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**Vancouver Community Council Meeting**

Wednesday, November 28, 2018  
3rd floor, 210 West Broadway  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

**Present: Vicki, Margaret, Aileen, Annie, Brooke, Bruce, Tess, Calum, Sarah, Robbie, Lisa and James**

**Regrets: Derek, John, Pam, Menwoh, Sheenal and Renee**

**Minute taking: Lyn**

**Agenda topics**

**Agenda Item 1:**

**Welcome & Inspirational video**

The meeting started off with an inspirational video. CLBC Manager James White and Council Chari Vicki Wang welcomed everyone and asked the council to give a brief introduction each as to the new guests and potential members present – Lisa Rupert of YWCA, Sarah Armstrong and Robbie Shieh of Canucks Autism Network (CAN). Lisa Rupert, YWCA VP for Housing Services and Violence Prevention, Robbie, Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator of CAN, gave a brief intro of the organization. Founded in 2009, CAN focuses on sports and recreational programs for people with autism. A forthcoming CAN event is - Project EveryBODY where it celebrates the UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. Featured on this day are an Art Show and Sale, screening of short films, dance and other exciting live presentations. Registration can be done online.

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

<b>Agenda Item 2:</b> <b>Review Minutes</b>		
The council reviewed and approved the minutes of the Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup> meeting.		
Action items: N/A	Person responsible:	Deadline:
	N/A	N/A
<b>Agenda Item 3:</b> <b>Community Mapping meeting Update</b>		
Chair Vicki Wang gave the council an update on the community mapping meeting held last week at CLBC Vancouver office. Attending the meeting with Vicki were self-advocate Calum Bente, Warren Bente, Calum's father, service providers and CLBC representative Dawn Kennedy. They reported that the meeting was well-attended. They have not decided on the next meeting venue yet; they are however looking at Feb 2019 for their next meeting. Council member Tess mentioned that activities like this would require space and suggested perhaps the Renfrew/Strathcona library.		
Action items: N/A	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Book space at Renfrew library for CAM	Vicki/Tess	Feb 2019
<b>Agenda Item 4:</b> <b>BC NP Housing Conference update</b>		
James discussed the 2018 Housing Central Conference he attended with council member John McCulloch. It was attended by government leaders led by BC Premier John Horgan, the Federal Minister and the private sector represented by developers, non-profit organizations, to name a few. James reported that \$7B has been allotted to social housing over the next 10 years. Tess mentioned that some families are finding ways to address the lack of affordable housing which involved converting their private property. She also said that private developers are asked to put in units for this purpose but they hesitate because of funding. Lisa said that the lack of subsidy on housing is a critical issue here.  James said that the council has put housing as a main topic to work on and would like to have a representative from the City of Vancouver to work with. Lisa has offered to help invite a pre from the City.		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Invite representative from City of Vancouver to the council	Lisa Rupert	

Agenda Item 5:

**People Planning Together training**

James gave the council an update on the People Planning Together training. It is featured in the third part of the Welcome Workshop series. This part is where the self-advocate/family learns the different planning tools available and decide which option is best. The People Planning Together (PPT) is one planning option which is person-centered. Other planning options include PATH, Essential Lifestyle, to name a few. James also mention ESATTA ( Empowering Self-Advocates to Take Action), a certified coop, where self advocates get to be front center in the decision-making process.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

Agenda Item 6:

**Community Connector update**

Council member Brooke gave a brief overview of the organization she is representing – Building Caring Communities (BCC). The organization is the result of several organizations (posAbilities, BACI, Kinsight, Inclusion Powell River, to name a few) banding together to address the issue of social isolation, particularly in persons with disabilities. BCC’s aim is to connect the people they serve to their communities and neighborhoods and strengthen ties between the two.

Brooke mentioned several resources and events in Vancouver that people can access – PeerNetBC (offering All AbilitiesConnected Communities), North Shore Disability Resource Centre, Whoovie (event that connects movie lovers), Best Buddies UBC (where people with and without disabilities are paired fostering friendship), to name a few. Brooke also mentioned communication apps like Whatsapp, Slack, and the like, which are great tools that connect people with diverse abilities.

Agenda Item 7:

**Invitation to join the NADD (North American Dual Diagnosis) board**

James reported to the council that he attended a NADD conference in Seattle and that the organization is inviting their Canadian counterparts to join the board. The conference will have an upcoming event that will highlight trauma care, among other topics. For more information on NADD and their upcoming events, please contact James.

Agenda Item 8:

**Date of next council meeting**

The council agreed to meet on Dec.19<sup>th</sup>, for a combination meeting/Christmas party.

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