



Upper Fraser Community Council Meeting
Date: November 17, 2010
Address: Garden Towers, Abbotsford
Time: 6:00 pm

Present: Sylvia Dirks (vice-chair), Jerry Laidlaw, Heidi Schneider, Cathy Bonnett, Brenda Gillette, Kathie MacDonald, Cheryl Lewis, Kerry Lawson (minutes)

Regrets: Bryce Schaufelberger, Maggie Metcalfe

Guest: Jewel Hopkins and Kim Lyster (Forum on Aging), Leo Spalteholz (CanAssist)

AGENDA TOPICS			
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Review of agenda and of previous minutes dated October 15, 2010	Agenda accepted by Cheryl and seconded by Heidi, all approved Changed noted to October 15 minutes – Cathy Bonnett was present and Kathie MacDonald was not present; with changes, minutes were approved by Jerry and seconded by Kathie, all approved		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	To email nomination form to Cheryl re: provincial advisory committee	Kerry	November 24, 2010
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Forum on Aging	<p>Jule and Kim introduced themselves and provided a brief background on their work history. They distributed information on the proposed forum on aging</p> <p>CLBC is aware that there are many individuals and families who are getting older and acknowledges that there many more people who are not connected to CLBC who are also aging</p> <p>The purpose of the forum is to bring all those people together to share information, concerns and experiences</p> <p>Jule and Kim would like to partner with the community council to host the forum. The council would be responsible for arranging the location and for distributing the invites. The invites should be distributed to a diverse population, including the university, the faith communities, the aboriginal communities, the legal system, etc. Jewel and Kim cover the costs of the forum and will facilitate for the purposes of listening and gathering the information. They will develop a work plan from the information obtained</p> <p>The community council approved the partnership and recommended that there be three forums – one in Langley, one in Abbotsford and one in Chilliwack. The council also suggested that the forums be held in March</p>		

	when the road conditions should be better		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	A committee will be established to work on the forum	Kerry Lawson	January 14, 2011
	Kim will be informed of who is on the committee	Kerry Lawson	January 14, 2011
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CanAssist Social Media Feasibility Study	<p>Leo introduced himself – he is the lead researcher for the study CanAssist is conducting a research study for CLBC regarding the accessibility of social media for people with developmental disabilities. One of the primary goals of the study is to determine how accessible social media platforms current are to people along with the reasons for this accessibility or lack thereof</p> <p>The council was asked to help identify the key barriers to use, the risks involved, and what safeguards should be considered.</p> <p>It was suggested that Leo meet with the self advocates group in Mission and was provided with Jerry’s contact information</p>		
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	No action was needed		
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Imagine Ministries	<p>Brenda informed the council that Imagine Ministries has expanded to both the Chilliwack and Hope communities. It is anticipated that the respite through one of the churches in Chilliwack will be set up in February 2011 and that Hope will follow shortly after that. This respite is offered to families of children and adults who are receiving very limited or no support from CLBC. Imagine Ministries in Abbotsford is mentoring both communities.</p>		
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	No action was needed		
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Next Meeting/Christmas celebration	<p>The council’s Christmas celebration will be held at the Mission Springs Restaurant on December 14th at 6:00 pm. Meals and non alcoholic beverages will be covered through the Council budget.</p> <p>Due to the time, it was decided that agenda item “youth transition” will be postponed to the January 2011 meeting</p>		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	To add Youth Transition to the January 2011 meeting	Maggie/Kerry	January 2011
ADJOURNMENT			
8:45 p.m.			
NEXT MEETING			
December 14, 2010; 6:00 p.m. at Mission Springs Restaurant, Mission			