



Vancouver Community Council Meeting

Monday, June 26th 2017
3rd floor, 210 West Broadway
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Derek, Pam, Vicki, Aileen, Alex, Menwoh, Margaret, Bruce, and James

Regrets: John and Renee

Guest: Tim Harrison

Minute taking: Lyn

Agenda topics

Agenda Item 1:

Welcome & Check-in

He read the highlights of the CLBC meeting he attended which emphasized the values and vision of the partnership between CLBC and the community council – “lives filled with possibilities and welcoming communities.”

Derek started the meeting by asking the council to share their current activities/interests. He mentioned that it was a busy week for him at the VSB. Also, his family/relatives back East will be in BC to celebrate Canada Day.

Pam said her kids had their graduation - one from elementary and the other from high school. She said she is also busy preparing for a trip to Spain this summer.

Alex has a lot of stuff going on at the moment and that he is busy with work.

Same with Menwoh who is busy/pleased with work and home life.

Aileen introduced herself to the new members of the council as she was not present in the last meeting. She said she has been a CLBC advocate since 2013.

Bruce said that being a doctor always keeps him busy. As a new council member, he has had talks with some of his patients and their families and got feedback that may be helpful to the council.

Margaret said she went to watch a game the previous week and was at the Nat Bailey stadium for the fireworks event.

Vicki said she is juggling several jobs at the moment- Aquarium/PNE/Science World - to which the council reminded her to try to keep a work-life balance.
James said he is preparing for his trip to Ontario with family the coming week.

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

Agenda Item 2:
Review Minutes

The minutes of the May 31, 2017 meeting was reviewed by the council. Pam noted the error on the bocce game description in the Asset Sharing section of the minutes. It is an indoor game, not outdoor. It was approved by the chair and seconded by member Alex.

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

Agenda Item 3:
PAC Update

Chair Derek recapped the PAC meeting/workshop. There were four workshops – employment, aging, housing and community mapping. He said they were able to discuss challenges faced by the council, among them recruitment, participation, etc. Community mapping came out as the top priority project, followed by housing, as voted by the various councils. He also mentioned that there was strong interest in the aspect of aging in the community. Referring to the community council, he noted that he was most proud of the participation level in the Vancouver council- its diversity, commitment, and the use of technology during meetings. He is looking forward to recruiting more people to the council, increasing the level of awareness of the public about the Vancouver community council, inviting the Parks Board to one of the meetings, to the upcoming projects like the community mapping and the creation of a work plan. He also mentioned that Chris Rae from CLBC Head Office Communications has provided the VCC with an official email address.

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Agenda Item 4:

Community Mapping Project

James gave an update of the project. He said there will be workshops on June 28 and 29 from 5:30-7:30 for self-advocates and families, facilitators. Attending from the Vancouver council are Derek and Margaret. The workshop will provide feedback if the My Compass software is going to be user-friendly for individuals and families.

Tim added that there will be a meeting/workshop on July 11 with families/self-advocates who will try on the system. He said the project is aimed at helping individuals, families and facilitators in profile creation. It should provide insights on what individuals want, where they are right now and what their goals are. This project also will identify what CLBC's role is in the individual's life and how CLBC can facilitate the individual's goals. Alex added that CLBC, through James, was able to help him get through a difficult time in high school.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Workshops June 28-29	Derek and Margaret	

Agenda Item :

Health-related Asset sharing

Bruce shared Functional Testing, an annual eye exam service provided by medical students. There is also the Special Olympics/Healthy Athletes screening day and the Leisure Access, a free program. He also mentioned the council that individuals with mental health issues can go to an AAC (___Assessment Centre), instead of going through emergency services at the hospital.

James said there is an association run by Dr. Remick – Mood Disorder Association (MDA). The website gives provides information on what mood disorders are and how people with the disorder can access service.

Derek shared with the group the BC Epilepsy Society based in Vancouver

Vicki shared that S.U.C.C.E.S.S. was able to help her friend who has diabetes. She said she also volunteers at that organization.

Margaret's suggested for the group to check out Total Therapy which has a branch at Metrotown. She found out about through her mother who visits the clinic for massage/therapy.

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Family Governance Update

Pam shared with the council that she met with CLBC the previous week and was able to get the support of Manager Jean-Claude Ndungutse to help with finding a host agency for the program. Service provider Possibilities was identified as a possible partner. She also mentioned that she met with VSB and got their support for a 2-day/week program, for senior management approval. Pam gave the council a summary of what the project is and how it started.

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Celebrating Accomplishments

Being the last council meeting prior to the summer break, Derek felt it was the proper time to take a step back and appreciate the accomplishment of the group. He felt that since the group meets regularly and in a less formal setting, the council was able to be at ease and open up about their lives and activities. Participation among the members was high. The diversity in the council – in terms of age, status, background, etc. -helped to present various perspectives and ideas. The use of technology in the meetings (audio-visual technology/computers) helped to make the meetings more interesting and interactive. Derek emphasized though that there is a need for new members and the make the presence of the Vancouver community council stronger in the community and known to a broader audience. He is looking forward to the community mapping project since the Vancouver community council is actively involved in it. With several My Compass trial software workshops and meetings already scheduled, it looks like it’s full steam ahead for the project. He is also happy that the council was able to help the Family Governance project, another project actively endorsed by the council. The Chairman concluded the meeting by wishing everyone a great summer and to welcome them back all in September.

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Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 27th 2017