

## Fraser Region Community Council Meeting

**Newport Village, Port Moody**

**Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

**Date: February 26, 2018**



<b>Chair:</b>	Vera Anderson
<b>Attendees:</b>	Sue Mann, Conrad Tyrkin, Linda Wu, Barb Paciejewski, Massi Bakhshain, Maxine Wilson, Christine Delancy, Kathy Dudley, Deb Appleby
<b>Guests:</b>	Ryan Jamieson, Amanda Briglio
<b>Regrets:</b>	Ashley Baker, Shari Mahar

### **1. M/S/C The Agenda was adopted as presented**

The Minutes were shared from the January 2018 meeting. There were a couple of spelling errors. Amanda will fix them. Christine was also going to work on the Self Advocate sub-committee. That will be added in.

**M/S/C The Minutes were accepted with those changes.**

We're trying to make the minutes a bit simpler -- more plain language.

We will also have a second, shorter set of minutes to post on the CLBC website.

### **2. CLBC Administration items:**

Ryan showed the Council how to fill out the Expense Forms and Car Mileage Forms.

### **3. CLBC Report:**

It looks like the Council budget will be \$4,000 again.

The CLBC Budget for this region dropped from \$73 million last year to \$60 million this year.

That ends up being only approximately \$100,000 per office.

The work of the Council becomes even more important – focusing on how to build natural connections rather than paid supports.

CLBC is moving to DSM V (5) for diagnosing disabilities. This means many more people will be able to get funding.

### **4. Council Work Plan:**

**The Cookie event was held.**

Sue, Vera, Kathy, Deb, and Amanda were the organizers. Massi, Linda, Maxine and Christine attended the event to help out.

Lots of agencies participated. There was a lot of interest.

The way it was organized was great – especially for a first-time event.

Mayors from Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam came, as well as a Councilor from Port Moody.

Those 3 judged the cookies, then 2 of the Mayors left quite quickly so we were not able to thank them properly.

Suggestion: Next time it would be good to explain more what the judges were looking for and why they made the choices they did.

The Fire Chief came in and judged at the end as well.

People from the school board came as well.

Suggestion: It would be good to have more committee members next year, and a longer time to organize the event.

The decoration of the tables by the agencies was great, and how well people described their cookies.

Even though not a large number attended, quite a few important people came to it.

Suggestion: In the future, it would be good to have a CLBC Council banner so people know who we are. It's also good for photos.

Hard to judge how successful it was. We weren't totally clear on all the goals.

Now we have an event organizing tool that helps us figure out what our goals are.

There was a lot of learning from the event.

It was a great success, especially wconsidering that the event was organized in only 6 weeks.

In the future, we could also ask attendees to fill out a quick Exit Survey – with a prize for someone.

It's important to say that it's a first-time event that we're learning from.

We do so many events where we expect people to sit and be talked at. This was a fun activity for everyone.

If we focus on the activity – something fun that everyone can enjoy – the message of inclusion comes out.

**Networking Dinner: Vera, Maxine, Ryan, Barb are organizing.**

Dinner will be held on April 12, from 4:00 – 7:00 pm at Melissa Park

Think Matthew will do the welcome. He is a figure skater and on the International Board of the Special Olympics. He will tell his story.

Have a facilitator arranged.

The Council Members' job at this Dinner is to wander and listen and not to talk.

We will also have a BBQ, and some of the people there will help with the BBQ.

The head of Community Relations for City of Coquitlam will help with invitations.

Will meet with the Mayor of Port Coquitlam as well.

Ryan knows someone at Douglas College.

Paul McNaughton from the School District will be contacted as well.

The dinner planning is going well.

It would be good to think of some questions we may want the facilitator to ask our guests.

Do we have a small hand-out for the Council? A one-pager would be good.

There are some already.

Problems with the nametags – the magnet keeps falling off.

Do all members of the Council need to be at the Dinner? Or is it just the sub-committee members?

There is limited space, so the rest of the Council doesn't need to attend.

CLBC created a new planning tool for events. It has a 6-month lead-in, so we need to decide soon if we want to host another BBQ in August. We will need to decide who we would be targeting and what our goals are. It would be good to decide on a sub-committee today and have them fill in the planning tool before the next meeting.

Ryan is pushing to get a Burnaby/New West Council created.  
Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows could do with a Council as well.

**Who would like to join the BBQ sub-committee? Conrad, Vera, Christine, Massi, Deb**

**All Council please email Vera with thoughts on what they would like – and would not like – to see at the BBQ, based on their experience last year.**

**Mapping seminar coming up March 26-27.** Would it be good to participate in this or just focus on current goals?

Someone will fill in the Mapping Project Plan and see what the timeline and cost is.

Suggestion that Council focuses on the projects we already have – like the Networking event and the BBQ. After we've developed more connections and made our networks larger, maybe the following year would be a good one to do the mapping.

Budget: It's important to know how much each event will cost and then the Council can decide what events they want to focus on and what they can afford. The BBQ last year only cost \$175 and had a great impact.

With every council person bringing 2 people last year, suggestion that those same people are invited, but they are asked to bring one extra person so the circle can widen.

**5. Treasurer's Report:**

Still had \$5,200 at the last meeting – not including the cookie event costs.

**6. Self Advocates' Report:**

Conrad is hoping a Council Member could help him to get transportation to a joint People First and CLBC Conference in Abbotsford. Suggest that he talks again with People First about how they think other people are getting there.

Conrad is not sure if they want Community Council involvement in the joint Conference.

Wondered whether it would be a good idea to have a Life Sharing Expo. Could have booths from the different agencies at a large centre in Burnaby or in Maple Ridge.

Ryan will talk with his staff about that. That may not be in line with Council goals. It's something that CLBC staff could look into.

If they want a speaker, they will see if there's a role for Conrad. CLBC and the Council could possibly work together on it. CLBC could develop and Council could help advertise.

**7. Old/New Business:**

Council Elections are next month in March.

Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer – all are open positions.

Please come prepared to vote.

The Survey will be sent out next week by Ryan – asking how the Council has done with their work in the past year.

Please have it completed by the April meeting.

Ryan will compile the data so it's anonymous.

Take a look at the work goals to see if you think you would be interested in certain Council roles.

**8. Committee Work:**

Sub-Committees met to discuss.

Next meeting: March 26, from 5:30 – 7:30.

Sue, Kathy and Ryan will be away.