



North Okanagan-Shuswap Community Council Minutes Via Teleconference Call

May 26th, 2020

Present: Colleen Larson, Debbie Moore, Katie Moore, Mary Adamson, Lin Oldfield, Monica Kriese, Maggie Litster, Ryan Cucheron, Erin Murphy, Julie Armitage

CLBC Staff: Tamina De Montezuma, Wendy Phillips

Regrets: Andree Rioux

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Colleen welcomed everyone and each member spoke of how they were spending their time during this crisis.

2. **Additional Agenda Items:** None.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: Maggie Seconded: Mary Carried

3. **Approval of February Minutes:**

Motion to approve: Erin Seconded: Debbie Carried

Approval of Minutes from previous month:

Motion to approve: Lin Seconded: Julie Carried

4. **FY 20/21 Budget: \$6,000 confirmed by Tamina.**

Wendy reported there were no expenses to report so far this fiscal.

5. **Ongoing Business:**

- Accessibility Update:

The group's activities continue to be on hold due to COVID-19; however, Katie has been going around to businesses recognizing their accessibility measures and handing out stickers.

- Council Membership Update:
Wendy reported that Cathy Pass, SAS continues to follow up with the Ministry of Justice and is still waiting to hear back from them on the status of Katie's Clearance letter.
- Annual Report:
Colleen preparing report to submit with these minutes
- Planning for our new work plan:
Unfortunately, COVID-19 has caused many self-advocates to lose their jobs and it is not known if they will be returning to their positions. Council agreed to review the wording of the goal for this fiscal.

Maggie, Katie and Erin submitted their ideas.

Goal 1: Explore working together with City of Vernon Chamber of Commerce for Oct 2020.

- Ryan is a member of Kal Rotary and will promote the positive outcomes for businesses employing people with diverse abilities and talk about our Inclusive Employer Award program.
- Monica suggested this expand to include our region's chambers of commerce and will explore the Shuswap chamber.
- Colleen will draft up an email campaign why it's important to hire people with diverse abilities. Decision was made to wait and see what things look like in September when council returns.

Goal 2: Support for Self-advocates – monthly socializing:

Ideas for Self-Advocates weekend socials

- Mary: suggested games, movies, picnics, learn new things, swimming
- Erin, Maggie and Julie:
Virtual visit café's via Zoom and other great platforms
Invite other self-advocate groups around the province – in smaller chat rooms and talk about what's working for them, and what's not.
- Katie: have people come and talk to us; police officers, people from mental health, etc
- Debbie: An idea was to hold these on a Saturday morning as a friendship group but because of COVID, let's wait until the fall and see where things are at.
- Monica: Spend 10-15 minutes talking on a topic and ask other self-advocates what they think.

Goal 3: Family connections

- Monica is a volunteer parent who is a member of the Salmon Arm team who organize the 'Welcome Workshops'. Monica will also talk about this council and the role we play in supporting self-advocates and families.

6. CLBC Updates:

Tamina talked about how her team had done an excellent job communicating information from Head Office and Public Health Officer to service providers, individuals and families.

There is a PAC call on Saturday from 10am – Noon. Jessica to distribute minutes to Debbie.

Tamina asked if there were any questions from council:

- Monica asked how our region handled crises in COVID.
Tamina responded that with over 1,000 supported individuals in our region, North Okanagan-Shuswap, our team has been working through and have been available everyday and responsive to calls and drop ins. We are also thankful to our incredible service providers who have managed to provide and adapt their supports to our individuals.

Agencies are managing situations as they arise. Ryan mentioned, as a service provider, (VDACL), his agency offers support to home share providers that enables them to take breaks by taking individuals out on local scenic drives by the lakes, etc.

Lin said she was thankful for the information regarding Hospital Visits that she received by email. It was timely as she had to take someone to the hospital that very weekend.

Julie enquired if Tamina was aware that DDMHS nurses were not meeting with individuals during this pandemic and what should people do?

Tamina was not aware and said service should not stop and DDMHS should be responding with calls. Let Tamina if this is not happening.

7. PAC Updates:

Debbie said that following Saturday, Jessica has a conference call with about 60 people – all council chairs/PAC reps and will talk of the highlights of last fiscal, 2019/20. Ross Chilton, CEO will talk about how families are managing in COVID.

8. Next council meeting:

- a. **TUESDAY, JUNE 16th : 3pm via conference call:**

1-877-353-9184 – participant: 7359975

9. There being no further matters to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 4:20pm.

Motion to adjourn: Erin Seconded: Monica Carried.

Wendy Phillips