



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

September 18, 2018

Present:

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

CLBC Staff: Jennifer Love, ISM, Wendy Phillips

Regrets:

Morris Vardabasso, Martina Nenasheff, Eileen Howells

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Colleen welcomed everyone, followed by a round table update of members summer activities, the meeting convened at 3:25pm.

2. Additional Agenda Items:

- a. **Work Plan Action Items**

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

4. Approval of Minutes from previous months:

- a. Amend meeting location from Revelstoke to read Vernon.
- b. Motion to approve: Jo-Anne Seconded: Maggie Carried.

5. 2018 Budget: \$6,000

- a. Jennifer confirmed council budget for this fiscal to be \$6,000.
- b. Wendy reported \$121.42 spent year-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. Debbie reported that Minister Simpson will be introducing legislation for a barrier-free province. The Federal Accessibility Law (Bill C-81) has been tabled for for next year. This is an Act to ensure a barrier-free Canada.
- ii. Katie (OA) and Independent Living will be putting forth a group proposal for a \$25,000 grant application that will enable employment for a resource – a person with diverse abilities to help promote accessibility.
- iii. Katie is going to the Town Hall Meeting in early October to speak with candidates running for Mayor. Katie has already met and spoke with Mel Arnold.

Action: Council members are urged to question municipal candidates about their views on people with disabilities.

- **Council Membership:**

- i. Rose's second two year term is up in November 2018. Rose would like to extend for a third term.
- ii. **Reappoint Rose as Council Member for another two-year term.**
Motion to approve: Debbie Seconded: Julie Carried
- iii. Colleen has received a resignation from Martina Nenasheff.

Action: Colleen to request a formal letter of resignation from Martina be sent to Council.

- **2018 Employer Awards**

- i. Joanne coordinating and attending with Jen to present the Salmon Arm Security Award presentation. Nominee, Rocky Dekker will also be present at this event.
- ii. Colleen, Wendy and Jen will attend the Home Depot Award Presentation in Vernon. Arrangements will be made for both nominees to be present.
- iii. Last year, Colleen delivered all recognition packages; she will coordinate with the nominees for this year's deliveries:
 1. Kees: Mary
 2. Norval: Ashley
 3. Safeway: Maggie
 4. Walmart: Erin (works Mon / Wed / Fri noon to 4pm)
- iv. Ongoing agenda item: review work goals each month.

7. New Business:

- a. **Work Plan Goal 2: To encourage and support self-advocates in communities throughout the council region.**

Sub-Committee: Debbie, Jo-Anne, Andree and Rose

1. **Action: Jo-Anne to arrange a media representative to attend their Salmon Arm meeting to talk about “What inclusion means to them?”**
2. **Action: Andree will check with the adult program at Community Connections to see what can be planned.**
3. **Action: Debbie will contact the Vernon Morning Star and Castanet to come and meet with Self-Advocates.**
4. Debbie said that at the June meeting with the Vernon self-advocates, they had expressed that a need to have a talk on ‘Healthy Relationships’. Perhaps council could approach PosAbilities to stage a workshop in Vernon / Salmon Arm and Revelstoke – similar to a previous one they hosted before.

b. Work Plan Goal 3: Provide opportunities for families to network and build connections throughout the council region.

Sub-Committee: Julie, Eileen and Maggie

1. The proposed workshop **“Facing the Future Together”** looks like a great opportunity to partner with Plan Institute, Plan Okanagan and this council.

Action: Julie to determine what the cost of sharing such an event for families.

Action: Sub-Committee to ask other councils what sort of events they hold: pizza nights, dances, bbq, etc?

Kelowna Council hold their monthly meetings on the 4th Monday of each month.

Rebecca Paul of Plan Institute has an event on Nov 26 & 27th **“Social Support Networking”**.

8. Community Mapping:

Action: Julie to contact planning team for their availability to present to council late Oct/Nov.

9. CLBC Updates:

- a. New Planning initiative goes ‘live’ October 1st. New postcards and brochures will soon be issued to CLBC offices throughout the province as well as available for downloading off the website.
- b. **“Welcome Workshops’** is focused on orientation and getting staff trained.

- c. Monitoring: Revamped formalizing and tracking process for Service Providers
- d. CLBC Website: Refreshed new site, ease in navigation, new brochures and pamphlets available for printing. Positive comments of which have been well received.
- e. October is Community Inclusion Month (change from Community Living Month).
- f. L.I.F.E. (Learning, Inclusion, Friendships and Employment): procurement has closed and is at the evaluation stage.

10. PAC Meeting: September 21/22nd in Vancouver

Colleen will resume attending these meetings and asked council if there were any issues they want to share for raising at the meeting.

- Andree said that the elimination of Greyhound services is going to greatly impact our individuals and families living in rural and outlying areas.
- MP, Mel Arnold has suggested that complaint letters be written to the MLAs.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was called to adjourn the meeting at 4:55pm.

Motion to adjourn: Mary Seconded: Maggie Carried.

Next Council Meeting:

Tuesday, October 16th 3pm CLBC Boardroom, Vernon

Wendy Phillips