

Upper Fraser Community Council
 Date: March 10, 2015
 Address: Abbotsford Garden Park Towers
 Time: 6:00pm

Attendees: Mike Keating, Brenda Gillette, Kerry Lawson (CPD Manager), Maggie Metcalfe (Chair), Judy Garrett, Dawn Robertson (PAC Rep), Kathleen Rake, Jaymi Long (CLBC Facilitator) Tiffany McCurdy (Minutes), Gerald Oesch, and Donalda Madsen.

Regrets: Dan Collins, Sylvia Dirks (Co-Chair), Natalie Fortin, Jerry Laidlaw

Agenda Topics			
Topic		Discussion	
Review		Review of agenda - motion to accept the agenda approved by Dawn, seconded by Brenda, all approved. Review of previous minutes. Note correction: change from employee to employer in notes under WOW Award. Motion to accept the minutes with changes approved Dawn, seconded by Gerald, all approved.	
Topic		Discussion	
Business from Previous Minutes		<p>Working group created with the purpose of reviewing the procurement material that CLBC provides to individuals and families as well as to review the orientation given to ensure that it is family friendly. The council will make recommendations and provide feedback to CLBC. The working group will be comprised of Dawn, Kathleen, Tiffany, Donalda, Kerry and Maggie. Question arose as to whether there is a script that CLBC staff use? Comment made that there is a lack of consistency among facilitators.</p> <p>Working group meeting scheduled for April 7th at 6:30pm to meet and discuss materials.</p>	
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		Print off Procurement Materials	April 7 th
			Person Responsible Tiffany McCurdy
Topic		Discussion	
Employment		<p>Jaymi is part of the Abbotsford employment round table. The round table is comprised of members from CLBC, Abbotsford School District, and Abby Works. The group is getting together to discuss how employment is going in Abbotsford. Jaymi wanted to bring the topic of employment to the Community Council to gain input around the transition process for individuals specifically coming out of the school district and starting CLBC programs.</p> <p>The council discussed the report from the Community Action Employment Plan Committee reporting that the Upper Fraser Region is the lower in the province as for CLBC eligible individuals getting jobs. It was pointed out that this is most likely not reliable as individuals are not reporting their extra income to the Ministry (MSDSI).</p>	

	<p>Chilliwack Society and Langley Association are currently working on self-employment projects. Kathleen Rake developed a work plan for Mission individuals.</p> <p>There is a lot of work being done around employment in many pockets. Feedback to the employment working group is to be careful not to overlap with something that is already established. Council members wondered if the local child and youth committee under MCFD are involved. Community social service agencies? Suggestion made to have a small committee with a bigger reference group including families.</p> <p>Kerry commented that money will not be provided by CLBC to other regions for employment projects.</p> <p>Problematic piece that arose for the Coquitlam committee was the fact that great work was being done in the areas of resume building and work experiences but the student's portfolios were lost on graduation during the transition out of high school.</p>								
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Pecha Kucha	<p>Those who attended the recent Pecha Kucha came away inspired and described it as a powerful evening. The Upper Fraser Community Council would like to host a Pecha Kucha night. Kerry talked to Lisa Moy who is a professor with the Social Work program through UFV and is interested in a partnership. Kerry commented that it would be important to involve CLBC's communication department. A suggestion was made to use Jelly Marketing (Darien). UFV can provide the building. The council would like to invite local mayors, MLA's etc.</p> <p>The theme would be around community. How do you create community? How do you find community? Real activities, proposed activities, implementation strategies. How far a field does the council want to reach out to?</p> <p>Another Pecha Kucha is scheduled in Abbotsford for April 28th at High Street. The theme is New Frontiers.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="537 1461 1398 1566"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="537 1461 824 1497">Action</th> <th data-bbox="824 1461 1084 1497">Date</th> <th data-bbox="1084 1461 1398 1497">Person Responsible</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="537 1497 824 1566">Form Working Group</td> <td data-bbox="824 1497 1084 1566">April 14th</td> <td data-bbox="1084 1497 1398 1566">Maggie Metcalfe</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Action	Date	Person Responsible	Form Working Group	April 14 th	Maggie Metcalfe
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Provincial Conference Call	<p>Concern arose around housing not being part of CLBC's mandate and that home share dollars cannot be used towards housing costs i.e. to subsidize the rent. Some regions within CLBC it is allowed and in others it is not. Different regional decisions are being made. The money used to subsidize the home and the actual form of support may shift slightly from the traditional view of home sharing. Communications stated that clarity is needed.</p>								

	<p>Kerry had brought housing up at a manager's meeting. The managers stated that they will not subsidize people's rent.</p> <p>CLBC/BCGEU scholarship up to \$2500 per scholarship. The scholarships are not limited to continuing education but also for other areas i.e. swimming lessons, horseback riding, skiing lessons, and guitar lessons. Sports, the arts and education are all recognized as the scholarship fund is meant to be inclusive.</p> <p>Community Council website needs to be updated. SAS Terry Gill has phoned on multiple occasions requesting that CLBC update the website with meeting minutes. Communications is currently looking into this.</p> <p>Next conference call scheduled for March 26th.</p>		
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PAC Update	Election coming up for a new PAC chair as prior chair stepped down.		
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Housing	<p>Kerry reported that there is a housing project shared by BC Housing and CLBC for three individuals with FASD. BC Housing, Mental Health and Addictions came to the table. Three ladies moved into the home in January. Each lady has FASD in addition to mental health and addiction issues. One woman has since moved out as she is now in the psych unit. The other two women are still there. The women always come back home at night when previously this was not the case. The focus of the home is predominantly harm reduction with the hope of a reduction in drug use.</p> <p>BC Housing is interested in projects. Three ladies who receive outreach support in Surrey will have their three apartments subsidized.</p> <p>ACT (Acute Care Team) through Mental Health will be coming to Langley and Abbotsford. ACT is funded by Fraser Health and they are available around the clock.</p> <p>Question arose whether rental subsidies can be transferable.</p>		
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	Invite BC Housing to Community Council meeting	April 14 th	Kerry Lawson
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Individual/Family Training Events	<p>RDSP evening of information. Questions are always arising regarding why families get turned down for the disability tax credit. A lot of families do not know about RDSP or Discretionary Trust Funds. Council would like to plan an info night in the fall of 2015. Dawn mentioned that FSI also has workshops.</p>		

	<p>Workshop on Individualized Funding. Council would like to plan an info night in each community in the fall of 2015.</p> <p>Diversity Awards – celebrating diversity. There are categories and judges. Kathleen to attend meeting with Abbotsford Community Services. Mission Community Services are also partners.</p> <p>Local transition fairs: Chilliwack transition fair April 21st from 6:00-8:00pm Hope transition fair April 28th 6:30pm-8:30pm Abbotsford transition fair - April 29th from 6:30-8:30pm</p>									
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Manager Updates	<p>CLBC is currently undergoing restructuring. Implementation to take place in the summer of 2015 including the implementation of an integrated manager. Kerry stated that the QS Regions will not be split up i.e. Langley will not be moving to Delta.</p> <p>Budget for the Upper Fraser will be less than it was last year.</p> <p>Kerry will be off for three weeks starting April 2.</p>									
Meeting Adjournment										
9:00pm										
Next Meeting										
Tuesday, April 14 th										