

Surrey – Delta – White Rock Community Council

#2017 – 7495 – 132 Street, Surrey, BC V3W 1J8

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Community Council Minutes

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Chorus Apartments Amenity Room

2358 - 153 Street - Surrey, BC V4A 4R2

- Present:** Marie Sabine (Chair), Alison Scholefield, Vicki Stratton, Sherry Adam, and Tracey Chan
- Guests:** Doug Tennant, Executive Director, Semiahmoo House Society, and Zainum Bahadshah, CLBC Research & Innovation Lead
Rose Marie Borutski, potential Council member
- Regrets:** Vernon Hudson, Laila Karim, Linda Beck, Erin Dove
- CLBC staff:** Anthony opden Dries, Integrated Services Manager
- Recorder:** Edwina Jeffrey
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1. **Welcome to All, Introductions and Guest Presentations**

The meeting was called to order after dinner and just before Doug Tennant did his presentation on Chorus Apartments.

Doug showed a powerpoint explaining the UNITI branding, consisting of three groups/partners that worked together to make Chorus happen. He explained the history, and organization which included consultation with families and individuals to learn what is needed to build a home and not to build housing then try to fill it.

We learned the benefits of the Chorus project for the tenants to make a dream come true and how the community has recognized inclusion.

2. **Tour of Chorus Apartments**

After Doug's presentation, the council took a tour of Chorus looking at a 2-bedroom and a 1-bedroom apartment of two developmentally disabled tenants living independently with support.

3. **Review of CLBC's major projects for 2018 including Community Asset Mapping**

Following our tour, Zainum Bahadshah presented on what CLBC is undertaking

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to improve relationships with families, targeting clients ages 18-23, who are new to CLBC.

Zainum explained the process of talking with families across the province over the last 1-1/2 years:

- Why is CLBC doing this
- How can CLBC improve
- Received feedback that families want realistic information on what to expect and require the information earlier in the planning process
- Talked about families doing a 'plan' but families wanted ownership; not something CLBC driven, as planning can change depending on a situation
- Families want to avoid repeating their story over and over (resource: FSI – Find Support BC: parent created booklet 'about your child')
- Quality of life is important, and should be in planning documents
- There was 'needs base' program not positive planning (which loops back into quality of life)
- Challenge: inconsistency was consistent across province
- CLBC recognizes current planning process not working especially if a service provider repeats the process.
- CLBC wants to make sure everyone gets all the same info; the first info package should not be intimidating, and easy to digest
- Test and trial of all workshops; e.g., trial in schools and be really ready by age 19, as most hear about CLBC after age 19. Workshops means everyone gets same information earlier; i.e., in school.

Zainum talked about the four workshops that have been developed:

- Welcome to CLBC: involving family members/self-advocates/facilitators = great community building
- Community Mapping
- Independent Planning (consider PATH)
- Real Deal – How it really works or opening the 'black box'; i.e., sharing all information or all services that CLBC funds

Workshop training needs to be developed for Facilitators, so that parents, self-advocates can build a relationship and give constant feedback.

ACTION: Anthony to reach out to Jessica Humphreys re sending workshops invitations to Surrey/Delta/White Rock families.

4. Council support for Inclusive Employer Awards

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***Motion:** It was moved by Vicki and seconded by Alison for fiscal year 2017-2018 Community Council budget, to approve allocating up to \$900 to cover the cost of trophies or awards/flowers for inclusive employers and for the fiscal year 2018-2019, to approve allocating up to \$800 of the Community Council budget to cover registration subsidies for up to 20 self-advocates to attend the 2018 Inclusive Employer Awards.*

(See Note below)

Carried Unanimously

5. **Motion to approve Council’s contract with Edwina Jeffrey to record and transcribe Council meeting minutes.**

***Motion:** It was moved by Alison and seconded by Vicki to approve Edwina Jeffrey’s contract, backdated to September 1, 2017 ending June 30th, 2018, at a rate of \$50/meeting.*

(See Note below)

Carried Unanimously

***Note:** There was a quorum for the first part of the meeting, but Tracey and Sherry left before the meeting ended. Following the meeting, the Chair forwarded the motions by email to Council members. Tracey, Sherry and Linda Beck confirmed their approval of all motions.*

6. **Review and approval of the January 24th Agenda and November 22, 2017 meeting minutes**

***Motion:** Note: January 24th Agenda motion inadvertently missed due to guests’ presentations and Chorus tour and other business.*

***Motion:** Note: Approval of November 22, 2017 meeting minutes motion deferred to February meeting.*

6. **Adjournment & Reminders: Next Meeting February 28, 2018.** As the Chair is not available, Vice-Chair Vernon Hudson will Chair the meeting.