

Surrey – Delta – White Rock Community Council

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Community Council Minutes Wednesday, March 22, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

Present: Marie Sabine (Chair), Vicki Stratton, Vernon Hudson, Sherry Adam, Alison Scholefield, Linda Beck, Tracey Chan and Laila Karim

CLBC staff: Anthony opden Dries, Integrated Services Manager and Dawn Kennedy, Community Engagement Facilitator

Recorder: Edwina Jeffrey

1. **Call to order:** Marie Sabine (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

2. **Welcome to All and Introductions**

The Chair welcomed everyone.

3. **Review and approval of the agenda for the March 22, 2017 meeting**

Motion: *It was moved by Sherry and seconded by Linda, to amend the March 22 agenda to include: 7a) January, 2018 CLBC staff learning/organizing event on affordable housing. The March 22, 2017 Agenda was adopted as amended.*

Carried Unanimously

Review and approval of the minutes of the January 25, 2017 meeting

Motion: *It was moved by Allison and seconded by Sherry, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 25, 2017.*

Carried Unanimously

4. **Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Update**

Next all-day meeting is April 8th; Vicki talked about recent developments including a new PAC chair. The new CLBC connection for PAC is Jessica Humphrey. Vicki also highlighted the important areas of the PAC Notes (emailed to all council members):

- Vicki mentioned our Council updates, including the Housing Forum, the Employer Awards, and the positive behaviour presentation by Council member Sherry Adam.

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- Other councils also reported out what they've been doing. A few other councils have picked up on recognizing employers through a certificate or other means.
- There is a trend for lower numbers within each council and ideas were highlighted on how to approach potential new members.

5. **March 16 Self-Advocate Conference Update**

Vernon read the speech he presented at the Self-Advocate Conference. His speech represented his personal life story. At the conference, he learned a lot about healthy living and wellness including how to do a meditation exercise. Vernon is part of the planning committee and they will have a pizza party at the Surrey CLBC office to review how the conference went and talk about any changes for next time.

6. **Conference Call with Council Chairs and Managers**

Two managers were available to participate on the call. The call was brief and a roundtable discussion of the Chairs was not done. Our Chair expressed disappointment that she had taken the time to prepare a report and that CLBC manager participation was low. This feedback was emailed to the managers on the call.

7. **Proposed May 27th Housing Forum and Fall Forum Discussions**

The Council will postpone May 27th Housing Forum to the Fall. The Council will form a sub-committee to plan for this housing forum. This Forum may not be open to the public as it will have a different focus.

Postponing until the Fall will allow:

- time to get more interest and a buy-in or engage groups to make it happen such as: Surrey, and Delta and White Rock social and land use planning departments, the BC Not For Profit Housing Association, BC Housing, and People First (a self-advocate group: www.bcpeoplefirst.com) ;
- an opportunity for these groups to get together to talk to each other;
- self-advocate presence to speak and explain their situations ;
- a possibility to help build a business case.

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Marie mentioned that she had been interviewed by the Globe and Mail and that the story will be in the Saturday edition (March 25). The story will highlight housing issues and lack of housing subsidies for persons with developmental disabilities.

The council reviewed the top ideas presented from the last public forum to fill in for the May 27th date. A possibility is a Positive Behaviour Support presentation, or to have a lawyer talk about Wills, Estates, and Representation Agreements.

a) January, 2018 CLBC staff learning/organizing event on affordable housing

Dawn advised that CLBC is organizing an event on affordable housing. CLBC would like as many families with innovative ideas on housing for their children with disabilities to talk about their experiences. One example is: two families who have talked with mortgage brokers and Vancity. The families call themselves Families with Plans but No Resources and are hoping to bring together families and mortgage brokers/banks/financial planners. A CLBC Facilitator Michelle.Lung@gov.bc.ca is the contact and the plan is to have a forum in January 2018.

Please email Dawn with any other ideas: Dawn.Kennedy@gov.bc.ca .

8. **Other Business:**

Linda and Marie are attending the April 4 morning meeting about inclusive hiring (Inclusive Employer Awards) at the Surrey Board of Trade. Chris Chen (CLBC Facilitator – Employment) initiated this event which is to engage new businesses about the benefits of inclusive hiring.

9. **Adjournment at 7:48 pm & Reminders:**

Next Council meeting: April 26, 2017

Ladner May Days Parade: Sunday, May 28

Vernon will help out or walk in the parade. CLBC staff will support the participating Council members.

Meeting with CLBC Board: June 20