

Surrey – Delta – White Rock Community Council

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Community Council Minutes

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

CLBC – Surrey Office

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From 6:00 to 8:30 pm

Present: Alison Scholefield, Vicki Stratton, Tracey Chan, Linda Beck
Regrets: Brenda Pellegrin, Laila Karim, Vernon Hudson
Guests: Jennifer Benjamin (BRAVO); Crystal Thompson, Amber Foster (Pivot Point Family Growth Centre Inc.)
CLBC staff: Real Bernier, CLBC Facilitator
Recorder: Edwina Jeffrey

1. Call to order

Vicki called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm following dinner.

2. Welcome and introductions

- Jennifer Benjamin; Benjamin Residential and Vocational Options (BRAVO)
 - Created agency in 2014, have 40 employees
 - Started as foster parents
 - Supervise 12 home share
 - Small community inclusion project
 - Became accredited in 2016
- Crystal Thompson, Amber Foster; Pivot Point Family Growth Centre Inc.
 - Crystal is assistant director; Amber is regional director
 - 1990 Crystal started as foster mom for 17 years
 - Career as behaviour consultant
 - Talked with fellow about what to do with autism funds and from there 15 years ago started Pivot Point
 - Pivot Point provides supports to individuals from birth to retirement; head office in S. Surrey
 - Have 400 clients, and 150 staff
 - Provide primarily support in community; respite, behaviour consultation, some job aspects

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- Avoiding day programs; going to stick to doing groups getting together to cook lunch; for example
- Builds social connections
- Mental health councillors are available
- Transition programs available
- Sibling support
- Fee for service organization; word of mouth; some funds come from CLBC, own funding, community classrooms traditional learning academies, extended health care
- Accredited three times
- Pivot Point uses a holistic approach
- All over the province; just opened in Prince George
- Super collaborative agency; want to serve in the gaps
- Amber has been at Pivot Point for year and a half
- Primarily worked in non-profit; adults are new to Amber
- As regional service coordinator, meet with families, helps out with lunch group
- Wants to learn more on how to serve them; has been great so far

The Council members introduced themselves, and welcomed Real to the meeting.

3. February 27th Agenda Review

Motion: *It was moved by Linda and seconded by Alison to accept the February 27th meeting agenda.*

Carried Unanimously

4. Approval of the January 23, 2019 meeting minutes

Motion: *It was moved by Tracey and seconded by Alison to accept the January 23, 2019 meeting minutes.*

Carried Unanimously

5. Inclusive Housing Task Force: How would Councils like to participate and what tools do they need to do so?

The Inclusive Housing Task Force is a two-year project and a collaboration between Inclusion BC and CLBC. The task force report is available on the CLBC website: <https://www.communitylivingbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/IHTF-Report-November-2018.pdf>

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Council members viewed a powerpoint showing basic points as well as points of more importance, including 3-year plan, e.g., affordability, and next steps.

ACTION: Vicki will forward the powerpoint to Edwina who will cut and paste questions and send to all council members; please review the questions and get back to Vicki before March 15.

6. PAC Update

Last meeting was January 26.

- Talked about Inclusive Housing Task Force update
- Strategic Plan refresh, coming into last year:
 - Four big goals for 2019:
 - Better Serving People with Multiple and Complex Needs
 - Strengthening Relationships with individuals and families
 - Strategic Alignment: What CLBC says it is going to do and cares about, is what it actually does and invests its money and time in
 - Streamline process: Make the way we do things at CLBC go as smooth and fast as possible while still getting good results.
- Hired new Strategic Initiative (SI) Advisors; past council member Jerry Laidlaw is now an SI

ACTION: Vicki will contact Jerry and invite for March 27th meeting

- CEO Recruitment: Seonag Macrae is retiring, and everyone gave their input on what qualities they'd like to have for her replacement; council members can also offer suggestions for this position through Boyden, an Executive Search firm
- Met Michael Prince, new Board Chair; Onkar Biring and Michael presented on the skills and enthusiasm of the new 7-member Board
- The Board will be doing a provincial tour in June and November
- All PAC reps shared what councils are doing around the province
- New PAC Liaison: Randy Schmidt, Director of Communications
- Next PAC meeting: Vancouver, April 12/13, 2019
- Joint PAC/Council Chair/Board/Management meeting: May 31/June 1, 2019

7. Reimagining Community Inclusion – organized by Minister Shane Simpson, Ministry of Poverty Reduction and Social Development

Had five sessions; focussing on ideas for the next ten years. Throughout the province, Community consultations included many diverse, and broad selection of

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people; e.g., families, service providers, and home share providers. The PAC had three representatives attend the sessions.

The five overall goals are currently listed as below. Please note however, that this is a document in progress and not the final version.

- Service should centre on the needs of individuals with diverse abilities and their families
- Individuals with diverse abilities have every opportunity to live a full and satisfying life
- Communities are welcoming, accessible and inclusive
- Services for community living respond appropriately to the needs of Indigenous people
- Community living has a stronger capacity for research, innovation and continuous improvement

Final meeting is March 18th and report completed for the Minister by end of March.

8. **Recruitment for Community Council Members**

For information refer to: <https://www.communitylivingbc.ca/community-councils/list-of-regional-councils/surrey-delta-white-rock-community-council/>

Vicki will put something on N. Delta Facebook page re recruiting. Another possibility is to advertise through Facebook community pages in other areas of Surrey/Delta; e.g., Cloverdale, Fleetwood, Guildford. Alison will request through Delta Special Olympics to send out a recruitment note.

9. **New Provincial Advisory Council representative**

Vicki explained quarterly meetings: Friday dinner meeting, and all day Saturday meeting 9 am - 3 pm. At the meetings, community councils, through their rep, learn about CLBC initiatives and projects and provide input and/or feedback. Each PAC rep shares their council's activities, successes, and challenges with the group. The next meeting is April 13th.

ACTION: Vicki to ask Jessica if this position can be shared.

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10. CLBC Workshops: Council discussion

Goal #2: There was discussion on implementation of doing information forums. Members learned that school districts have transition fairs where parents can find out about RDSP, representation agreements, and wills and estate planning. Council member suggested our direction or 'pitch' could be to parents whose individuals are post school, or adults.

ACTION: Recommend Council members should look at FSI and Inclusion BC website to learn about forums, fairs so they can be more informed about what is out there and perhaps attend events.

ACTION: Laila and Tracey to talk to Anthony about their involvement, how to help, and where to start.

A workshop for 'MyBooklet' (a planning tool) is being held at Semiahmoo House on March 14th; contact Nolda Ware (n.ware@shsbc.ca).

ACTION: Edwina to forward the three flyers; People to People planning, Community Asset Mapping, and MyBooklet information session.

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

All members shared personal stories of what is going great in their lives, and other stories that describe what has been challenging.

Adjournment at 8:30 pm and Reminders:

Next Community Council meeting is March 27, 2019, chaired by Brenda at CLBC office.

ACTION: Add to March 27, 2019 Agenda - Annual Report needs to be completed. Members should review Workplan 2017-2018 goals (from January 23, 2019 meeting minutes) and provide summary to bring to next meeting.