

# Surrey – Delta – White Rock Community Council

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## Community Council Minutes

Wednesday, July 28, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### CLBC – Surrey Office

Note: Meeting held via MS Teams, due to Covid-19 Social Distancing

**Present:** Akshay Sachdeva, Alison Scholefield, Ayesha Crasto  
**Regrets:** Tracey Chan, Bernadette Pughe, Jennifer Benjamin  
**Guests:** Jaret St. Andrassy (Milieu); Nathan Shipley (Community Member), Tara Cleave (City of Surrey)  
**CLBC staff:** Jagdeep Rakhara – Integrated Services Manager, Regional Operations (South Fraser Region); Lisa Ball – CLBC Facilitator  
**Recorder:** Edwina Jeffrey

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#### 1. Recognize and welcome to everyone

- a) Jagdeep chaired and meeting called to order at: 6:07 pm.  
Acknowledgements were done for the traditional and unceded indigenous territories of the: Kwantlen, Katzie, QayQayt, Semiahmoo, Tsawwassen and all other indigenous peoples.

#### 2. Council Agenda and minute review/discussion:

##### a) Review and motions to approve:

##### i. July 28, 2021 Agenda

Alison motioned and Akshay seconded to accept the Agenda as written. Carried

##### ii. June 23, 2021 Minutes:

Alison moved to approve and Akshay seconded to accept the June 23, 2021 Minutes. Carried

#### 3. Introductions: welcome

Jagdeep noted that Jaret, Tara and Nathan have their CRC and CLBC applications in process. When complete, then Council members can vote to nominate them to Council.

Jagdeep introduced herself and welcomed everyone.

- Jaret St. Andrassy introduced his relationship for the past 16 years with Milieu Family Services. Jaret explained what Milieu is proposing for the

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near future for bringing people back to the building, and/or keeping the outreach services. Still being cautious ensuring people are comfortable and understand the upcoming changes helping all to feel safer.

- Lisa Ball is a Facilitator at CLBC, who is looking forward to learning more about Council's activities.
- Tara Cleave is Accessibility Manager for City of Surrey, and currently is helping to manage fires within the province; she knows of a number of evacuees from Surrey at this time. She is looking forward to sharing her presentation later in the meeting.
- Nathan Shipley is a community member and this is his second Council meeting.
- Akshay has been a Community Council member for a year, does Welcome Workshops and is a self-advocate with Semiahmoo House.
- Alison Scholfield, has been on the Community Council past six going on seven years. Her son has services through Milieu Services, and a bright spot from the pandemic landed him a job at a vaccination clinic.
- Ayesha joined a few months ago, to learn whatever she can, and has a daughter with CLBC supports.

#### 4. **CLBC related updates, and Council membership discussion:**

##### a) CLBC Updates and Council gifts

- CLBC is doing PR around vaccination for self-advocates (information available on the CLBC website).
- Jagdeep and Real purchased and delivered gifts: one to Vernon and one to Linda.
- It may be a possibility that CLBC staff can have flexibility to work at home and at the office.

##### b) New Provincial Community Council Hub

- Council members wanted a resource to share what each region is doing. E.g., when a member is travelling, she/he would like to meet with others in another region.
- There will need to be a council member as an administrator of the Hub.

##### c) Council membership: vacant Chair and Vice Chair positions?

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- Jagdeep would support a new Chair; e.g., when creating a meeting Agenda.
- Question posed about meeting start and finish time? Suggest 5-7 pm, or in person 6-8:30 pm– 6 pm for dinner; 6:30 pm start on meeting. The second option had favorable response, when in-person meetings possible.

d) Council minutes recorder position

- Quorum of members not in attendance, thus request for a \$25/meeting increase to be considered at a later date.
- Council members need to review budget to consider and/or accept request for increase suggested.

## 5. City of Surrey Presentation (Tara Cleave)

Tara presented a slideshow entitled: “Moving Together for a More Inclusive City”

### SUMMARY:

Goal is for Surrey to be the most inclusive city in BC, and Canada.

- a) What is Surrey’s Why? We want to work with community partners and collaborate with the community. Building on diversity and inclusivity, and obviously people with disabilities. Want to see everyone included.
- b) We want to make sure we are hiring people with disabilities, in our councils, and to make sure everyone is represented (i.e., make Surrey a great place to work and play).

### Why has Surrey been successful?

- a) All city plans have strategic plans/goals around inclusion deliverables and around accessibility, and this holds Surrey accountable and it makes us accountable.
- b) Community buy-in and Mayor and Council support; where we always have support that can drive this ship forward.
- c) Story telling: Strategically building brand with press releases, (Rick Hansen, WOW awards). Surrey is building awareness through other Councils around Canada.
- d) PR will include and is devoted to make sure that individuals with diverse abilities are included in the planning of the new Newton community center/arena.

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Services and Programs: There are a number of Surrey Rec. services: 1:1 support for swimming, day care, summer camp. Partners are Autism network, Surrey Association for Community Living (SACL), Surrey Association for Wheelchair.

Spirit Program: Spirit volunteer can be requested for an individual. This volunteer position can be a launching point for a job.

Education: Staff training is important; autism awareness, inclusion training, internal/core words like dignity are used.

Sport Hosting Program: Overseas sports are being attracted for Paralympians. Goal ball or CAN hockey tournament, or PARA ice hockey. Possibly adaptive pickleball, power soccer. A lot of VIP events will be held as soon as everything gets back to normal.

Measuring up Committee (2009): Committee presents an individual's concerns to Mayor and Council.

Universal Design: Gold level of accessibility under Rick Hansen Certification program. Fifty city buildings have been rated: Gold, Silver or Bronze.

Newton Community Centre: \$150M for capital projects (Community Council can have availability to consult on these projects). New builds will build to Gold rated and Tara will be on Quality design for the projects. Tara welcomes feedback from Council members on safety, lighting, location on new buildings.

Sensory friendly spaces: First city to have noise cancelling headphones, etc. at Grandview Aquatic Centre. Surrey Museum, etc. Working with Stingray hockey team (team with autism).

VIR technology (on demand interpreters for the deaf community).

Note: Inclusive hiring is doing a review of the entire city on this topic.

Other info:

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Housing – UNITI apartment complex development proposal went before Mayor and City Council and was not passed. Tara to forward City Council reasons to Jagdeep.

Community/Transportation planning is being done city-wide.

(Community Council can provide self-advocates from different Service Agencies to consult on these subjects.)

Other project that City of Surrey is doing e.g., a soccer tournament, and hiring people under positions for setting up for the weekend, and who knows there might be other opportunities.

**ACTION:** Jagdeep requested Tara to send this information to distribute to the Facilitators.

Tara and Community Council to collaborate on sporting events.

**ACTION:** Tara to contact Canucks Autism Network to have representative come to a meeting.

## 6. Translink- HandyDART Presentation: October 27, 2021

- a) Invitation to Save the date for Guests; poster creation; member questions received or needed on poster?
  - Edwina commented her daughter received a postcard describing an improved transit experience with the Compass card, a reloadable farecard that works everywhere on transit and coming to HandyDART starting on October 1. A Compass Welcome Package will arrive in August explaining more information.

### Council Member Questions:

- What does this mean for the red card (annual bus pass) currently used for people on disability assistance?
- Does this mean there will be two Compass cards?

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- Need to get a basic understanding on how HandyDART works; particularly with safety and working with non-verbal individuals.
- Note: Combine thoughts with results of the earlier survey sent out by HandyDART.
- Council members please continue to send Alison questions.
- Deadline for questions can be determined at August Meeting.

## Timeline for preparing HandyDART Presentation Poster:

### August:

**ACTION:** Tara will send out to Jagdeep/Edwina City’s inclusive wording for the poster

**ACTION:** Draft poster is ready for review at August Council meeting. Poster will show venue\*, date/time, and rsvp to CLBC office administration.

\*venue may be in-person at City or Milieu facilities and/or via virtual or online or recording the presentation as well.

### September:

**ACTION:** Before the September Council meeting, Alison and Jagdeep will have a separate meeting with the contact at HandyDART sharing any questions Council members have.

**ACTION:** Where and how the presentation will be held will be decided at September meeting.

**ACTION:** After September Council meeting and the poster is finalized, the poster will be sent out and Facilitators invited, then Service Providers and families.

## 7. **Adjournment and Reminders:**

- Tara would like to catch up and learn more about the Inclusive Employer Awards.

**ACTION:** Jagdeep will connect with Tara about the Inclusive Employer Awards knowing that Service Agencies are actively seeking employment for their individuals, and to communicate where CLBC and Council is at with these awards.

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- Employment, Accessible Transportation and Housing, is a trifecta for an individual to be safe, independent and have quality of life.
- Opportunity to apply for the Provincial Accessibility Inclusion committee: apply online; applications close July 29, 2021.
- **ACTION:** Jagdeep will send out to Tara the Community Council Work Plan which will show Council accomplishments and promote alignment of future strategies with the City of Surrey.

Alison moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Please advise Jagdeep if you would like to invite anyone to a Council meeting. Jagdeep will let the staff know what Council is doing and perhaps they will be interested in attending a meeting.

**Next Community Council meeting: August 25, 2021 at 6 pm.**