



**North Okanagan-Shuswap Community Council Minutes
CLBC Boardroom, Vernon.**

January 15, 2019

Present:

Colleen Larson, Debbie Moore, Maggie Litster, Julie Armitage, Erin Murphy, Mary Adamson, Meeka Rowat (TCS Support Staff), Rose Vair

CLBC Staff: Jennifer Love, Tamina DeMontezuma (*New Acting Integrated Services Manager, NOS*), Wendy Phillips

Regrets: Andree Rioux, Eileen Howells, Morris Vardabasso, Jo-Anne Crawford

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. The meeting convened at 3:05pm. Colleen welcomed everyone, followed by a round table update of members' recent activities and news. Highlights of which were
 - i. Belated Happy 60th Birthday to Rose!
 - ii. Good luck to Mary participating in snowshoeing at the upcoming BC Special Olympics Winter Games being held in Vernon!
 - iii. Jennifer has taken on a new role: Manager, Quality Assurance reporting to Megan Tardiff at Head Office. Jennifer will continue to work at the Vernon office.
 - iv. Tamina DeMontezuma is replacing Jennifer in an acting role until a replacement is confirmed. Tamina was a former facilitator from Vernon and is happy to return.

2. Additional Agenda Items:

- a. None

3. Approval of Agenda:

- a. **Motion to approve: Maggie Seconded: Rose Carried.**

4. Approval of Minutes from previous months:

- a. **Motion to approve: Debbie Seconded: Maggie Carried.**

5. 2018 Budget: \$6,000

- a. Wendy reported that **\$1,059.44** has been spent year to date.
- b. Council will adjust travel budget to meet year-end projection spend.

| Description | Spend YTD | Target Budget |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Travel | \$425.51 | \$500.00 |
| Self-Advocates | \$583.95 | \$2,000 – 3,000 |
| Families | | \$2,000 – 3,000 |
| Other / Incidentals | \$ 49.98 | \$500.00 |

- c. Council discussed organizing a Strategic Planning day / overnight to discuss next year's Work Plan and goals.
- d. A suggestion was to connect with Kelowna Council and see what their plans look like.

6. Accessibility:

- a. Debbie reported that Vernon Council is looking for Vernon residents to join their Planning Committee.
- b. Debbie has a person in mind, a strong advocate who recently moved to Vernon from Richmond; Claire Debbie will approach her.
- c. Katie received nine letters of support from various businesses regarding accessibility.
- d. The Thompson Community Services (TCS) surprise 'Flash Mob' that was to have taken place at Vernon's Village Green Mall got cancelled by Mall Administration and instead, the group treated Orchard Valley Retirement Home to a show.

7. Membership:

- a. Colleen's second term on council expired on January 8th 2019. Colleen would like to stay on for her 3rd term.

Motion to approve Colleen's reappointment to Council:

Maggie Seconded: Debbie Carried.

Motion to approve Colleen to remain as Chair till end of June 2019:

Maggie Seconded: Mary Carried.

Wendy gave Colleen the Reappointment paperwork for her completion.

Action: Wendy to send paperwork to the DRO for processing.

Action: Colleen to reapply for a Criminal Record Check at next council meeting.

- b. PAC Representative:

- i. Colleen is also the PAC Rep for council. This term expires in May 2019. Council nominated Debbie as the new PAC Representative from June 2019 onwards.

Motion to approve: Julie Seconded: Rose Carried.

- c. Recruiting new members:

- i. There is a need for Service Provider representation as presently Jo-Anne Crawford is away for a few months.

Action: Colleen to contact Service Providers if there is any interest.

Action: Colleen to follow up with Morris if he wishes to return to council.

Action: Debbie to contact Lynn Oldfield.

- a. **Goal 1: Inclusive Employer's Awards**

- i. Drew's success story (Home Depot) became another story. CLBC profiled Drew's story on their website. Drew is also one of the presenter's for IncludeMe! initiative this year.

- ii. Riding on this feel good moment, it was suggested that the next Inclusive Award presentation events be videotaped/recorded for posting on CLBC social media. However, reminders were given that some businesses and companies may have limitations around their policies.

b. Goal 3: Support for Families to attend an event

- i. [“Facing the Future Together”](#) – Julie reported that planning for this was delayed for a variety of reasons and she is hoping to meet with Mary Bickert (Plan Okanagan) and Lisa Watson, Chair of Kelowna Community Council and (AutismBC parent representative) to discuss further.

Action: Julie to research alternative events and bring to council at next meeting.

Council also discussed other events that would be of interest to families; eg families share with each other what is working for them. This could be an evening event in March.

Action: Sub-committee is going to research and submit a proposal for such an event at the next meeting. Decide how big or small the event(s) should be.

- ii. Community Mapping:

1. Debbie is going to the next Community Mapping meeting in Vancouver and will report back to council at the next meeting.

c. Goal 2: Support for Self-Advocates

- i. Vernon SA group:

1. Rose talked about her group’s first meeting of the year. Five out of seven attended at the Schubert Centre.
2. Debbie was asked to attend the February meeting.
3. Suggestions made to coordinate a meeting between Vernon SA and Kelowna SA. This would enable Vernon SA to talk about how they formed their impressive strategic plan.
4. Committee suggested getting Jessica Humphrey involved to coordinate this event with a luncheon at the Schubert Centre.

Action: Tamina will provide the email contact for Linda Youman’s email who is the main support person for the Kelowna SA.

Action: Colleen will talk to Jessica about these events.

8. New Business:

a. CLBC Website: Community Council webpages

- i. Wendy talked about the Community Council web pages on the CLBC website. Due to technical difficulties, the updating of information, membership and meeting minutes were taking longer than anticipated. However, these updates will be happening over the next couple of weeks.
- ii. Colleen suggested keeping this topic on the agenda ongoing.

9. CLBC Updates:

- a. Planning:
 - i. Jennifer passed around the new myBooklet BC postcards that are being handed out to individuals and families at the workshops.
<https://www.mybookletbc.com/>
- b. Offering Employment Services to All (OESTA)
 - i. We are currently increasing capacity in our employment contracts in efforts to clear the waitlists for individuals seeking employment.
- c. Head Office Staff changes
 - i. CEO, Seonag McCrae announced her retirement in April 1st, 2019.
 - ii. New CFO is Henry Chen (replacing Richard Hunter – retired in December).
 - iii. Board of Directors: Six of the eight change over on February 19th, 2019. Highlight there is a Vernon connection in Julia Paceland, Executive Director, CMHA Vernon.
- d. Strategic Plan
 - i. Trauma Informed Practice – Part 2 is scheduled for all staff to attend (Feb, Mar and May dates). Service Providers and community agencies are invited to attend.
- e. Multiple Complex Needs:
 - i. Salmon Arm’s facilitator, Jenny Kucy is working on police partnerships.
 - ii. Vernon’s regional analyst, Scott Delong is working on adult guardianship.

10. PAC:

- a. Colleen is going to Vancouver for the next PAC meeting.
- b. Colleen has a contact at the Okanagan Indian Band Office and hopes to solicit interest as an indigenous representative to sit on our council.
Action: Colleen to recruit Indigenous representative for Council.

There being no further matters to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Motion to adjourn: Erin **Seconded:** Rose **Carried.**

Next Council Meeting:

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| February 12th | 3pm | CLBC Boardroom | Vernon |
| March 19th | 3pm | CLBC Boardroom | Vernon |
| April 16th | 3pm | CLBC Boardroom | Salmon Arm |
| May 21st | 3pm | | Revelstoke |

Wendy Phillips