



## North Okanagan Shuswap Community Council Meeting

Minutes of Meeting on February 15, 2015

CLBC Boardroom, Vernon

### 1. Welcome & Attendance

- Present: Lorne McEwen (Chair), Kelly Bateman, Rose Vair, Jennifer Love (CLBC) and Wendy Phillips (CLBC).
- Regrets: Colleen Larson, James Weir

### 2. Agenda items:

- Additional Agenda items
- Approval of Agenda
- Review and approval of previous month's minutes
- Old Business:
  - Inclusive Employer Initiative
    - Decals
    - Awards
  - Council and CLBC Staff
  - Recruitment
- New Business:
  - Council Budget update
- CLBC Updates
- Upcoming Events

#### 1. Additional Agenda Items:

- Inclusive Housing Forum

#### 2. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve: Kelly                      Seconded: Rose                      Carried.

#### 3. Review and approval of previous month's minutes:

Following revisions to be made: Remove sponsorship of 'Humble Spirits' and Salmon Arm self-advocate groups as no information were provided.

Motion to approve: Rose                      Seconded: Kelly                      Carried.



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### 4. Inclusive Employer Initiative:

#### a. Awards:

- i. Wendy confirmed that she had placed the order for 10 x Acrylic Awards with the design concept approved by Lorne and James. Copies of the award and text were shown and approved by council members at this meeting. The supplier will store these awards until we require them to be engraved.

#### b. Decals:

- i. Jennifer showed the decal that TIER (one of several employment service providers) created a couple of years ago and which is still being presented to businesses and employers promoting an inclusive workplace. Did council think this posed a conflict with their initiative?

A short discussion followed and council see their decals as an added value and do not think theirs would be an issue. There is some concern over branding of such and it was suggested that Lisa Porcellato be consulted on this matter.

**Action: Jennifer to find out how many employers TIER has provided their decals to.**

**Action: Jennifer will coordinate an opportunity for George Arambasich, Director, TIER and Lorne to discuss this matter.**

**Action: Jennifer will coordinate with Bruce Waldie, Employment Lead Analyst re soliciting Businesses, etc.**

**Action: Jennifer will invite Lisa Porcellato to attend the next meeting.**

**Outstanding action items from the last meeting will be deferred to the next meeting. However it was recommended that the action item for the sub-committee (James, Rose and Colleen) should meet before the next meeting of March 21<sup>st</sup>.**

### 5. Recruitment:

- a. Eileen Howells: Council endorsed Eileen Howells pending receipt of Criminal Record Check and Driver's Abstract.

**Motion: Eileen be approved as Council Member pending certification. Lorne      Seconded: Kelly Carried.**



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It is hoped with the upcoming recruitment of Eileen and Joanne Crawford to council that they will take the opportunity to talk about recruiting family members at the next Service Providers meetings.

Julie Armitage (former coordinator of the Seniors group) provided Jennifer with a list of forum topics from Kelowna and shared that there might be an opportunity for this council to piggy back and duplicate some topics/presenters.

6. Inclusive Housing Forum:

PAC Members and Council Chairs have received an invitation from Jack Styan, VP Strategic Initiatives, CLBC to send preferably a self-advocate or family member from their respective councils to attend this forum. It will be held in Vancouver on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at a location to be confirmed. Service Providers are being invited separately.

Rose would have liked to attend as affordable housing has been a focus of the self-advocate group's but she is going to be away attending her grandmothers 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday!

**Action: Jen will meet with Colleen beforehand.**

Motion to send Colleen to Vancouver. Rose      Seconded: Kelly      Carried.

7. Council Budget update:

Looks like council is on track with budget spend as outlined in last month's minutes.

8. CLBC Updates:

Jennifer provided an update on the CLBC reorg structure, Salmon Arm staffing updates and Transitioning Youth.

9. Council was presented with a *Thank You* card from the Community Connections Self-Advocates Group in appreciation of their sponsorship.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

**2016 Meetings**

**March 21:            4pm CLBC Vernon**

**April 18**

**May 16**

**June 20**