



North Region Community Council Meeting

Date: October 5, 2013
 Time: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
 Dial In information: 1-877-353-9184
 Conference ID: 8408132#

Present: Barb Warkentine, Justin Pylatuk, Terry Robertson, Ann Peltier, Sharon Taylor, Eldon Carter, David Johnston, Ann Lewis
Guest: Barbara Kayter
Regrets: Sheryl Demers, Willie Neal, Pat Marshall, Vince Sherry

AGENDA TOPICS		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	
Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	Ryan Taylor motioned the minutes of the June 22, 2013 meeting be accepted, David Johnston seconded the motion. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
Additions to the Agenda	Discussion on loss of Community living month events – Barb thanked everyone for their hard work. Discussion on having the NICE conference a spring event instead and pass the torches'.	
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Chair Report – Barb Warkentine	Barb shared the minutes of the last Community Council Chair Conference call. Discussions for the North Region included postponing the N.I.C.E conference and rescheduled until March 28/28, 2014 focusing on inclusion, employment and education. Recruitment issues as 6 long term members will be retiring in March and a celebration planned to honor their commitment; and the planning for the Minister's upcoming visits to Prince George, Fort St John and Dawson Creek. Thompson-Cariboo, Surrey/Delta, Central and Upper Island, Kootenay, Vancouver and Richmond also contributed to the Round Table discussions with topics ranging from Community Living month events, recruitment strategies, the new "Navigator" roles and focusing on housing.	
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	
PAC – Terry Robertson	The last meeting for PAC, they discussed the STADD project – early implementation sites are: Prince George/Haida Gwaii, Kamloops, Courtney/Comox/Nanaimo and Surrey for transitioning youth. Burnaby region will start later with focus on aging issues. Also discussed was the Minister's tour around the Province for Community Living month. Terry told us about the CLBC scholarship fund. The Commitment	

	<p>Nothing to discuss</p> <p>3. <u>Membership Committee</u> Sharon Taylor, Vince Sherry Colleen Tucson’s and Gordon Robertson’s applications have been approved by council to be sent to the Board. 3 more applications should be here by our November meeting. suggested needed, everyone needs to a find a replacement.</p>		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
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ROUND TABLE	<p><u>Barb</u> – Barb thanks to everyone for all the work on the N.I.C.E project. They had over 40 people attend therapeutic riding now being held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They attended a horse show on Sept 16th with 24 participants. Tickets are sold out for the fundraiser (Treasure Cove Night) for Oct 19th. Barb went to New York, with mom and sister and friend. She was surprised that you could not see the Statue of Liberty from the plane. Rockefeller Centre looks big but is very small, interesting. They flew in at night, seen lights for miles - Vancouver looked very small in comparison. They saw 2 shows, Wicked (good witch and bad witch – wizard of oz) and Jersey Boys (Frankie Vallie and 4 seasons) and they took a carriage ride through Central Park. A bit of advice, do not eat at a restaurant that posts a rating lower than “B”.</p> <p><u>Terry</u> – Also went on a trip – a big trip for 5 weeks. All were very tired when they got home, even Brianna. Temperatures ranged from 110 – 115 degrees, very hot. Brianna’s caregiver and her family came with them. Discussed the state law where it is illegal for a person of the opposite sex to take a person with a disability to go to washrooms. Disney land has disability passes for people who need it, it makes it harder for the “fakers” to get ahead in lines etc. IF collaboration next week and are having discussions on why people are not choosing this, 2.5 day workshop to give feedback. Vela is putting on a workshop Oct 27, wanted to do some training to CLBC staff and MCFD staff. Terry is going to Smithers and Fort St John and Dawson Creek in the fall or January. Jane Holland will be in Prince George on Tuesday to visit with a parents support group in the evening. Possibly she will be going north and west to meet families in the spring. CNC started up again, number folks attending the adventures seekers program.</p> <p><u>Ann P</u> – Not much going on wonderful summer, part of her work was participating in the FASD all day event; community breakfast, panel of birth mothers, people who are effected by and a father of an FASD child. Service Providers took it to the park in the after for activities. Ann is expecting a granddaughter in a few weeks; in February, they will join Ann in Terrace for a few months. In the mean time Ann is preparing for</p>		

her hike in Kilimanjaro (scheduled and being in Toronto for a conference. Ann is looking into finding some folks to join the council and has submitted a few names. She brought some information for the council regarding 2 workshops happening in Prince George SIBSHOPS for adults and siblings. Passed around the posters.

Justin – Not working at Toyota, working delivering for Boston Pizza. Justin has a new car, a 2009 Mazda 3. Again this year, Justin participated in the “Little Black Dress Affair” fundraiser where they raised almost \$30,000 for SPCKERS. Justin went to Edmonton in the summer, his niece is a year old - where does the time go? LOL.

Sharon – Sharon and the folks she supplies supports to had a great summer woodworking, scavenger hikes, pictures, and scrapbooking. They are planning a family reunion in Saskatchewan and she mentioned her youngest grandson has moved to Prince George

David – David went to a lot of meetings including Peoples First meeting, David will attend national conference in Winnipeg, People First retreat in Nov 15-17, leadership employment in Nov 17-19 in Vancouver. He is also helping with the Community Living month Halloween dance in Dawson Creek, he will be going as himself. David recently moved into a low cost housing unit and will be doing more workshops for safeguards in Fort Nelson, Taylor and Tumbler Ridge. 3 year employment piece for employment initiative. He will not be at the November Meeting.

Eldon – Busy, finished washing RCMP vehicles for the season. They are holding a, Halloween dance at QCLA and using their kitchen. Eldon joked that he will be dressing as a goddess. Eldon made the nationals in bowling at the Special Olympics in Vancouver. Has to go to a meeting this afternoon regarding this. Eldon was happy to share he has a lady friend Diane whom he met at the last provincial trip.

Ryan – Ryan discussed the Community Living awards, and that he was elected back on the board for another 3 years. Ryan reminded us of “Of the Vine” the auction where businesses donate services. They also have music and wine tasting, it’s a blast. \$75 a ticket and you must be over 19 years of age. This raises a lot of money. They had to cut their Newsletter down to 4 times a year. Ryan worked all summer, but he will be taking 3 weeks off at Christmas to go to Kelowna. Ryan’s parents are taking the motor home and going south for 5 months.

NEXT MEETINGS

Next meeting:
November 16, 2013 9:30 am
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