



Vancouver Community Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 30th, 2020
Skype
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Vicki, Annie, Bruce, Calum, Warren, Sienna, Norine, James, Menwoh, Robbie, Spencer, Warren

Guest: CLBC Dir. for Communications Randy Schmidt, SALN's Mike McEllan and Kara Anderson

Regrets: Aileen, Margaret and John

Minute taking: Lyn

Agenda topics

Agenda Item 1:

Welcome & check-in

The council began with a check-in of the group. It has been six months since the last meeting in February, and this was the first time the council gathered together as a council via Skype. There was a bit of technical difficulties, but it didn't dampen the enthusiasm of each member of seeing/hearing from one another again. Most experienced challenges due to the pandemic – isolation, loss of reliable support, temporary suspension of activities/programs, to name a few. Fortunately, everyone is ok, and are coping well. Some have even found creative ways of maintaining their health and well-being as well as of others.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
N/A	N/A	N/A
Agenda Item 2: Approval of Feb. 29th 2020 meeting minutes		

The council approved the Feb. 29th meeting

Action items: N/A	Person responsible:	Deadline:
	N/A	N/A

Agenda Item 3:

Representative to the PAC

The council named Vicki as the council's PAC representative. They will however, decide on one more council member to be Vicki's back-up later.

Action Item:

Person responsible:

Agenda Item 4:

SALN (Self-Advocate Leadership Network) Presentation

Guests Mike McEllan and Kara Anderson shared with the group their experiences as members of SALN (Self-Advocate Leadership Network). SALN is a network of self-advocates from various organizations in BC, a lobby group that promotes equality, inclusion thru positive informed actions for people with disabilities. As the pandemic halted daily activities, Mike and Kara shared that they found themselves busier with creating bulletins for members and the community, putting out new info sheets and stories for local MPs and MSDPR Min. Simpson, creating podcasts about the situations and needs of the people they advocate for, to name a few. Mike said their inputs were key to the crafting of the Essential Visitor Policy, wherein people with disability who are in the hospital can have somebody with them and that they are not alone and scared.

Mike and Kara informed the council that they have a website (SALNBC.com) and a Facebook page if people want to know more about SALN. They are also developing an application process for those who want to join as self-advocate or supporter. Mike also mentioned the upcoming SALN Language Project with CLBC.

Action items:

Mike will send James SALN materials for the council

Agenda Item 5:

CLBC Covid-19 update

CLBC Dir. Randy Schmidt gave an update on CLBC's responses to Covid. During the summer, CLBC formed strategies on how to meet safety requirements with service providers and how to restore CLBC services in a very challenging time. Beginning this fall, CLBC saw that fatigue was starting to set in and came out with protocols and resource links in case Covid hits a service provider or a supported individual. Fortunately, he said CLBC and its agencies, did not reach a critical point of Covid cases. This fall, CLBC will continue to work with InclusionBC, Vela, Family Support

Institute, and other agencies to work on how it can strengthen the resiliency of agencies and individuals being supported. This month, Randy said he will meet with Dr. ___ Smith for more inputs on CLBC's Covid strategies. Randy also mentioned that the annual WOW Awards will continue and that 8 winners have been selected and will be given the recognition they deserve.

Action items:

Person responsible

N/A

Agenda Item 5:

Council Plan for 2021

James said that the council should begin discussion on the 2021 workplan. He suggested to hire Shelley Nessman to Help in the drafting of the plan. Jessica Humphrey helped the council on the 2020 workplan. The timeframe and Other related matters will be discussed later. James said he will also look into a better videoconference platform that will work with everybody; MS Teams seemed a good platform but he'll check if everybody's ok with it.

Action items:

Person responsible

James to find better videoconference app

Agenda Item 6:

PAC Update Presentation

Not discussed, not enough time

Action items:

Person responsible

Agenda Item 7:

Other Matters – BC Election Oct 24

Spencer mentioned the coming BC Election this month during his check-in. However, there wasn't enough time during the meeting to discuss it.

Action items:

Person responsible

Agenda Item 8:

Date of next meeting

Council will vote on date of next meeting – Oct 21 or Oct 28

Action items:

Person responsible

Doodle poll to be sent to council

Lyn