday.
 - Expectations are one workshop and four articles; Innovation, Inclusion, A Good Story and one open topic.
 - Bill to meet with Allie to clarify expectations and arrange for \$2,500 contract for services.

8. **CLBC/MCFD CHANGES:**

- Formal announcement coming out on Monday.
- Children's services to transfer to MCFD on October 31, 2009.
- 164 FTE's (staff) to transfer to MCFD.
- CLBC re-organization to address Queenswood Report, job descriptions for analysts and facilitators, policies, etc.
- Vernon Community Living Centre is to be an integrated office; both facilitators and analysts will be in one office; Bill will be both QS and CPD Manager.
- Revelstoke is losing their part time Facilitator.
- Concerns raised by council members on the criteria to establish staffing levels (shouldn't be 1 FTE to every 130 clients); rural communities can never meet these numbers and are therefore without representation; can't always look at \$ per capita as the only criteria; distance, geography, remoteness have to be factors.

9. **COUNCIL TERMS OF REFERENCE:**

- Draft has been circulated to council members.
- Feedback process delayed until after the Children's transfer to MCFD.

10. **SELECTION OF NEW COUNCIL CHAIR:**

- Patricia nominated Sue for new council chairperson, Helmut seconded, carried.

11. **SELF ADVOCATE CONFERENCE:**

- Information sheet handed out with information on conference proceedings.
- Motion to approve \$500 support (towards purchase of vests) for the self advocate conference organizers by Sue, Lisa seconded, carried.
- One extra vest to be purchased (in a different colour) as a door prize.
- Vests are available through CLBC Communications Branch.
- **ACTION:** Bill to arrange ordering of vests.
- Can council members attend conference, dinner, and/or dance?
- **ACTION:** Bill to take request to Conference Committee.

12. **COUNCIL INFORMATION TOUR:**

- Council Road Show dates have changed.
- November 9th in Vernon.
- November 10th in Salmon Arm.
- November 12th in Revelstoke.

13. **HOME SHARE AWARENESS EVENT:**

- Agency Supported Home Share Providers of Kindale, Willowbrook and VDACL is promoting an awareness event to recruit home share providers.
- Handout distributed requesting council support of \$500.
- Motion to approve by Patricia, Patrick seconded, carried.

14. **CALL FOR \$22,000 GRANT:**

- Handout distributed on the \$22,000 Request for Proposal "Joining Hands".
- Motion to move forward on project by Lynne, Sue seconded, carried.

15. **COUNCIL RECRUITMENT PROCESS:**

- Recruitment campaign has been on-going since last January.
- Discussion on launching new campaign for replacement of retiring council members.
- **ACTION:** Helmut, Recruitment Sub-Committee, to broaden the search.
- One application has already been received.
- Motion to forward application to HQ by Sue, Patricia seconded, carried.
- Would it be best to lower the membership numbers in order to attain quorums?

16. **START WITH HI CAMPAIGN:**

- Literature distributed to council members.
- Post wherever you can to promote awareness.

17. **CLBC REGIONAL WORK PLAN:**

- CLBC's 3 Year Work Plan has been rolled out to the Regions.
- Handout distributed for information purposes. Discussion and review of handout.

18. **CLBC EMPLOYMENT FIRST ORIENTATION:**

- Discussion of Barb Penner's presentation.
- CLBC to proceed on employment initiative.
- Bill is committed to supporting the project assistant position in Vernon.

19. **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Michael Kendrick is doing intensive training on Person Centred Planning in October and November; \$1,500 for two week seminar.
- CASA – end of September; keynote speaker is Mitch Lorethe.

20. **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- October 24th in Revelstoke.
- **ACTION:** Dianne to book Rec Centre and arrange lunch through The Modern Café.

21. **TABLED ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- DESC Services.