



North Okanagan-Shuswap Community Council Minutes CLBC Boardroom - Vernon

September 12, 2017

Present

Chair: Colleen Larson; Maggie Litster, Rose Vair, Erin Murphy, Mary Adamson, Julie Armitage, Andree Rioux, Martina Nenasheff, Debbie Moore

CLBC staff present

- Jennifer Love, ISM; Wendy Phillips, Recorder

Regrets

- Jo-Anne Crawford, Eileen Howells

Introductions and Welcome

Additional Agenda Items:

CLBC Community Mapping was added

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: Maggie Seconded: Rose Carried.

Acceptance of the minutes from the previous meeting (June 27th, 2017):

The following items were brought forward as missed or incorrect and these have been amended to reflect those changes.

1. Okanagan Accessibility Presentation by Katie and Adam:

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Katie took the opportunity to address issues and challenges for people in wheelchairs accessing the CLBC Vernon office building.

Katie talked about the lack of and a need for:

- i. Blue Badge Parking
- ii. dropped curves (road/sidewalks)

iii. Lowering the automatic door opener to the building making it easier.

2. Amend date of Self-Advocate Conference to read October 21-22nd, 2017 and not October 25th, 2017.

Motion to approve amended minutes: Mary Seconded: Rose Carried.

Katie and Adam gave a presentation about their group, their focus, successes and challenges to ensure there is accessibility throughout the North Okanagan-Shuswap community. *The Schubert Centre* and *Vernon Recreational Centre* are among several locations that have been recognized for being welcoming and supportive of people with diverse abilities.

Katie took the opportunity to address an issue with this CLBC Vernon office building; Katie talked about the challenges for people in wheelchairs regarding accessibility to the building and asked for a more accessible automatic door opener to be installed within easy reach for those in wheelchairs.

Action: Jennifer to look into this matter with the building owner.

Adam spoke proudly of how he came to design the group's logo that took three months to produce. It was evident that this task is one of Adam's greatest achievements.

Action: Link the group with Lisa Porcellato who can assist to strategize media/public relations for their group.

a. Self-Advocates Conference October 21-22nd, 2017 in Cranbrook.

The following self-advocates have expressed an interest in going to this conference and are hopeful for some assistance from council; however no decisions have been made as yet.

- a. Katie Moore and Debbie Moore
- b. Maggie Litster and Elizabeth Hamilton

Motion to discuss at September's meeting to refine our budget to consider a travel budget that will also meet the needs of self-advocate groups

Motion to review: Rose Seconded: Maggie Carried.

b. Budget

Council suggested going forward, that a copy of the latest budget spend be made available at the meetings as this would assist making any financial commitments easier to project.

Action: Jennifer will ask Kim to print the budget view for each meeting.

c. Old Business

a) Inclusive Employer Award Presentation Events

After some discussion, council agreed to hold these award events at the beginning of October to launch '**Community Living**' month.

Jennifer will invite Lisa Porcellato, CLBC PR & Media Relations to the September meeting to assist in the planning and publications of such.

The following Council members and nominating employee participate in the local award presentations arranged by Lisa:

- Kelly – The Coast Hillcrest Hotel, Revelstoke
- Jo-Anne – Tim Hortons, Sicamous
- Eileen – Sleeman's Brewery, Vernon

b) Membership Recruitment

Three new council nominees have been received and are being processed:

- Martina Nenasheff – Community at Large member
- Andree Rioux – Parent / Family member

- Julie Armitage – Community at Large member

An invitation was also extended to Debbie Moore as she would be a valuable contributor as a family member. Debbie will consider and advise council of her decision.

Council also spoke of inviting and including Tom Christensen, CLBC Board Chair and Vernon resident to the meetings. It would be beneficial to have Tom share his knowledge and expertise and perhaps assist council in their initiatives.

d. New Business:

None

e. CLBC Update (Jennifer)

Jennifer talked about an extensive 8 week pilot planning project: “Relationship with Individuals and Families” that this office is a part of, led by two facilitators, Crystal Horton (Vernon) and Jenny Kucy (Salmon Arm).

Colleen, Julie Armitage and Lori Skinner (Facilitator, Salmon Arm) are participating at the Community Mapping Session this coming weekend in Vancouver.

f. PAC Update (Colleen)

In September, we will see how the Community Mapping Project looks like and how council can help with the Strategic Plan.

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

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

2017 Meetings

- **Tuesday, September 12th at 3pm in CLBC Boardroom, Vernon**