



Vancouver Coastal Community Council Meeting

May 20th, 2015

3rd floor – 210 West Broadway

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Pam Neuman , Derek McQuillen, Aileen Leong , Karen Neoh , Jessica Humphrey , John Tsang, Alex Li, Liz Cochran, James White , Lisa Howell

Regrets: Vicki Wang, Jan Mareels, Yuko McCulloch

TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Previous Minutes			
		ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
		Approved	N/A
		DEADLINE	N/A
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Additions To Agenda	Recruitment of new members is under way. Various options have been discussed i.e. services providers, members of health services, BC Employment/Work BC and others. James will be approaching some of the above options to encourage participation.		
		ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
		Search for New members	James White
		DEADLINE	N/A
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Nomination of Chair	Derek from Vancouver school board has shown interest but has requested more information regarding expectation. James, CPD manger, will be providing more information to ensure that Derek is informed.		
		ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
		Provide Information	James White
		DEADLINE	N/A

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CLBC Update	<p>CLBC in the lower mainland now falls under 5 regions with 4 directors. Scholarship fund has been introduced again in partnership with BCEGU to fund 100,000 towards scholarships for people CLBC serve. Please be advised that applications for February 2016 will be available soon.</p> <p>Relationship building is an important part of what CLBC does; several ideas for upcoming community council projects will be discussed. Possible invite to host conversations that include individuals and families to participate to guide the work plan.</p> <p>James has introduced a one page profile to CLBC staff and will introduce to the council to better understand each individual and how best to support the council. By joining a council you can make a difference-for individuals with diverse abilities and for all in the community who will benefit from their contributions. If you have questions or unsure of the community council closest to you, contact Sylvie Zebroff at 250.470.8327 or email: Sylvie.Zebroff@gov.bc.ca</p>	
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N/A	N/A	N/A

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Jessica Humphrey Presentation	<p>Jessica is one of three provincial advisors for CLBC. A CLBC advisor functions to ensure that voices of people with developmental disabilities are heard in a family friendly way. CLBC community councils build awareness of inclusion issues where they live by helping plan local events, like photo and video contests. They help to build broad support for inclusion among employers and community groups. CLBC also has an aboriginal advisor which works directly with aboriginal communities, with one foot in the community and one foot in CLBC to advise. CLBC advisors are available to assist councils to encourage, inspire, lead and support community inclusion and participation of people with developmental disabilities in all aspects of community life. Jessica has offered to participate with the council, when needed to promote efficiency and clarity. Councils pay attention to the daily experiences of people with developmental disabilities in their region. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In what ways do people feel welcome in your community? • What contributes to feeling unwelcome, avoided, invisible or isolated? • What needs to change so that all people enjoy the benefits and share the responsibilities of living together in community?

Most CLBC Community Councils meet once a month to discuss the issues that are important in their local areas. Every council decides on their own local activities and receives support from their local CLBC Community Planning Development manager.

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Transition Group

Completed a great workshop with Paula Bentley which was very successful and interesting discussions. There were approximately 50 people that attended with some young adults.

Linda McGowan, self-advocate and an employee for Transit Handy Dart Service was also attending to clarify that the Handy Dart Services may be utilized to come to schools to pick up individuals that may require their services and that compass cards may be discounted. A group of parents that were involved with the HYAD housing in North Vancouver attended. The building was built primarily to promote healthy, independent living and a way to connect with each other. Providers live in separate apartments but are there to give support 8hours a day, 7 days a week. They have installed TV. Monitors for security. Parents state that they have very nice neighbors, in a good area. Ages in the house vary but most are young adults. There are beautiful outdoor areas for fun and relaxation. Employment and housing are important; some individuals have been hired as janitors and are paid for their services. Vancouver area would greatly benefit from this type of housing. There were many families who contributed funds, along with local businesses to make the HYAD house a success.

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VSB	GSP Program has now commenced. Ten students have successfully gone through and ready for the gateway to post-secondary and onto Vancouver Community College. There is a certain criteria which has to be met to be eligible for this program; Work to word Evergreen not dogwood; Individual must have a disability and individual must be independent. All 10 students who participated in this program last year has successfully completed program. Program has given them confidence and allowing them to make connections in their community. Next year they will be accepting 20 new applicants for this specific program from different schools within the Vancouver area. The Gladstone secondary schoolyard market garden is underway. Fresh roots received a grant for design and now awaiting a build grant for build setup to go ahead. The ultimate goal is to enable the market to become a social enterprise with proceeds of funds going to support those individuals who are involved with the program.

TOPIC	DICUSSION
PAC	<p>Communication department has passed on some good news stories regarding Vancouver community college and employment stories to PAC.</p> <p>Strategic plan is a go ahead. Sustainability of the system with 800 new individuals and 700 of those individuals are transitioning youth and 100 are existing clients with a very little drop-off rate.</p> <p>Safety and security are some issues which are being reviewed to ensure quality of life.</p> <p>Quality assurance has a new director, Megan Tardif. A presentation has been planned for June 5th with topics to include quality assurance process and safeguards. Legislative advisory committee, who is made up of representatives from around the province and reports to the board of directors. Representatives consist of family members and self-advocates and their roles identify any trends that a community needs to be informed of and reports back to the director, councils can assist with that role. Better communication between council and members over time will improve engaged groups. In the past there has been broken link between the board and the councils; looking to close gaps and have better communication.</p> <p>Concerns around who looks out for those individuals who have no one to look after them?</p>

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N/A	N/A	N/A

❖ Next Vancouver Council Meeting Wednesday June 17th, 2015 @ 6:00pm
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