

## Fraser Region Community Council Meeting

**CLBC Newport Village, Port Moody**

**Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

**Date: April 29, 2019**



<b>Chair:</b>	Vera Anderson
<b>Attendees:</b>	Shari Mahar, Deb Appleby, Massi Bakhshain, Kathy Dudley, Barb Paciejewski, Linda Wu, Adam Holmes, Conrad Tyrkin, Maxine Wilson, Lynne Picard
<b>Guests:</b>	Ryan Jamieson, Carlos Canizales, Allan Bishop
<b>Regrets:</b>	Brenda Aarstad, Daniel Bahng, Christine Delancy, Simone Brandt

### **1. Welcome**

### **2. M/S/C The Agenda was adopted as presented.**

The Minutes were shared from the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Correction – minutes on the PAC Report should say: “The PAC is waiting to hear from the Community Councils regarding their input on housing.” Should also say: “Barb will email everyone with notes and handouts from the April 15, 2019 meeting.”

### **M/S/C The Minutes were accepted as amended.**

### **3. CLBC Report -- Ryan**

- Has received approval to recruit high school students on the Community Council.
- Will likely ask for a service provider to help with launching the youth leadership part of the Council.
- CLBC is currently finalizing next year’s budget. Council budget may be a little smaller, but there will be access to additional funds if needed.
- STADD moved under MCFD – covers ages 16-24.
- Will be a lean year financially, with not enough money for transitioning youth.
- Excited about employment funding, however.

### **4. PAC Report – Barb**

- Randy Schmidt is coming on the PAC Committee.
- A presentation was given on inclusive housing.
- Nora Drake is the Indigenous Advisor and did a presentation as well.
- Jake Anthony – new Board representative.

### **5. LAST Meeting Report -- Deb**

- Held a Transition Fair on April 16<sup>th</sup>. A lot of agencies were there but not a lot of turn-out. It was a Tuesday night with a playoff hockey game, so that may have affected attendance.

- Spread the word about the Welcome Workshops.
- Will host an event and invite families to come and help plan activities for the summer.

## 6. Sub-Committee Reports

- Networking event – Re-Building the Village on April 10 at Centennial School
  - Many Council members were involved. A good turn-out.
  - Ryan was host for the evening.
  - One leadership student talked about the importance of building community in the school and in the broader community.
  - Lots of great ideas generated by the groups at the different tables.
  - Great conversations and energy.
  - Met a person who would be a great addition to the Community Council – a skill development teacher at Port Moody Secondary. Ryan will follow up and contact her.
  - Thanks to Shari for sharing the results of questions asked, showing what were people’s priorities on various topics discussed.
  - Good photos were taken as well.
  - Many people engaged in meaningful discussion and built more networks.
  - Cost was just over \$1,000. Most of that was covered by last year’s budget (ending March 31, 2019).
- Recruitment
  - A very active Committee with good support from others on the Council.
  - Some people stepping off the Council. Shari is stepping down, so we will need more service providers. Family and self advocates are at a good number.
  - Met with a person from Kinsight – Heidi Maddrell. She is interested in the Council and may come to the next meeting as a guest. The Recruitment Committee will follow up.
  - Reece Picard is the son of Lynne Picard. Reece has his own company providing quality supports. His name will be referred to the Recruitment Committee.
  - Hope to expand Council to include members throughout our region, getting some people from Burnaby and New West.
  - Thanks to everyone for bringing names forward.
  - We have enough members now that we need to be more strategic in choosing who to take on to the Council.
  - When we invite people as guests, we should have a meeting that is more of a meet and greet.
  - We do have enough family members now. (We need 50% +1 family members and self advocates.)
  - A busy time for the Recruitment Committee.

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

- April 1, 2019 was the beginning of our new fiscal year, so nothing to report yet.
- The Networking event expenses (\$1,050) were paid from last year's budget.

## **8. Self Advocate's Report**

- Leadership Conference on March 27 went very well.
- Presentation on inclusive housing was good. They're working on making information on inclusive housing more accessible to people.
- Shane Simpson presented as well.
- The catering was great.
- Another conference on March 28 at South Burnaby Lawn Bowling Club – on People and the Power of Friendship. Good group activities were held as ice breakers.
- Next conference will be in Abbotsford.
- The Networking Event at Centennial School was very good.
- BC People First will have a meeting with CLBC in May to discuss more opportunities for collaboration.

## **9. Other Concerns and Thank You**

- One of the ideas that Council had was to divide the year into 4 seasons, and target 4 events in 4 different communities (ie Maple Ridge, New West, Tri Cities, Burnaby).
- Also talked about not creating our own event, but piggy-backing on other people's events.
- Wondered about participating in the Terry Fox Run on Sunday, Sept 15, but they said no (they don't want the focus directed away from them.)
- Wondered about other events where we could hand out water bottles -- printing the CLBC logo on labels and putting them on small disposable water bottles.
- Celebrating diversity and inclusion in the workplace event – could either hold it at Centennial School and have their students provide catering, or at the Westwood Golf Club.
- Suggest the next Council meeting should be a Work Plan meeting.

## **10. Elections**

- Appreciate the great work that the Council members have done.
- We do have some retirees, who we will honour at this time: Maxine and Linda.
- Also great appreciation for Vera and all that she has done for the Council as a member and as Chair.
- Election – moderated by Ryan
  - The 4 positions open are: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and PAC Rep
  - Service providers and staff can't be Chair, but anyone else can do it.

- The Chair position is a significant time commitment.
- The Vice Chair supports the Chair and shadows that role.
- The Treasurer tracks the dollars. It is not an official position, but helps with transparency of the budget.
- The PAC Rep must be a self advocate or family member, and must attend 4 meetings a year. June 1<sup>st</sup> is the next one. The PAC typically meets in Richmond. That position reports back to the Council and tells what has been happening around the province.
- People need to be nominated for these positions – you can't self-nominate.
- Adam Holmes is nominated to the Treasurer position. He accepts that nomination. Voted – unanimous agreement.
- Lynne Picard is nominated for PAC Rept. Lynn accepts that nomination. Voted – unanimous agreement.
- Kathy Dudley is nominated for Chair. Kathy accepts that nomination. Unanimous agreement. Voted – unanimous agreement.
- Conrad Tyrkin is nominated as Vice Chair. Conrad accepts that nomination. Unanimous agreement. Voted – unanimous agreement.

**11. Next Meeting – 5:30 pm on May 27, 2019, at CLBC Port Moody offices.**

**M/S/C To adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm.**