



South Island Community Council Meeting

Date: April 27, 2010

220 – 4460 Chatterton Way, Victoria

Present:

David Steeves (Chair), Bill Hustler, Carol Antoine, Rosemary Juszko, Mary Valeriotte, Bev Kissinger, Sharon Bearpark, Sharon Sinclair, Kristen Kay, Nina Linguanti, QSO Manager; Mike Langridge

Regrets: Louise Doucet, Mary Emmond, Roger Palmer, Michael Hayes, Lesley Lambert, Manager Community Planning & Development, David MacPherson, Director of Regional Operations

Guests: Dave Lefsrud representing Lesley Lambert

AGENDA TOPICS	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Acceptance of the current agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order • Motion to accept agenda by Sharon Bearpark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seconded: Rosemary Juszko o Carried • Motion to adopt minutes of March 30, 2010 meeting by Mary Valeriotte <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seconded: Sharon Sinclair o Carried
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Introductions	Introduction to Dave Lefsrud, representing Lesley Lambert, Manager Community Planning & Development.
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CLBC Staff Reports	<p>Dave Lefsrud:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave an overview of his background; came to CLBC 8 years ago • Provided the most recent copy of 'The Citizen' (a copy is in the minutes binder) • Discussed the self advocate workbook that has been developed to assist families and self advocates in developing a plan. Please let Dave know if someone would like a copy • Bev Kissinger commented that it would be interesting for CLBC staff to rotate through the SICC meetings to see "who we are and what we're about". • Discussion took place regarding feedback from families and CLBC staff surrounding the budget challenges that are facing CLBC in 2010/11 and 2011/12. Families are expressing concern about what to do if they are saying what they need, but do not receive this for their child. Health and Safety and Children in Care will always remain a priority, and a definition of what is considered Health and Safety will be delivered in the coming week. The focus is moving towards use of generic services and developing community. Questions were asked regarding what

	strategies CLBC has in place to deal with frustration that may present and if discussions have taken place about the emotional toll some of these things can have on both the individual and their supports.
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Transportation Study	<p>Bill Hustler:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handout provided • A study was conducted for Translink in Vancouver to address public transportation concerns that have been identified for people with developmental disabilities. For example, it is difficult to travel by handyDART between different jurisdictions in the city as each district has a different contractor to provide service. At the present time the only way to address this is on an individual basis, based on area/jurisdiction. Following this study the Advisory Committee to the CLBC Board presented a report – WHERE TO FROM HERE?, addressing the impact of these issues and making recommendations on what could be done to make changes at a local level. • A response to this report, prepared by Stephen Russell and Brian Salisbury, encourages Community Councils to give “consideration to appropriate local transportation initiatives” as they are prioritizing items in their community engagement mandate. • Discussion took place in regards to the pros and cons of services such as the taxi program, “Good Sam” club for cab drivers, etc. Other ideas, such as prepaid taxi cards, working with the corporate sector (i.e. using, for example, McDonald gift certificates, as tips to cab drivers) were also identified. • Kristen Kay was requested to ask the self advocates with whom she works what their main public transportation issues are. She and Mike Langridge will address this together. • Reference was made to the community travel training program offered by BC Transit. • Rosemary Juszko suggested that someone from council and/or a self advocate may want to explore sitting on the Accessible Transportation Advisory Committee, as she has seen advertisements in the paper looking for people to join. • Kristen identified that not all individuals are aware of social responsibilities, such as giving a tip, and that they need this information.
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CLBC Staff Report	<p>Nina Linqanti, QSO Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave an update on the budget • the strategies to address the budget challenges were identified and discussed. ####• A CEO Network Group has been working with CLBC staff to negotiate new funding guidelines. This is said to have been a very productive process and the final template is very close to completion. ####• The goal is to serve more people

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This opens the door to the CLBC vision to encourage more community inclusion. • The challenge this year is for <i>new</i> service requests – there are restrictions on what CLBC can support this year. Specific criteria will need to be met. • Nina commented that she is very proud of the work that the facilitators and analysts have done in the last few years to meet the requests coming in. Recently they have been meeting to brainstorm on creatively serving those turning 19, with the resources they have; they are restricted on what they can give, but not on how many they can serve. • Council is encouraged to share “good news stories” and help families to understand other services, such as home sharing. • The bottom line is sustainability over the years.
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May 10 th Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carpooling was discussed. Bev Kissinger will find out what her invitees transportation needs are. It was agreed that those attending the forum would meet at the Helmcken Park and Ride at 7 am that morning.
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PAC Update	<p>Kristen Kay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Emmond and Kristen Kay (as Mary’s support person), attended their first PAC meeting at the end of March. Given that Mary is absent from the current meeting, it was suggested that she comment on the experience at the next SICC meeting. • Minutes from the meeting, and notes taken by Kristen and Mary, were distributed to council and are available in the minutes binder. • Specific items raised at the meeting, which Kristen wanted to highlight with SICC, include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A letter from Surrey Community Council, based on the distribution of 600 surveys, identified the growing concern in the community regarding support for people with developmental disabilities who are aging <i>and</i> aging parents who continue to care for family members with a developmental disability at home. Carol Goozh, VP of Policy and Program Development spoke to these concerns and indicated that a special project is under way to address the needs of seniors with complex care needs, and that aging parents could be added to the focus of this project. 2. Family Independence Fund – a handout is available in the minutes binder. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is still a fair amount of money in the fund; it can assist families with the cost of equipment, vehicle conversion, renovations, etc. to continue to support their family member at home. 3. New contracts are being approved on the basis of Health and Safety. While the Board anticipates an increase in the level of dissatisfaction, it is a matter of risk accepted by the Board and the Minister. 4. Of individuals eligible for CLBC services, only 34% are receiving

	<p>service.</p> <p>The other 66% are potentially harder to reach and could include seniors, those on reserves, in prison, etc. This group represents part of the demand that is growing. Questions raised out of this discussion: How similar or dissimilar are we to other jurisdictions in this regard? Which individuals are receiving disability pensions vs. CLBC services? Would a demographic tool such as BCESIS help?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. The importance of keeping community councils apprised of significant issues in government was identified, and discussion took place regarding how council's communicate. 6. Public meetings – some councils have experienced a negative response and have felt defensive during the meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC members felt the use of agencies to distribute SICC's information sheet in newsletters was a great idea. • Discussion at the PAC meeting took place around the role of PAC, the Board and Community Councils. Based on this discussion, SICC members question the impact that PAC can make in carrying information from Community Councils to the Board.
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Committee Reports	<p>Membership & Planning: Bill Hustler (written report provided)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A report was provided prior to the meeting but was not discussed at this time. <p>Community Council Nominations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill reintroduced Mike Langridge to the council. Mike spoke to his interest in standing up for people who may not speak or who use sign. He wants to help others who may not know what voice they can have. Kristen noted that she has known Mike for over a year, he is a part of both the self advocate group and the SASI project, and has been instrumental in helping to organize the upcoming self advocate conference. She stated that he would be a wonderful addition to the SICC. • Bill Hustler proposed that Mike be approved for membership on the SICC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seconded by Bev Kissinger • Although she was unable to attend the meeting, Bill spoke to council in regards to Kam Judge, of Integra Support Services, and her interest in joining the SICC. Her resume was sent to council members prior to the meeting. Based on her education, background and experience he identified that she would be a good fit for council as a service provider representative. • Bill Hustler proposed that Kam be approved for membership on the SICC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seconded by Rosemary Juszko <p>Membership Announcement: Sharon Bearpark</p>

- Sharon announced to council that she will be relocating up island, and as a result will no longer be able to continue with the SICC.
- She has enjoyed the experience, thanked David and Bill for their leadership, and stated that she has been honoured to be at the table with this group for something so essential to the community.
- Sharon will attend the full day planning session on May 27th.
- Members of the council wished Sharon well and stated that *we've* been honoured.

Communications Committee – Rosemary Juszko (written report provided)

- At the last SICC meeting reference was made to showing the Community Council DVD and a DVD that highlights Tim Palmer's experience as an Olympic torchbearer – these will be made available at the upcoming planning session.
- Social Networks – there is some uncertainty as to the purpose or practicality of using a network such as Facebook as a means for families to communicate. Before moving ahead, the committee will wait to see what comes from CLBC's Communications Department, as this is an area they too are exploring. Bev noted that it may be beneficial to look at timelines, as this is something that families really want to see in place.
- Community Engagement Workshop – Caitlyn Sassamans, CLBC Community Relations Specialist has offered to organize a 'Community Engagement' workshop for council if there is interest.
 - As an aside, David Steeves provided an update regarding STEPS Forward – the Vancouver Island Regional Health Authority has approved some positions in the hospital environment for STEPS Forward, at a rate of \$17/hour. This has taken 5 years of community development work to accomplish.

Self Advocates Committee – Mike Langridge & Kristen Kay (written report provided)

- Provided an overview of the report.
- The current focus is on the upcoming Self Advocates Conference. It is being held on June 16th at the First Unitarian Church on West Saanich Rd. They are in need of volunteers to assist with registration, food, facilitating group work, etc. Additionally, they are looking for donations for door prizes – they would like to ensure that everyone who attends receives a prize. Kristen will send out a list of volunteers needed.
- The logo for the conference (and on the Self Advocates report) was designed by Shawn Taylor.

Families Committee – Bev Kissinger (written report attached)

- Salt Spring Island Meet & Greet April 27th. Mary Emmond will be joining them
- Sooke Meet & Greet June 7th. Notices will be given to CLBC ahead of time for mailouts.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families on the Saanich Peninsula want to connect. Bev and Bonnie Blacklock of Recreation Integration will co-facilitate a meeting in early June to bring families together. Information will be send to CLBC for a mailout. Aging families – This is an area of focus for the committee in the upcoming year. Bev will speak with Michael Hayes to determine any connections he may have with the UVic Centre of Aging, with the thoughts of having a community discussion on the issue. Sharon B. was also asked if she could identify members of the community with whom they could connect. The intended result would be identifying the scope of these issues in Victoria, any further education/information needed and an action plan to address the issues.
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New Business	<p>Annual Planning Meeting – David Steeves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 27th 9:30 – 3:30 at the First Unitarian Church on West Saanich Rd. Committees, via the Chairs, will be asked to present what their plan was for the current year and their progress made in meeting their goals. They will also be asked to present their committee’s plan for the upcoming year. From this everyone will have input and form the basis of the Annual Plan for the SICC. Discussion will also take place in regards to the ‘repositioning’ of councils. An agenda and other information will be sent out prior to the meeting.
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ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm	Moved by Sharon Sinclair 2 nd by Kristen Kay
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NEXT MEETING

Date: TBA Time: 5:00 p.m. Location: 220 – 4460 Chatterton Way, Victoria, B.C.
