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**Vancouver Community Council
Meeting**

Wednesday, Apr. 24th, 2019
3rd floor, 210 West Broadway
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Margaret, Aileen, Bruce, Derek, John, Menwoh, Meghan Erdos (rep for Renee), Sienna, Norine and James

Regrets: Vicki, Annie, Pam, Peter, Renee, Robbie and Tess

Minute taking: Lyn

Agenda topics

Agenda Item 1:

Welcome & check-in

The council began with a brief intro and update. They welcomed Meghan Erdos, who attended on behalf of council member Renee Lopes-Lieu. Meghan is a Recreation Therapist student at Douglas College.

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

N/A

N/A

N/A

Agenda Item 2:

Review Minutes

The council reviewed and approved the minutes of the February 27th 2019 meeting.

Action items: N/A	Person responsible:	Deadline:
	N/A	N/A

Agenda Item 3:

Self-Advocate Conference (March 27, 2019) Update

CLBC ISM Manager James White reported that the Self-Advocate conference held March 27th was a success. Around 60 self-advocates attended, with around 90 people (include support workers, speakers and committee members) in total packing the South Burnaby Lawn Bowling venue. Overall, feedback was positive, attendees were satisfied with the content (this year’s theme was “People and the Power of Friendship”), the interactive activities (creative contest, Ice breaker, laughter yoga, etc), food and raffle. Suggestions for next time were to shorten length of conference (it was whole day affair), find a more accessible venue. The committee members also suggested longer time frame to work on/organize the conference.

Action items: N/A	Person responsible:	Deadline:

Agenda Item 4:

Inclusive Housing discussion

PAC Chair and Vancouver council member John McCulloch gave an update on the meeting led by CLBC Communications Exec Randy Schmidt. Randy is putting together a communication plan that would push the housing agenda of CLBC. Having identified that housing is one of the major issues for people in BC, specifically in the lower mainland, the group intends to put into action the strategies for Inclusive Housing. This includes developing a video on housing to get the message out on what inclusive housing is, how a planned community might look like and who can help. Collaboration between different councils (Vancouver, North Shore, etc) is highly recommended with CLBC as the lead. The group is aiming to get more stakeholders to join in the endeavor. With this in mind, John hoped that the council can attend the upcoming housing conference in June 2019 which will give the council the opportunity to meet and connect with developers, the City, etc.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

Agenda Item 5:

PAC Update

John reported that his turn as PAC Chair is almost up (by Sept 2019). He said that the Board (PAC?/CLBC?) has 2 self-advocates, and one of them is Jake Anthony, a self-advocate from Burnaby. He however, commented that the composition needs more family members, 3 at the least. Family members have concerns and perspectives that may be overlooked by some members. Among the concerns of family members would be the home share rate issue since CLBC is in the process of reassessing them. This has caused some concern as most families thought this support will be taken away from them.

James clarified that the home share funding reassessment aims to identify who needs an adjustment in the rates. To determine this, tools like the GSA (General Service Allocation) are being utilized. To assure families, he added none is being taken away, but those deemed receiving less would have an increase in parity with current standards.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

Agenda Item 6:

NADD (North America Dual Diagnosis)

James reiterated the invitation for council members to join in one of the committees of NADD. The organization which is based in the US, provides education, training and information on mental health issues relating to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities to professionals, educators, policy makers and families. In Canada, BC leads in DD facilities and supports in place such as the DDMHS in Burnaby. The council discussed the strong advocacy BC has for supporting the health and well-being of people with disabilities through various agencies and foundations.

For more information on the NADD and how to join the committees, please connect with James White, CLBC ISM Manager.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
More info on NADD	James White	

Agenda Item 8:

Community Asset Mapping update

The council agreed to skip the update since members who participated in this project were not present.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:



Agenda Item 9:

Jessica Humphrey visit and next council meeting date

The council agreed to set the next meeting date pending Jessica’s availability, either May 22 or May 29. CLBC Self-Advocate Advisor Jessica Humphrey will lead the discussion on the council workplan in the next meeting. The meeting may take 3 hours and council agreed to start at 5:30 till 8:30.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline: