

## Upper Fraser Community Council Meeting

**November 17, 2011**

**Address: Garden Towers, Abbotsford**

**Time: 6:00pm**

Present: Cathy Bonnett, Jerry Laidlaw, Bryce Schaufelberger, Kerry Lawson, Maggie Metcalfe (chair), Dawn Robertson, Heidi Schneider, Sylvia Dirks, Tiffany McCurdy (minutes)

Regrets: Kathie MacDonald, Brenda Gillette

Guests: Scott Gibney – Community Relations Specialist from Headquarters, David Pasko - Facilitator

Agenda Topics				
Topic		Discussion		
Review of agenda and previous minutes dated October 20, 2011		Motion to accept minutes by Sylvia Dirks seconded by Jerry Laidlaw, all approved. Motion to accept agenda by Cathy Bonnett, seconded by Bryce Schaufelberger, all approved. .		
Topic		Discussion		
Community Living BC Update (Kerry)		Issues matrix reviewed and submitted by Managers every Thursday by noon. Four staff in the Upper Fraser region will be off on sick leave.		
		Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
		Express concern about Self-Advocate Advisor not having self-advocate input at Provincial Advisory Council.	Dawn	January 19, 2012
Topic		Discussion		
Family Focus Conference (Dawn)		Dawn Robertson reported that the Family Focus Conference will be held on October 19, 20, and 21 of 2012. It will be held at Cascades Casino & Conference center in Langley.		
Topic		Discussion		
Community Engagement Activities (David Pasko)		Target areas currently underway: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Trinity Western University Masters in Counselling students “Fraser River Counselling” interested in coming out to provide counselling – fully monitored, full supervision. These students are in their last year of the Masters program needing experience in the area of counselling. Currently looking at working with Abbotsford Community Services to provide free space. Counselling session would be \$10.</li> <li>2. Populace of kids coming out of high schools are falling through the cracks getting involved in drugs, gangs... The plan is to work with Youth Unlimited. Idea has been proposed to Executive Director who has approved 1:1 activities i.e. like a buddy system, positive role models to help individuals find jobs etc. Youth Unlimited is located on Emerson Street in</li> </ol>		

	<p>Abbotsford. Youth Unlimited’s involvement in Abbotsford is a pilot project. Service to youth can be on an evening or weekday. Resource development to happen in Abbotsford community.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Signal Hill has been around for 20 years. Their purpose is to come into organizations to build them up... will help with Youth Unlimited for free. Youth Unlimited will offer Signal Hill drug and alcohol counselling and mentorship. Signal Hill currently has 45 students through their universities who are interested in doing volunteer work. Signal Hill has community supporters who provide funding.</li> <li>4. Imagine Ministries was growing too fast in Abbotsford so it was closed to take a closer look at how it is run. Geared for families who are not currently receiving service. Imagine Ministries takes individuals for a couple of hours offering parents a chance to spend some time together to go out on a date. Fee for drop off is \$10. Chilliwack &amp; Hope have similar ministries running for children. Spa Night for Moms was done in the past as well.</li> <li>5. Is there entertainment that families with individuals with disabilities could attend? (i.e. sports games, theatre plays)</li> <li>6. Fundraising for Abbotsford Heat by selling tickets. David met with head guy from the Heat &amp; took a look at creating employment opportunities. The fundraising aspect fell through. David sent a follow up email. However the opportunity looks like it has “cooled” for now as tickets were not being sold.</li> </ol>		
	<b>Action</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
	Speak with LACL regarding fundraising opportunity for the Heat.	Dawn Robertson	January 19, 2012
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>		
Community Update (Scott Gibney)	<p>UN has declared an International Day for Persons with Disabilities. On Saturday, December 3: 11am-12:30pm five Safeway locations: Terrace, Vernon, Courtney, Maple Ridge, Abbotsford (Store Manager: Brad) will be housing a table in store where CLBC’s “Start with Hi” material, bracelets, stickers and a Safeway cake will be handed out. Safeway has donated a cake (at the Abbotsford location). Community Council is more than welcome to come out and spread the news. Scott has spoken with the CEO of Easter Seals – looking into expanding a program in the summer; perhaps having a couple weeks available for young adults to go to camp. Contact Scott to put events on the calendar on the Community Living BC website.</p>		
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>		
Criminal Record Checks (Kerry)	CLBC expectations include Community Council members having a criminal record check; this requirement is consistent with CLBC		

	policy.		
Topic	Discussion		
Budget Update (Kerry)	<p>There is currently no additional funding. CLBC was holding back on spending in order to achieve projected savings. CLBC in turn has been told to go ahead and use money projected for savings. The deficit will be covered by the Ministry. Those in crisis will be provided support. Doug Woollard made it public that CLBC will not be moving individuals out of staffed homes unless at the request of the individual and/or family..</p> <p>Discussion arose surrounding how the media has not been broadcasting both sides of the story. Unfortunately people at CLBC have had to make decisions – which can now be made with more consultation with families. Recent journalism has affected CLBC employees. CLBC employees have been highlighted as bullies when the real issue is that there is not enough money. Scott Gibney reported that he “has not met anyone working for CLBC who doesn’t care.”</p>		
Topic	Discussion		
Services for Elderly	Connections with senior services; Patty Braun, BSW practicum student, has connected with some senior resources. Staff training planned for November 23 – Jule Hopkins will be presenting on Ageing.		
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Bring information to next meeting regarding seniors’ resources.	Patty	January 19, 2012
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Follow-up: find out when Jule Hopkins can present to council on results of Ageing Forums.	Kerry	January 19, 2012
Topic	Discussion		
Transition Services Update	<p>Maggie spoke with Dan Collins about transition services in Langley. LACL may make a presentation to MCFD. Dan is very interested and is going to approach MCFD. Dan says thank you to the council for suggesting it.</p> <p>Discussion arose whether the council should have some family forums where family members of individuals who have just transitioned would be invited to share their experience; What would have worked better?</p> <p>Dawn suggested meeting with MCFD social worker and facilitator at the same time would be helpful. Have facilitators connecting with the high school. Facilitator can go to care team meeting at the school. Transition meetings need to involve different players: MCFD, CLBC and parents. Maybe having someone to facilitate making a path. Cathy suggested needing time to draw &amp; dream &amp; create... having a flow happen in terms of organizing a path.</p>		

	Path education is needed for families; it would be beneficial for members of the council, families and self advocates. Motion to plan a Path Education Event accepted by Sylvia Dirks, seconded by Dawn Robertson, all approved.		
	<b>Action</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
	Approach Cathy Anthony from Simon Fraser Society in regards to teaching a session on paths.	Kerry	January 19, 2012
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>		
Other	November 23, Chilliwack Society for Community Living will be hosting an open house for their Bridge Program 3-5pm. Decide where to hold Christmas dinner for next council "meeting." Guests at next community council meeting in January include Brian Salisbury, Sylvie Zebroff and Jessica Humphrey.		
	<b>Action</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
	Contact author of "The Boy in the Moon" to inquire about a speaking engagement.	Kerry	January 19, 2012
<b>Adjournment</b>			
8:00pm			
<b>Next Meeting</b>			
December 15, 2011; 6:00pm Christmas Dinner - Location TBA			
January 19, 2012; 6:00pm Garden Towers, Abbotsford			