

Fraser Region Community Council Meeting

CLBC Newport Village, Port Moody

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Date: October 28, 2019



Chair:	Kathy Dudley
Attendees:	Shari Mahar, Adam Holmes, Daniel Bahng, Brenda Aarstad, Barb Paciejewski, Conrad Tyrkin, Deb Appleby, Max Sumner, Lynne Picard
Guests:	Ryan Jamieson, Carlos, Roxci
Regrets:	Massi Bakhshain

1. Welcome

2. Presentation by People First – Conrad

- A non profit provincial organization working towards full inclusion for people who are labelled with a disability. Vision: a diverse community where all people are involved.
- Looking for one more person to join their Board of Directors.
- Put on community workshops and can provide plain language translation.
- Some issues that matter to them: employment & fair wages; de-institutionalization; affordable housing.
- Can join for free and receive free newsletters and resources.
- For more information: bcpfcoordinator@gmail.com or www.bcpeoplefirst.com
- Coffee Socials – hosted by BC People First. A guided discussion on various issues. Take note of 3 common questions and concerns, then track that when doing advocacy work.
- Group came about in the 1970's – stemming from the closure of Woodlands.
- Can present to service providers and schools on various issues.
- Member age is typically over 19 years, but could encourage some younger people to join (16+) and be advocates in their community. Then could add info on the group to the Transition Package that high schools provide.

3. M/S/C The Minutes were accepted as amended.

The Minutes were shared from the September 30, 2019 meeting.

4. CLBC Report -- Ryan

- October was Community Inclusion Month and RDSP Month.
- CLBC Facilitator just won Miss BC competition.
- CLBC Board is hosting a public Board meeting on November 20th at 9:00 am. Council members are invited to attend. Lynne Picard will try to go.
- **Council Work Plan party – Nov 20th at 5:00 pm.**

- All discretionary funding has been cut at CLBC. Needing to recover some operational funds to give back to government.
- We need to spend Council funds by end of March 2020.
- Richmond Council is working with Ready, Willing and Able – doing presentations to Business Improvement Associations to encourage employment opportunities.
- Will send out latest Work Plan to Council from January 2019.

5. PAC Report -- Lynne

- Quarterly PAC was held a few weeks ago.
- Talked about Guide for acknowledging traditional territories.
- Minister Shane Simpson is encouraging people to give feedback on new Accessibility Legislation. Deadline is end of November.
- Ross Chilton is new CLBC CEO.
- Need for better PAC orientation. Are developing that.
- Community Asset Mapping – has been very successful in more remote areas in BC.
- Working on an inclusive housing video.
- Also an inclusive housing survey – wanting feedback.
- Lynne will send out the two links.
- Think we need more representation from indigenous communities.
- Include Me! Quality of Life Survey is currently underway.
- Surveys show that physical/emotional care is good but social interaction is lower.
- New PAC Chair and other new PAC members.

6. Sub-Committee Reports

- Membership Meeting – Shari, Deb, Kathy
 - Are meeting with Heidi from Kinsight tomorrow
 - Question: Can we advertise? Still looking for community members, service providers from New West and Maple Ridge, family members/self advocates from across the region.
 - Will follow up with Randy Schmidt
 - Looking for community members that have no ties to the disability sector.
 - Could invite people we know to a small social event – in the next couple of months.
 - The Membership sub-committee will let the Council know if they will host an event and how other Council members could support it.

7. Treasurer's Report -- Adam

- Have spent \$1,102.69 – mainly on food.
- Total remaining is \$2,891.31.
- Question: What are parameters around spending the money?

- It needs to go towards furthering our goal – linking with the Work Plan.

8. Self Advocates' Report – Conrad

- BC People First did their presentation at the start of the meeting.
- Did a presentation about his educational experiences at the BC Education Access Conference on October 18. Went well. Asked to present again before government.
- Hosted a voting rights presentation for self advocates at the Port Moody CLBC office on October 16.
- Question: Is there a way that CLBC staff can better communicate events to service agencies? Ryan will follow up.

9. Proclamations

- Do we want to continue doing Proclamations? Are they important and beneficial?
- Deb did a great presentation at the Maple Ridge Proclamation event.
- Port Coquitlam presentation was terrific. Conrad was invited to speak.
- We're quite a small group – wonder if we should choose one or two municipalities to focus on next year, or have only one or two people attending each one.

10. Mini Wow Nominations

- A list was given to Ryan. Will vote on nominees:
 - Me n Eds – Port Coquitlam
 - Gabi & Jules – Port Moody
 - Vancity – various locations
 - PoCo Bowl-o-Rama
- Vote to give to Gabi & Jules – inclusive employers who increase awareness in the community. Won an award at the Mayor's BBQ. Need one or two people to present to them.

11. Work Party

- Would like to have a focus in advance so we are productive during the planning meeting.
- CLBC talks about creating a good life and a welcoming community.
- Will review the work plan in advance and highlight the areas that we think should be focused on in the future – and parts that should be dropped.
- Have a poster on the wall saying what our key goals are – as reminder to keep us on track
- Key questions to ask individuals: What's great about your life? What's not great about your life? What can you do about it?
- Think the Council's role is to bring information to CLBC from the Community and to share information with the community from CLBC.

- Our job may be to find opportunities in the community and help them understand how to be more inclusive to everyone who doesn't feel included – not just people with disabilities.
- It's not our Council's role to plan the actual events/activities.
- Some cities have Access Advisory Committees and have representation from service agencies – other cities don't have as much focus on accessibility/inclusion. Could find out which ones need more support.

12. Other

- Food at meetings. Are we happy with the food? Overall, yes.
- RSVP Rhonda by Sunday if you are NOT attending a meeting so we know how much food to buy.
- Winter Holiday dinner – Monday, December 2nd. Ryan will confirm the location.

13. Next Meeting -- 5:30 pm on Nov 25, 2019, at CLBC Port Moody offices.

M/S/C To adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm