

Surrey – Delta – White Rock Community Council

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Community Council Meeting Wednesday, September 24th, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.

Present: Edwina Jeffrey (chair), Onkar Biring, Cindy Bain, Vernon Hudson, Laila Karim, Alison Scholefield, Claudia Meyerman and Vicki Stratton

Regrets: Wendi Mackintosh

CLBC Staff: Sharon Rose, CLBC CPD manager
Rachel Hopcott, community engagement facilitator
Josefina Marchetti, recorder

1. Call to order

The Council Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Guest speaker: Linda McGowan, consumer advocacy manager for MVT Canadian Bus Inc.

Linda McGowan is not only a writer, world traveler and advocate for accessibility in Canada and throughout the world; she's also the Consumer Advocacy Manager for MVT Canadian Bus, Inc. MVT is the company that manages HandyDART.

Linda's presentation provided a better understanding of how HandyDART operates and tips to keep in mind when dealing with HandyDART. Linda kindly told the Council members she will send a written summary of her presentation via email. Linda also asked the Council to feel free to contact her with questions or issues with HandyDART.

3. Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and accepted, as circulated.

Review and approval of the minutes of June 25th, 2014

Motion

It was moved by Vernon Hudson, seconded by Cindy Bain, to approve the minutes of June 25th, 2014, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

4. Community Council member's handbook

Josefina distributed the latest issue of the Community Council Member's Handbook. Claudia Meyerman, informed that one of the pictures has been changed but the document content hasn't changed.

The Chair projected a PowerPoint presentation that assisted the members understanding the handbook and the Council's role. The Chair will email the document to all the members.

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5. Recruiting, nominations and re-appointments

- a) New member: Josefina informed that Zorica Medved's nomination was sent to Jai Birdi, director Regional Operations - Fraser region, for approval and appointment. Jai Birdi approved and appointed Zorica for a two year term. A letter to the appointee will be sent out. Zorica will attend her first meeting on October 22nd, 2014.
- b) The Chair informed that the Vice-chair position is still vacant.
- c) Meet and greet for family members, all Community Council members and CLBC staff. Sharon Rose informed that every year during Christmas time CLBC organizes a reception for all its service providers so she suggested that this could be a good opportunity to invite the Community Council and meet with service providers and CLBC staff.
The Council didn't make a decision and will discuss this item further at a future Council meeting.

6. Work plan review and action

- a) *Review Council members on committee:* This item was tabled and will be discussed at the October's Council's meeting.
- b) *Requests for Council members attendance to important meetings:*
October 1st, 2014 – 15:00 "Surrey Crime Reduction Strategy: Developmentally Disabled Youth and Young Adults and the Criminal Justice System". Onkar Biring confirmed his attendance.
October 21st, 2014 – 18:00 to 20:00 "Housing Committee Creation". Vicki Stratton confirmed her attendance.
- c) *Community Updates:* Rachel Hopcott, CLBC community engagement facilitator, informed the Council of all the activities and events that go on in the community and that is of interest to the Council and CLBC individuals and families.

7. Reports

- a) The minutes of the June 26th, 2014 monthly Community Council Chairs conference call were distributed for the Council's reading and reference.
- b) The PAC Chair, Claudia Meyerman, also a Council member, informed that she attended the joint meeting between the Council Chairs and the Provincial Advisory Committee. The minutes will be published.
- c) The Chair reminded the Council members that CLBC, Surrey Rotary, Surrey Board of Trade, City of Surrey (Measuring Up Committee) and Milieu family services are organizing a Night of Recognition and Awards, to recognize inclusive employers. The event will take place on October 15th, 2014 and if the members are interested, they should let the Chair know for registration purposes.

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8. CLBC Updates

No reports at this time.

9. Adjournment and Next Council

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:40

The next Council meeting will take place on October 22nd, 2014, at 6:30.