



North Okanagan-Shuswap Community Council Minutes - DRAFT Via Teleconference Call

June 16, 2020

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

CLBC Staff: Tamina De Montezuma, Wendy Phillips

Regrets: Ryan Cucheron, Andree Rioux

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

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

- Mary proudly announced that she received a nomination for a Special Olympic Athletic Achievement Award 🙌
- Debbie is back on the road again and able to drive around 🙌
- Erin received notification that she will be returning to work at Walmart on July 2nd 🙌
- Monica just completed taping a new 'Welcome Workshops' series in a new digital format 🙌

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: Mary Seconded: Erin Carried

3. **Approval of Minutes from previous month:**

Motion to approve: Monica Seconded: Debbie Carried

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

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

5. **Ongoing Business:**

Accessibility Update:

Katie continues to hand out decals to accessible businesses. Limited activity due to COVID-19.

Membership:

- a. Council term for the following members recently expired/or due to expire.
 - i. Erin confirmed she would like to continue on council.
 - ii. Maggie will be contacted to see what her decision is.
 - iii. Mary would like to take a break from council.
Colleen expressed everyone's gratitude and appreciation to Mary for her time and contribution to council and hoped she will be back to join us.

Action: Colleen will send an email communication to Maggie if she would like to continue.

Action: Colleen will email council for a motion to approve Erin and Maggie (if agreeable) to another term to council

Action: Wendy to email and process Erin and Maggie(?) reappointment documents

6. Annual Report:

Council reviewed the draft annual report Colleen had sent out and it was unanimously agreed to submit it, as is, to Jessica Humphrey.

7. Planning for our new Work Plan:

Council brainstormed to restructure what our work plan will look like given COVID-19.

- a. **Goal 1: Inclusive Employer's Award may be challenging to plan this year given COVID-19.**

The job market in this region may not be back to normal by this fall and the timeline is adjusted to the spring timeframe.

The focus and action item will be for council to work to improve our partnerships with the region's chambers of commerce groups, Downtown Vernon Association, Salmon Arm and Revelstoke equivalent and businesses to raise the profile of self-advocates and what a valuable resource they are to the job market.

Sub-Committee: Colleen, Monica and Wendy

- b. **Goal 2: Support Self-Advocates – 3rd Annual Self-Advocate Learning Event – March 2021**
"Friendships and Relationships" was the most popular topic requested by self-advocates from the last event and which Jessica Humphrey will happily return to present at.

The monthly get togethers will begin with on-line sessions given the social distancing restrictions – to be arranged.

Action: Colleen to confirm with Andree her participation on this committee.

Sub-Committee: Andree, Katie and Erin and Maggie?

- c. **Goal 3: Expand Family Connections**

Debbie expanded that the goal is to raise our profile of the council in community so that families are aware that we are a local resource to them, and they can draw on our wealth of knowledge and experience. Monica suggested an information brochure be created "This is

what your community council can do for you”. It will contain contact information, meeting dates, self-advocate information and Monica offered to take the lead producing this.

Action: Monica to produce a draft template

Plan a BBQ in Community Living Month following COVID-19 guidelines.

Action: Colleen will send a draft of this work plan and send it with these minutes.

Sub-Committee: Julie, Maggie,

8. CLBC Updates:

There were no updates but Tamina encourages everyone to check our CLBC website for all news and updates as it has the latest information for families and self-advocates (and service providers). A reminder if you are not receiving email updates from this office, please contact Tamina and Wendy so we can add you to the distribution list.

9. PAC Updates:

There was a teleconference held with PAC reps, council chairs and the board. Different councils shared their challenges of not being able to meet. CLBC announced they were looking for a new Director of Indigenous Affairs. A new team is going to work hard on meeting the needs of the indigenous community with great sensitivity. We also talked about how councils can meet and share their successes and challenges. Jessica will look at a virtual hub to make this happen. The board is open to hearing any issues or concerns from council as they will be happy to address it to the senior management at CLBC.

10. Next council meetings: Please mark your calendars and let Colleen know if any of these are inconvenient:

- a. **SEPTEMBER 15th**
- b. **OCTOBER 13TH**
- c. **NOVEMBER 17TH**

TIME: 3 – 5pm: Via Conference Call: 1-877-353-9184 – participant: 7359975

11. There being no further matters to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.

Motion to adjourn: Julie Seconded: Lin Carried.

A happy and safe summer everyone 😊

Wendy Phillips