



South Island Community Council Meeting

January 31, 2012

200 – 174 Wilson St. Victoria, BC

Present:

David Steeves (Chair), Carol Antoine, Louise Doucet, Mary Emmond, Rosemary Juszko, Kristen Kay, Bev Kissinger, Mike Langridge, Roger Palmer, Sharon Sinclair, Catriona Johnson, Sandra Robertson (CLBC Facilitator)

Regrets:

Michael Hayes, Kam Judge, Nigel Livingston

Guest:

Jessica Humphrey, CLBC Self Advocate Advisor

AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Acceptance of the current agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order • Introductions – Communication Committee is Chairing the meeting. Committee is made up of Rosemary Juszko, Sharon Sinclair, Roger Palmer, Catriona Johnson and Caitlyn Sassaman (who is not a SICC member). • Introduction to Guest Speaker, Jessica Humphrey, CLBC Self Advocate Advisor • Motion to accept agenda by Mary Emmond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seconded: Sharon Sinclair o Carried • Motion to adopt minutes of November 2011 (once some of the employment statistics have been confirmed) by Rosemary Juszko <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seconded: Michael Langridge o Carried
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CLBC Staff Report	<p>Sandra Robertson, for Veronica Berlando</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Minister review of CLBC began in December 2011 – focusing on a one government approach (senior management). • Funding: 18 million was annualized. Have already received 8.9 million. 12 million will be for new services and 10 million will be for new initiatives for youth, transitioning youth and employment. • These are Deputy Minister recommendations re: funding. • The CLBC Operational Plan will outline specifically where the funding is going. • Work has begun on the Operational Plan. • CEO recruitment will take some time.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No other regional staffing changes. • Follow up on two forms for Council – Criminal Record Check and Reappointment – please ensure these are completed and returned to the Wilson St. office. • Questions – when will we see an impact from the new monies? What is the timeline? • Question - What is the organization (CLBC) going to do in response to criticisms (for e.g. Moms on the Move)? Is there a plan to get information out so when we are in the public we can respond? Would like to see CLBC be more proactive rather than reactive.
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DVD Viewing	<p>DVD: Light the Way: Best Practice Approaches to Include All Members on your Community Council (overview of the making of the DVD provided by Michael Langridge, Mary Emmond and Kristen Kay)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DVD was made to help self advocates be a part of their Community Council. • In the SICC strategic plan a few years back discussed developing a booklet to support self advocates to be more involved in council/meetings/etc. • A proposal came up to make a DVD rather than a booklet. • There were two methods used to collect information. Met with a focus group in Vancouver that consisted of self advocates from four different Community Councils. Also distributed a survey to all of the Council Chairs. Information from the two sources was very different. • The group met weekly to work on various aspects of the DVD. It was filmed at Bones studio and Ross Spina and Barb Goode were brought in to participate in this process. There was a full day of recording and another of audio recording. There is a written pull out to go along with DVD. The process was fun and there were many conversations about staying true to the self advocates’ information and feedback. In the end we feel we found a good balance. • David Steeves read a card to Council received from the CLBC Board Chair, Denise Turner, and the Board of Directors, indicating the impact of the DVD. They were impressed with the content and sent congratulations on the completion of this initiative. • Jessica will look to see if there are more copies of the DVD for Mary and Michael.
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Welcome to Catriona Johnson	<p>Rosemary Juszko</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to welcome Catriona Johnson to the SICC. • Catriona is the Executive Director of the Epilepsy and Parkinson’s

	<p>Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After moving to Victoria in 2009 she and Arlene Zuckernick formed Second Wave. • Catriona is a parent to three children, one of whom has a disability.
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<p>Presentation: CLBC Self Advocate Advisor, Jessica Humphrey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Jessica by Sharon Sinclair, who provided an overview of Jessica’s background and experience. • Jessica began her role as CLBC Self Advocate Advisor in November 2011. • Her intent at this meeting is not to do a formal presentation but to be involved in group discussion. • Jessica sees her job title as somewhat misleading, as she sees her job as being advised <i>by</i> self advocates and always to be in conversation around the province with those with disabilities and their supporters. To be at the table with senior management and policy makers she needs to ensure they are hearing information from ‘the ground’ and to find ways to include self advocates in those processes. Need to make sure their contributions are meaningful and valued, not tokenistic. She is passionate about her role, especially being a parent and with her Social Work background and understanding the need to involve those we serve. Within CLBC she is part of a team of three, which includes the Family Partnership Advisor and the Aboriginal Advisor (currently being filled). • She wants to support Councils to be allies in supporting self advocates. • Jessica sees great opportunities in other parts of community, such as university, for leadership around this topic. For example, a civil rights class on the history of self advocacy. • Questions and discussion around responses to the Light the Way DVD. • Discussion around how, for example, you can support someone to participate in a bio chemistry class? We make assumptions about what someone may get out of complex information. Which part does make sense? Which part is exciting? Go through the curriculum and find out what ‘turned them on’. Find a way to engage in it in a way that is valuable to them and to also share in a meaningful way with the class. It is about facilitating the inclusion and connections rather than understanding all the material. • Council examples, such as reviewing the agenda ahead of time...what part resonates and can be spoken to at the meeting? • How does this council and other councils, get input for from self advocates for agendas? We have a Self Advocacy Committee. Main agenda doesn’t change much, but each committee has an opportunity to report. We don’t have a great method of gathering information from the Self Advocate groups to share with council. • David Steeves – it has been expressed that we do need more self advocates on council. Need more representation. It is imperative that

we know where to go to find additional self advocates.

TOPIC

DISCUSSION

Committee Reports

Membership & Planning (written report provided) – David Steeves

- Highlights:
- Terms of Reference review – at the last PAC meeting it was suggested that a review of the TOR be included as part of the discussion for a proposed April meeting.
- Upcoming meeting with the Minister – hoping for Feb. 27th or 29th. Council agreed to meet on Feb. 21st in an effort to put together a plan as to what will be presented to her.
- Council Membership – second and third terms on council must be initiated by the member and forwarded to the CPD Manager. If your term is expiring please let David know what you plan to do and follow through accordingly.
- PAC Report (written report provided in M&P report) – overview provided by Mary Emmond.

Communications Committee (written report provided)

- Next meeting Feb. 21
- Caitlyn has expressed an interest in attending a SICC Strategic Planning meeting to get a better understanding and feel for the group and thus better meet our needs. This may also be an opportunity for her to share what she has learned from other Community Councils.

Self Advocates Committee (written report provided)

- Discussion around the initiative to replace use of the word ‘disability’ with ‘diversability’.

Families Committee

- Have reviewed the Family Committee 2011-2012 Plan to ensure working towards goals.
- Will ask Kam Judge to share and discuss issues and needs of the Indo Canadian community, and look at ways that the SICC could ensure they are culturally responsive to this community.
- Carol Antoine is going to research who might be able to share needs of the Aboriginal Community.
- The Centre of Aging is having a Research Colloquium in early March. Family Committee will look at what their participation could be.
- Youth Forum will be held at Belmont School on Feb. 23rd, 4 pm.
- Resource Fair – will be held March 26th at Spectrum Community School. There will be separate tables for SICC and CLBC.
- Next meeting Feb. 21, prior to SICC meeting.

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<p>New Business</p>	<p>WOW Awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need people to assist with the selection process and planning the event itself, which will be funded by CLBC. Plan to hold in Victoria in May/June. It will not be linked to a CLBC staff function. Need someone to oversee the planning. Bev agreed to call the contact person to determine what is needed. Other Council members offered to assist with pieces of planning. Discussed the idea of holding it at the Cedar Hill Golf Course, and inviting important people from the community, such as the Mayor of Victoria. Consider holding a lunch, rather than a dinner, to allow for travel for those from other parts of the Island.
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	
<p>Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.</p>	
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	
<p>Date: March 27, 2012 Time: 5:30 p.m. Location: 220 – 174 Wilson St . Victoria, BC</p>	