

# Surrey – Delta – White Rock Community Council

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

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## Community Council Minutes Wednesday, October 25, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

Present: Marie Sabine (Chair), Vernon Hudson, Laila Karim, Alison Scholefield, Vicki Stratton, Linda Beck and Tracey Chan  
Guests: None  
Regrets: Sherry Adam, Erin Dove  
CLBC staff: Anthony opden Dries, Integrated Services Manager  
Recorder: Edwina Jeffrey

1. Call to order: Marie Sabine (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. Welcome to All and Introductions  
The Chair welcomed everyone after dinner was completed.
3. Review and approval of the agenda for the October 25, 2017 meeting  
*Motion: It was moved by Tracey and seconded by Vicki, to approve the amended agenda to include item 3. (agenda and minutes approval) and 5a) Aging Event: Looking Forward to the Future: Supporting Individuals with Developmental Disabilities as they Age. Carried Unanimously*

Review and approval of the minutes of the September 20, 2017 meeting

*Motion: It was moved by Alison and seconded by Laila, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 20, 2017. Carried Unanimously*

4. Meeting check-in: a round table to see how everyone is doing. What is working well and what are challenges  
All members checked in on what's been happening within their families and their summer activities.  
Members shared:
  - Benefits for her daughter living independently in a supported apartment; she is experiencing new friendships and an increase in social activities as well as increased self-confidence. Support staff are monitoring increases in social skills, self-reliance and confidence.

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- Concerns about isolation issues surfacing with one member's developmentally disabled adult child (Anthony sent member information about an available counselling service.)
- Self-advocate member very active in sports and shared successes with a baseball team; had a great summer; now into winter games; i.e., curling.
- After being in a home share for six months, their daughter has returned home to live with her parents. Member mentioned the new Surrey (Cloverdale) Bristol Apartments as it offers market rent apartments for individuals with disabilities and others (currently ~500 people are on the waitlist).
- Discussion about differences in people on the autism spectrum and the new Pacific Autism Family Centre in Richmond, BC.
- Summer was a challenging time for one member as the caregivers for her son left. Due to her son's medical needs caregivers with medical training are preferred. As no caregivers were available in Canada caregivers were selected via an immigration sponsorship program and are on 2-year contracts. The new caregivers chose to find their own accommodation. Member noted that having a microboard has worked well.
- Member vacationed with a family whose children have developmental disabilities including a son with autism. She now has more empathy because she and her husband stayed with the family and can see the issues parents face. She is concerned for the sister because she has cancer and needs extra supports for her son with autism.
- Member commented that the 'check-in' time portion of the meeting is informative and valuable. The member shared about a job opportunity where her son was in control. He set his alarm to ensure he would be ready for his interview; however, he did not sleep well due to excitement about this opportunity and unfortunately slept in thus missing the job opportunity. He has been depressed about this; however, now it's time to move on and look for another job opportunity.

5. Review and discussion regarding events to recognize Inclusion month  
<http://www.communitylivingbc.ca/2017/10/nominations-open-for-2017-wow-awards/> click on: Events Calendar

Many events were planned including a River City Chili Fest in Campbell River, Trauma Informed Practice workshops in Cranbrook and Surrey (aimed at service providers as well as CLBC staff) to develop techniques and skills to support

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people who have these experiences; i.e., individuals going on the streets, overdose deaths, etc., and Prince George/Abbotsford/Vancouver/Victoria: Learn about Supports for Aging Conference (see 5 a). (Local events are an attachment.)

## a) Looking Forward to the Future: Supporting Individuals with Developmental Disabilities as they Age

Council spoke about the possibility of having a presenter talk to families and caregivers about aging. If Dr. Jokinen is available, CLBC staff would arrange a venue in Surrey.

Following discussion:

*Motion: It was moved by Vicki and seconded by Alison, to have CLBC staff and Council investigates having Dr. Nancy Jokinen present on aging with a developmental disability.*

*Carried Unanimously*

## 6. Planning for the Housing Forum

Anthony spoke with the City of Surrey social planning team. Surrey staff will be presenting a proposed housing strategy to City Council in November. They are aware of people's struggles to find affordable inclusive housing, and they are hoping the proposed housing strategy will move forward. The social planning team recommends co-hosting a housing forum with our Community Council in March 2018. The forum is intended to have people come together to build strategies to provide affordable inclusive housing.

Politicians and staff from Surrey, Delta and White Rock would be invited to the Forum, as well as for profit and not-for-profit developers, BC Housing, CMHC, BC Peoples First, and self-advocates.

### Possible Housing Forum Dates:

Thursday March 8 or Wednesday March 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Potential Presenters include self-advocates living at Chorus Apartments in South Surrey; Delta Housing Be Mine Society; CMHC; Executive Director Doug Tennant, Semiahmoo House Society (provides supports to developmentally disabled tenants living at Chorus Apartments); Development Consultants; and the BC Non-Profit Housing Association and Delta Housing be Mine Society.

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## Other News on Housing:

Housing Central – BCNPHA (BC Non-Profit Housing Association) Conference:  
Nov. 19 – 21. Registration is open to everyone:  
<https://housingcentral.ca/sites/HousingCentral>)

## 7. Update on the September Provincial Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

Quarterly meeting of the PAC highlights shared:

- Councils complete a self-evaluation by the end of March, and Council Chairs complete an annual Community Council report each year.
- PAC may provide a calendar for Community Councils.
- Other councils shared their social projects; while other councils recognize inclusive employers with a framed certificate.
- Community mapping was a big topic. Came up as #1 for Councils to discuss, (refer to powerpoint .pdf ). Getting partnerships among people: sharing stories from planning trial/mapping workshops. We could have a less formal structure.

Anthony invited Jessica to attend the November Community Council meeting to help with a Community Asset Mapping Project. Jessica is confirmed for November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 for the entire meeting.

## 8. Redesign of CLBC Website – card sorting activity

- Update on CLBC website redesign - Vicki took part in the card sorting activity. Eight people did the challenge one at a time (there were no wrong answers). Website redesign is now at the technical stage.

## 9. Review of Council budget and planning for 2017/2018 including what topics are important to Council members; do we want to invite guests to speak on specific subjects?

Council expenses include dinner prior to Council meetings, parking for Council members and guests while attending meetings, venue costs for planned events, and supporting the Inclusive Employer Awards. The fiscal year end is March 31, 2018.

## 10. Adjournment at 8:30 pm and Reminders: Next meeting: November 22<sup>nd</sup>.