

Surrey – Delta – White Rock Community Council

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Community Council Minutes

Wednesday, April 24th, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

CLBC – Surrey Office

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From 6:00 to 8:30 pm

Present: Brenda Pellegrin, , Vicki Stratton (note: Community Council term ends after April 25, 2019 meeting), Tracey Chan, Vernon Hudson

Regrets: Alison Scholefield, Linda Beck, Laila Karim

Guests: Jennifer Benjamin (BRAVO); Sean Beddows

CLBC staff: Real Bernier, Facilitator

Recorder: Edwina Jeffrey

1. Call to order and Welcome

Tracey facilitated and called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm following dinner. The Council members were pleased to have Sean and Jennifer join us again at the meeting.

2. April 24th Agenda Review

Motion: *It was moved by Vicki and seconded by Brenda to accept the April 24th meeting agenda. Carried Unanimously*

3. Approval of the March 27th, 2019 meeting minutes

Motion: *It was moved by Brenda and seconded by Vernon to accept the March 27th meeting minutes. Carried Unanimously*

4. April 13, 2019 PAC Quarterly meeting report

Meeting held at the CLBC Head Office. **handouts to be forwarded:** PAC Information Report, two Power Point presentations: Inclusive Housing Update and Indigenous Advisor Presentation. Report out included:

- o Reminder to CC members to do the survey evaluating the new CLBC website. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MJYYNKS>
- o Request for nominations for WOW awards. CLBC gives out Widening Our World awards to people who are doing a lot of work to increase

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inclusion in their community. Awards will be given out in October, Community Inclusion Month.

- Recruitment suggestion as well as way to include aboriginal peoples: Recommended that CCs reach out to local friendship centres for new CC members. Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre <http://fracfa.org/>
- Recommended that membership be a standing agenda item for Council meetings (Keeping track of where people are in their terms) so we can plan for recruitment and new members

ACTION: Real to follow-up with Josefina to use existing council member listing and create a shortlist containing names, start date, end date, used for sharing purposes amongst members.

- Update on Inclusive Housing Task force: what's been happening in 3-year plan; e.g., creating a toolkit for people who are looking for inclusive housing. One idea is to present to City Councils; explaining case that there is a need for more choices for people with diverse abilities. And, story in Delta Optimist about Delta Housing Be Mine. Link to that article <https://www.delta-optimist.com/news/1.23773447>
- Met a new board member who described makeup of members. Onkar Biring talked about the home share providers, and that families will get an increase in funding.
- Jessica Humphreys mentioned there is a template for Inclusive window sticker for councils to distribute in their community to businesses, or recreation centers, or community centers.
- The Joint Meeting is May 31/June 1. Unless someone has stepped up to be new CC Chair, Viki has been approved to go with Alison.
- A PAC representative term length is 2 years but can be up to 4 years.

5. **Public Transportation Issues – Follow-up**

Report in response to persons who use a wheelchair, or seniors where the gates at Skytrain or Seabus system was not accessible.

To make the system accessible, RFID bracelets were created. Initially 100 'blue' bracelets were issued to test them at the gates; but no persons with diverse abilities got them. Realizing this, Translink made getting one more open.

The Universal Fare Gate Access Program, was installed in November 2018, and is at all Skytrain stations and Seabus terminals. This blue RFID bracelet just needs to be near the sensor to activate the gate. They are programmable and loadable.

RFID cards (or bracelets) are intended for seniors and people with diverse abilities.

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For application forms or to find out more: Universal Fare Gate Access Program
<https://www.translink.ca/Rider-Guide/Accessible-Transit/Universal-Fare-Gate-Access-Program.aspx>

6. **Other business/action items – from March meeting**

Inclusive Housing Task Force: Real will follow up with Jessica Humphreys to ask for entire report gathered from all Councils so that SDWR Council members can read a copy.

Annual Report: Edwina sent Jennifer a copy of the January minutes

Recruitment of CC members: Real connected with Sean and passed his information to Jessica Humphreys so that they can connect. He is supporting Vernon in recruiting self-advocates for the Council.

Jennifer and Sean have completed their application forms and Real collected them. Follow-up has been done with Josefina on who has been invited to be a council member.

Vicki will post in North Delta Facebook page to recruit new members; the post will include: to contact the Surrey office via email and use link to Community Council from the CLBC website. Real will clarify or specify point of contact for N. Delta.

April 9th MyBooklet presentation: Email invite sent out to Council members.

7. **2018-2019 Annual Workplan review/final**

The Annual (Workplan) report was discussed at length. A draft will be drawn up and reviewed at May meeting.

8. **2019-2020 Annual Workplan draft**

Deferred to May meeting

9. **Motion to Nominate Council Chair**

Deferred to May meeting

10. **Meeting check-in: a round table to see how is everyone doing. What is working well and what are challenges (time permitting)**

Members shared lots of information during the meeting, thus there was not time for this agenda item.

Adjournment at 8:45 pm and Reminders:

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11. Next Community Council meeting is May 29, 2019, chaired/facilitated by Vernon at Surrey CLBC office. **Date to be confirmed by Real.** A meeting request email will be sent out; please reply with your availability.