



North Okanagan Shuswap Community Council Meeting

Minutes of Meeting on January 20, 2016

CLBC Boardroom, Vernon

1. Welcome & Attendance

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

2. Agenda items:

1. Welcome
2. Additional Agenda Items
3. Approval of agenda
4. Review and approval of previous month minutes
5. Old Business
 - a. Council's 2015/16 Draft Work Plan
 - Inclusive Employer Initiative
 - Meeting Room for Self-Advocates Group
 - Family Support Contract
 - b. Council and CLBC Staff Meeting
 - c. Recruitment
6. New Business:
 - a. Council Budget update
7. CLBC Updates
8. Upcoming Meetings

Chair welcomed everyone for coming to the meeting and acknowledged a regret from Kelly who was unable to attend due to a personal matter.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve: James Seconded: Colleen Carried.

4. Review and approval of previous month's minutes:

Motion to approve: Colleen Seconded: James Carried.



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5. Council's 2015/2016 Draft Work Plan:

- Inclusive Employer Initiative:

Barb Penner contacted the Chair of the Rotary and now that she has gone for a couple of months, Lorne will wait for an update from her.

Sylvie advised Jennifer that Edwina has stepped down from PAC and she was to have sent a sample of the decals. (The decals are to be presented to inclusive employers who have promoted an inclusive work environment at a Coffee Event hosted by Council).

Jennifer has talked about this initiative at the Service Providers Meetings and it was received with great interest.

Jennifer will send a letter to CLBC Service Provider's Employment Leads to solicit a list of inclusive employers/business who have a significant and successful history of employing people with disabilities. These businesses will go through a nomination criteria to receive a plaque.

Action: Colleen to try and obtain some decal samples at this weekend's PAC Meeting.

Action: Jennifer to provide council with a list of inclusive employers in the NOS for consideration to receive decals/plaques.

Action: Lorne and James to develop a criteria for the Nomination Forms for Awards.

Action: James, Colleen and Rose will form a sub-committee to meet and act on setting a budget to redesign the decals to reflect our Community Council and to order the decals.

Meeting Places for Self-Advocates:

Lorne attended the Community Connections Self-Advocates group meeting at the Schubert Centre in January. The group was very appreciative of council's support in helping them to secure a new meeting place for their monthly meetings. The group's concern lies with an issue with the Armstrong bus and the fact that seat belts which were originally installed on the bus have now been removed by BC Transit. Their concern is one of safety of passengers. This matter was recently brought to the media in December as a result of the Vernon bus driver leaving a young mother with a baby stranded in Armstrong as she did not have a car seat. Full details can be found at <http://globalnews.ca/news/2416902/north-okanagan-baby-not-allowed-on-b-c->



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[transit-bus-without-a-car-seat/](#)

Action: Wendy to send Community Connections Self-Advocate Chair, Ted Dekker the press release from BC Transit regarding removal of seat belts.

Family Support Contract:

As a result of our already overstretched budget crisis, this initiative will not be moving forward this fiscal and perhaps may even fall off the table altogether.

Council and CLBC Staff Meeting:

Lorne, Colleen and Rose attended Jennifer's Staff Meeting on December 2nd where they spoke about councils membership, objectives/initiatives and challenges with recruitment. Asked staff to put out the word to individuals and families who may want to get involved. Council has been invited to be a regular attendee at future staff meetings.

c) Recruitment:

Brian Erickson, a very active and a real go-getter self-advocate is from Salmon Arm who is interested in joining council.

Joanne Crawford, Service Provider, Salmon Arm is interested in rejoining council.

Action: Wendy to provide Council Application packages to forward to Kelly.

Lorne and James met with Eileen Howells, ED of Vernon & District Association for Community Living and are excited at the prospect of having Eileen join council. Her application was also received on the day which will be followed up through the process.

Council would like to extend an opportunity to invite and meet with Service Provider Employment Leads and Jennifer will help to arrange.

6. New Business:
Council Budget Update



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PAC Update:

Colleen gave a brief overview of the PAC meeting and will summarize in a report and send to Wendy to attach to the minutes.

Action: Colleen to send Wendy summary notes.

Action: Colleen to ask at the PAC meeting: Is there a process for CLBC to redirect dollars to areas where there is a surplus?

7. CLBC Updates:

Jennifer reiterated about the tight budget and talked about some of the contributors (2 staffed residential closures) that challenged an already overstretched budget. The NOS is in the top 4 or 5 in the region for percentage of growth and this is due to a significant number of regional transfers that happen.

CLBC reorganization is a current focus and is progressing well with continuous calls for employee input which is a good thing. Management is figuring out how best to make the model successful for everyone concerned.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm.

2016 Meetings

February 15 @ 4pm in CLBC Vernon Boardroom

March 21

April 18

May 16

June 20