

## Upper Fraser Community Council Meeting

**Date: April 18, 2012**

**Address: Garden Towers, Abbotsford**

**Time: 6:00pm**

Present: Maggie Metcalfe (chair), Kerry Lawson, Dawn Robertson, Sylvia Dirks, Kathie MacDonald, Tiffany McCurdy (minutes)

Regrets: Cathy Bonnett, Jerry Laidlaw, Bryce Schaufelberger, Heidi Schneider, Brenda Gillette

Agenda Topics			
Topic	Discussion		
Review of agenda and previous minutes dated February 16, 2012.	No quorum.		
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Business Arising from Minutes	Kerry has sent an email to Jule Hopkins regarding the Ageing Forums. Jule currently has a committee looking at the information gathered last Spring; they will be putting together a strategic plan.		
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Invite Lisa Porcellato, Community Liason for the Fraser & Interior Regions, to Community Council meeting.	Kerry	May 17, 2012
Topic	Discussion		
Summary of Annual Joint Meeting of Community Council and Advisory Committee Members & CLBC Board & Staff	Meeting took place Saturday, April 14, 2012. Goals: Develop a common understanding of the issues we face, clarify and improve the working relationship between all parties, strengthen and enhance the work of the community councils. Community Council members Kerry Lawson (Manager), Maggie Metcalfe (Community Council Chair) and Dawn Robertson (Provincial Community Council Advisor Member) attended the meeting. Agenda had been sent out prior to the joint meeting. John Talbut acted as facilitator for the meeting. Volunteers among the councils were acknowledged at the opening of the meeting which set the tone for the day. Seating was assigned. Dawn Robertson reported that the needs of councils became evident in themes: role clarity, enhanced communication, knowledge of why councils are relevant to CLBC & Board, councils desire support & recognition, clarity of purpose, rules of engagement. Overall community councils do not feel valued and feel a lack of purpose. Several people talked about how much they appreciated the councils. Family members were recognized for putting their time, energy and commitment into councils as volunteers. Councils want to have input on strategic plans. Alison Bond, Assistant Deputy Minister, talked about the plan for an integrated model of service. Mary-Ellen Turpel-Lafond, the province's		

	independent advocate for children, will be over-looking the transition piece of individuals ages 16 to 24.		
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Membership Terms & Recruitment, Attendance	<p>Council members can have up to a five year term. Current membership:</p> <p>Maggie Metcalfe – 2 year membership  Sylvia Dirks – 2 year membership  Kathie MacDonald – 2 year membership  Brenda Gillette – 5 year membership  Cathy Bonnett – 5 year membership  Jerry Laidlaw – 5 year membership  Bryce Schaufelberger – 5 year membership  Heidi Schneider – 5 year membership  Dawn Robertson – 1 year membership</p> <p>Discussion arose around end of terms. Who is needed on the council? Service providers, self-advocates... Community Council is to be made up of 51% representation families and self-advocates.</p>		
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Council Focus for this Fiscal – Education & Training	<p>Nominations Committee to be formed to bring new people to the Community Council. Desire is to create a well-rounded council. Nominations Committee lunch scheduled May 1 at 12:00pm at the Abbotsford Office.</p> <p>Education &amp; Training Committee to be formed at next Community Council meeting. Maggie suggested that the council partner with other groups to host a workshop every month. Perhaps the council could advertise through communications. How can the council partner with CLBC staff?</p>		
	<b>Action</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
	Ask Communications about having a form re: Community Council Recruitment at the Chilliwack Transition fair April 24, 2012	Kerry	April 23, 2012
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	Education Training Committee to be formed	Council	Brought forward to May 17, 2012 Meeting
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Community Living BC Update (Kerry)	<p>Carla Thiessen, Director of Regional Operations, is on medical leave and will be off until the end of June 2012. Jai Birdi, QSO Manager, is covering for Carla. Bob Youssef is covering for Jai Birdi. Managers have been asked to get their Budget Allocation Plans in.</p>		
	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
	Bring copy of strategic plan	Kerry	May 17, 2012

Adjournment
8:10pm
Next Meeting
May 17; 6:00pm Garden Park Towers, Abbotsford