



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

October 16, 2018

Present:

Colleen Larson, (Chair), Julie Armitage (Vice-Chair); Debbie Moore, Maggie Litster, Erin Murphy, Mary Adamson, Meeka Rowat (TCS Support Staff), Jo-Anne Crawford, Andree Rioux (via teleconference)

CLBC Staff: Russell Cox (Practice & Service Advisor) for Jennifer Love, Wendy Phillips

Regrets:

Morris Vardabasso, Eileen Howells, Jennifer Love.

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Colleen welcomed everyone, followed by a round table update of members’ recent activities.

2. Additional Agenda Items:

- a. **None**

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

4. Approval of Minutes from previous months:

- a. Accessibility:
 - i. Amend section referring to federal bill and OAC/ILV’s joint grant application per Debbie.
- b. **Motion to approve: Debbie Seconded: Mary Carried.**

5. 2018 Budget: \$6,000

- a. Wendy reported that there was not much change to current spend but will provide amounts when sending out the minutes.
 - i. Update: **\$324.25** has been spent for travel and incidentals to-date.

Description	Target Budget
Travel	\$500.00
Self-Advocates	\$2,000 – 3,000
Families	\$2,000 – 3,000
Other / Incidentals	\$500.00

6. Ongoing business:

- **Accessibility Update:**

- i. Vernon Recreation Centre:

1. In response to the OA group and community's advocacy, several changes are being made in the team changing rooms; thermostats are being installed for showers, lift is being replaced, etc
2. The current 75% Discount Program for People with Disabilities will be discontinued for people living outside of Greater Vernon after December 31, 2018. This is going to heavily impact participation by this sector and the Executive Directors of Service Providers, caregivers, family members are encouraged to write letters to Greater Vernon – upon receipt of which, exceptions will be given.

- ii. Mayoral Candidate Forum:

1. All four members gave an undertaking to reinstate the accessibility committee.

- **Council Membership:**

- i. Wendy reported that Rose's reappointment package is in process.
- ii. Colleen received a formal letter of resignation from member, Martina Nenasheff. Council thanked Martina for her interest and wished her well.

- **2018 Employer Awards Update:**

- i. Colleen confirmed that both presentations to the award winners had been successfully completed.
- ii. Jo-Anne and Wendy attended the presentation to Prasad of Salmon Arm Security together with Rocky Dekker, employee who nominated the company. It was a very rewarding experience to see and hear from Rocky about his training and job experiences. This job enabled Rocky to buy the truck of his dreams! Prasad is offering further employment opportunities in Vernon.
<https://www.saobserver.net/home2/company-recognized-for-inclusive-hiring-practices/>
- iii. Colleen and Jennifer attended the presentation to Vernon's Home Depot with Justin Funk (this year's nominee) and Drew Derosier (last year's nominee). Both individuals spoke highly of their work environment and relationships with colleagues.
<https://www.bclocalnews.com/business/vernon-home-depot-wins-inclusion-award/>
- iv. With the help of the employees who nominated them, Colleen presented several recognition letters and certificates to businesses (non-winners).
- v. She has a couple of photos (attached) but requested Walmart to send in the photo taken with Erin.
Congratulations were extended to council for another successful venture during Community Inclusion Month!

7. New Business:

a. Goal 2: Support for Self-Advocates - updates on 'What Inclusion means to us'

- i. Revelstoke: Andree reports that there is no self-advocates group in Revelstoke to report on; but Community Connections Revelstoke Society (*Service Provider*) posted articles on inclusion on their Facebook page.

Click: <https://www.facebook.com/community.connections.revelstoke.society/>

Andree is looking for ideas as to how to support self-advocates in Revelstoke. Council shared ideas but suggested this topic be placed in a parking lot for further discussions.

Action: Members were asked to think about ideas and bring to the next meeting.

- ii. Vernon: Debbie spoke with Castanet about accessibility at the mayoral forum. Reporter, Josh has expressed he wants to do a story on Katie and Maggie as they travel around the town (Vernon).

A Castanet reporter is to interview Erin (Murphy) about her 10 year employment at Walmart.

Click: <https://www.castanet.net/news/Vernon/240012/erin-can-do-it-all>

The 'Healthy Relationships' workshop requested by the Community Connections self-advocates group is being pursued and most probably held in early summer.

- iii. Salmon Arm: Jo-Anne spoke about an article that appeared in the Salmon Arm Observer newspaper (print/online) about the Salmon Arm Shuswap Connexions self-advocate group's meeting in which they talk about inclusion for everyone. Also mention is made of this group's fourth annual film festival combined with a Marketplace "Artisans with Diverseabilities" at Kindale on Saturday, November 17th from 10:30am – 4pm.

Read story online: <https://bit.ly/2Fegtyt> (*printout attached*).

Council discussed and agreed to support, through sponsorship, NOS self-advocates to participate in this November event to a maximum of \$600.00 per community. This amount will cover transportation, driver, gas and admissions). Self-advocates to bring bagged lunches.

Action: Andree and Debbie to coordinate transportation/driver through Community Connections (Rev) Society and Kindale Developmental Assoc.

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

- i. Julie said that due to Mary Bickert being away, there is no update on the Plan Institute presentation 'Facing the Future Together'. However, it is thought to be planned for April (which falls in next fiscal).
- ii. Rebecca Paul event has been postponed. No further updates at this time.
- iii. Julie emailed Sylvie Zebroff about the video link and community mapping presentations – waiting for responses on both.
- iv. Waiting to hear from CLBC Facilitator, Crystal Horton on the decision about whether the family forum meetings will be moved from the current afternoon time slot to the evenings in order to attract more family members.

8. **Community Mapping:** Included above.

9. **CLBC Updates:** In Jennifer's absence, Russell talked about the following CLBC highlights:

- a. Planning / Welcome Workshops: This initiative is live and being offered through the province. The aim is to hold these series of four workshops each year and while SA and Revelstoke is already underway, Vernon is tentatively scheduled for next spring. Surveys are being planned in the next 6 months to get some feedback.
- b. New Strategic Initiative Advisors: CLBC has created new roles for individuals living with an intellectual disability. These eight, new part-time staff members from across the provincial offices will be engaged for various research, improvement projects and initiatives. Vernon's Elizabeth Hamilton has already been actively working on this year's IncludeMe! survey process.
- c. Offering Employment Services to All (OESTA): All regions will be receiving new funding (\$2M) from the province to build employment service capacity and move people off the waitlist. This money will enable better training for staff, better pay for people supporting individuals, etc. 73% of people on our regional waitlist are under 25 years of age who are waiting for employment.
- d. New Service Provider Privacy and Information Management Course: This free, 45 minute course is a new directive within CLBC's updated general terms and conditions necessary to meet government privacy requirements. Service Providers were notified about the course in a recent communication update from Seonag Macrae, CEO.

Action: Russell to enquire if Community Council members are required to take the Privacy course.

10. PAC Report

- a. Colleen received an email forwarded from Jessica Humphrey from a Revelstoke agency who was enquiring if CLBC / council would be interested in partnering to create a new community map per the attached visual. Council discussed and agreed this was not a fit in our scope and Colleen said she would respond to Jessica advising her of council’s decision.
- b. Colleen’s notes from the PAC meeting are attached.

11. Additional items: Cheryl Nicklaus, Quality Service Analyst was expected to drop in to the meeting to inform council of some exciting projects but was delayed at her previous meeting. So Russell provided some info:

- a. Employment Forum: Riding on the success of the first Employment Forum held earlier this year in Kelowna, it looks like the Employment Forum will be held in Vernon, on a quarterly basis, utilizing service providers with employment support and WorkBC.
- b. “Coffee with a Cop”. Russell spoke briefly about this new initiative which was followed by an email from Cheryl to council. See attached.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was called to adjourn the meeting at 5pm.

Motion to adjourn: Mary Seconded: Maggie Carried.

Wendy Phillips

Next Council Meeting:

November 20, 2018 3pm CLBC Boardroom Vernon

2019 Meetings:

January 15th	3pm	CLBC Boardroom	Vernon
February 19th	3pm	CLBC Boardroom	Vernon
March 19th	3pm	CLBC Boardroom	Vernon
April 16th	3pm	CLBC Boardroom	Salmon Arm
May 21st	3pm		Revelstoke

Wendy Phillips

Attachments: