



## North Region Community Council Meeting

Date: June 20, 2015

Time: 9:00 am

**Present:** Gord Robertson, Anita Clegg, Debbie Still, Colleen Tuson, Eldon Carter, Justin Pylatuk, Sheryl Demers, Sweetie Sanghera, Ann Lewis

**Guest:** None

**Regrets:** Penny Soderena-Sutton

<b>AGENDA TOPICS</b>	
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Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	Eldon Carter, motioned the minutes from the May 9, 2015 meeting be accepted after changing the spelling for Bree-Anna and Sean, Justin Pylatuk seconded the motion: all in favor. <b><u>CARRIED</u></b>
Additions to the Agenda	PAC Report
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<b>Managers Report Sweetie Sanghera</b>	Discussed CEO's Seonag's Macrae visit for both Prince George BC – she is looking forward to meeting the North Region Community Council and families and individuals. The new Director of Operations Jody Stuart is settling in. We should invite her to the next council meeting. Sweetie attended the joint Council Chairs, PAC, Senior Managers and CLBC Board meetings June 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> in Richmond. She received great feedback from the staff that attended, and thought it was very successful from her point of view. A survey will be sent out to self-advocates and families.
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<b>Chair Report Gord Robertson</b>	Chair Report, North Community Council June, 2015 I attended the joint council chairs, Pac, senior managers, CLBC board meeting June 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> in Richmond. Friday evening was focused on recruitment, and did not include the CLBC board or CEO. The first presentation was from Angela Clancy of the Family Support Institute. She told us about how they recruit volunteers across the province, mostly by personal contact. She also talked about what FSI does, which is provide family to family support via an extensive network of volunteers located across the province. They also provide workshops on many topics of interest regarding disability issues. Some other councils have had workshops presented to them. Do we want that? The second presentation was by Randy Schmidt and Chris Rae of CLBC's communication section. They talked about the use of social media to promote councils. Some of the highlights of what they said are: you need to identify your target audience; and you can't go in part way, you must be ready to invest enough time. They also told us that they are still working on update the council websites. I have asked for ours to be in the next group to be done. How can we use social media? To promote events, as a recruitment tool, sharing community resources with families, networking with local partners, building broader awareness of community inclusion, posting our letters of recognition. By "liking" pages on Facebook our "friends" will learn about them too. The third presentation was from Dave Stark of Rotary At Work. He told us about what he does, which is provide a business to business discussion about the benefits of employing individuals

	<p>with disabilities.  Day 2 brought in the CEO and board.  We reviewed the strategic plan. There are 3 key directions: Participation &amp; Citizenship; Sustainability; and Innovation &amp; Resilience. There are also 3 enablers: Quality Framework; Human Resources Strategy; and the IT Strategy. Under each Key Direction there were several initiatives: Participation and Citizenship: Community Action Employment Plan, Transforming Day Services Project (make them better), the Include Me project, and improving Individualized funding (planning this year, implement changes next year); Sustainability: making getting supports from different places less confusing, and making sure that funds are spent well and fairly; Innovation and Resilience: Lean – supporting new ideas, creative ways for people to be supported with funded and non-funded services, aboriginal people, people with complex support needs, supported living – independently, and inclusive post secondary education.</p> <p>Next we had short presentations from 4 councils about partnerships in practice. The Upper Fraser Council talked about their plans to put o a petcachucha (don't ask me to explain what it is). They have partnered with one of the universities. The North Shore/Sunshine Coast Council did a meet and greet to recruit new members and promote the work of council.</p> <p>Surrey/Delta/White Rock has initiated inclusive employment awards. They have partnered with local Rotary clubs and service providers, the City of Surrey and their board of trade. South Central Okanagan Council sponsored a St Patrick's Day dance in Kelowna. They partnered with London Drugs, Best Buy, the Rec Centre, Families in Touch, PLAN OK, and service providers/ They also had a photo contest with a theme of "What does inclusion mean to me?"</p>						
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<p><b>PAC</b></p> <p>Respectfully submitted,  Sheryl Demers  PAC Rep</p>	<p>PAC Report for Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> 2015  Jessica Humphries PAC Advocate reviewed the Editorial Board process  reviewed the Partnering with Self Advocate Draft ways to better serve the people we work with we are to review the Draft as a council and give feedback. This has been sent to the SAS "Supervisor of Administrative Services" in all regional offices  Megan Tardif, Dir. of Quality Assurance – reviewed the Terms of Reference which is done yearly by the Board and introduced Julie Hopkins who talked about safeguards  Julie Hopkins  how you can have leadership in our communities with regard to safeguards re those vulnerable  Book produced by the Family Support Institute  highlights included - best way to be safe is to have family, friends, people who are about you; why have safeguards by creating opportunities and that we are more alike than different "Think Safe to Be Safe" – talked about informal ways  how are we in community council creating change in community for safeguard both informal and formal  Megan Tardif then talked about "formal safeguards"  highlights, Legal framework; Adult Guardianship Act; BC Human right code; Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom; Community Care &amp; Assisted Living Act; Coroner Act; Criminal Records Review Act; Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act; Patients Property Act; Public Guardian; Rep Agreement.  -Talked about Relevant Policies  -Foundations and Expectations of Home Share  -How is Monitoring done  -Videos are available to reinforce Safeguards  -Talked about having a check list in place for "Home Visits"  -Talked about "Beware of Good Intentions". Institutions were at one time were considered "Good Intentions"  Paula Grant, Interim Advocate for Families went over position  Advocate is a Voice for Families, mediator, resources, service providers understand  -position is internal, Not part of a union, there for families, there for staff, bring people together</p>						

	<p>For more info contact Paula at <a href="mailto:Paula.grant@gov.bc.ca">Paula.grant@gov.bc.ca</a>; Anita is in the office at 604-775-1238 Angela Clancy from the Family Support Institute gave the highlights of the Family Support institute</p> <p>-Started in 1985, Registered charity, 10 person board (12 now); 5 person staff (6 now), Supports any family any age; reference for families, 250 volunteers in Province, 35 different workshops – will do workshops for councils, supports 10,000 calls a years.</p> <p>“If we get the relationship right everything else falls into place” – quote from David Pitonyak</p> <p>Randy Schmidt – talked about communication and how using social medial, FB, Flicker, Twitter etc can help us in the ways we communicate</p> <p>Highlights – CLBC Hope Page buttons linked to the above pages</p> <p>Social media can: Promote Events we have, Use FB for recruitment, Sharing community provincially, Networking with partners, Building Broader awareness of community inclusion, Examples of tools use were # hashtags, for example all posts related to the North Community Council could be tagged #NorthCC</p> <p>For any assistance contact Chris at <a href="mailto:Christopher.Rae@gove.bc.ca">Christopher.Rae@gove.bc.ca</a> Chris works with Randy and is there to assist us with any communications issues of for help in navigating CLBC webpage and how it can better serve us.</p> <p>Dave Stark – member of Rotary talked about “Rotary at Work” in our communities and how they can be a resource in the community</p> <p>The next day during our workshop several of us talked with Randy about having a HUB created so we could learn from each other on how we all address recruitment.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="462 787 1508 863"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="462 787 873 825">ACTION</th> <th data-bbox="873 787 1256 825">PERSON RESPONSIBLE</th> <th data-bbox="1256 787 1508 825">DEADLINE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="462 825 873 863"></td> <td data-bbox="873 825 1256 863"></td> <td data-bbox="1256 825 1508 863"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE			
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Vernon Conference	Possible having one in Prince George and not attend this more discussion to follow. Sweetie has put this through to the DRO she will report out when she gets word back.						
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Work plan recognition	<p>This will be a standing item –</p> <p>Celebrate community practices and resources that demonstrate inclusion and full participation of all citizens in community life.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anita has nominated the Terrace Art Gallery</li> <li>Gord has nominated Prince George Ancient Forest Trail</li> </ol> <p>Chair Gord Robertson made a motion the Terrace Art Gallery and the Prince George Ancient Forest Trail be recognized for the work they do to build inclusion. Eldon Carter moved the motion be accepted, Sheryl Demers seconded the motion, all in favor – CARRIED. Gord will send out letters as soon as we get the template from Caitlyn Sassaman.</p>						
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	When Ann sends out request for meeting attendance, there will be a standing request for council members to send information for the work plan ahead of time.						
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Committee Discussion	<p><b><u>Membership Committee</u></b> Colleen Tuson, Justin Pylatuk, Expert Committee Terry Robertson Has meet with representative from Nezul Be. Gord cautioned us we</p> <p><b><u>Self-Advocate Committee</u></b> Eldon Carter, Penny Soderena-Sutton, Justin Pylatuk.</p> <p><b><u>Community Awareness Committee</u></b> Debbie Still, Gordon Robertson, Justin Pylatuk, Anita Clegg Debbie heard back from meeting at the school on a Pro-D day with facilitator STADD and WorkBC Sweetie asked if we can meet and approach businesses in PG and WorkBC and an awareness workshop on how to approach these businesses. Gord suggested Family Support Institute Employment workshop for families. Discussion on council vs staff roles and responsibilities – at the end of the day – council needs to do this. More discussion to come regarding community awareness.</p>						
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	Debbie will send links out to Ann to send regarding work	Debbie	
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<b><u>Round Table</u></b>	<p><b>Gord</b> – Ongoing issue with staffing. Back to square 1. On the road next week to Edmonton to visit with son and daughter then out to François Lake. The Family Support book called Brothers and Sisters features a story about Bree-Anna and Drew – The Power of Growing Up Together. The Zero Project Conference 2015 (Vela) made a presentation, they chose to do an article of the Microboard with Bree-Anna, the family is very humbled by that.</p> <p><b>Colleen</b> – Celebrating she is cancer free. Yippee!!!!</p> <p><b>Anita</b> – Challenging time, a family member’s 8 year old child passed, everyone is having a hard time. On the bright side, Anita’s family will be going across Canada for 5 weeks; her son will be taking pictures and printing them.</p> <p><b>Eldon</b> – Still working plugging away trying to get rich and retire like everyone else. Looking forward to the council recruitment trip up north.</p> <p><b>Sheryl</b> – Grandbaby is 9 days away. They will be in New York for her daughter Ashley opening Spectrum Theater in New York. Sheryl really needs a vacation lol</p> <p><b>Justin</b> – Going to Squamish instead of Jamaica, end of July for cousins wedding. Justin is not working, but he is looking for a new job.</p> <p><b>Debbie</b> – Went to Manitoba last month, as a family member passed. Sad occasions but good to see family. Accessible cabin has been rented. The grant is not in yet, and they still have more work to do to make it fully accessible. Deb and her sister are taking her mom to a wedding in Saskatchewan; it will be like “Driving Miss Daisy” everyone is so excited.</p> <p><b>Sweetie</b> – Holiday was good, a bit stressful with her parents here lol; they have been here since May 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be leaving here on Friday. Her husband got a job in Brazil for 2 months, he wanted Sweetie to go but she doesn’t think she can at this time.</p> <p><b>Ann</b> – Work is very busy with the many changes – weekends are packed full of camping, travelling and a few minutes here and there to relax.</p>		
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Next meeting: August 25, 2015 5:00 pm