



North Okanagan-Shuswap Community Council Minutes - DRAFT Vernon CLBC Boardroom and via Microsoft Teams Meeting

October 22, 2020

Present: Debbie Moore, Andree Rioux, Katie Moore, Lin Oldfield, Monica Kriese, Maggie Litster, Erin Murphy, Julie Armitage

CLBC Staff: Tamina De Montezuma, Wendy Phillips

Regrets: Colleen Larson, Ryan Cucheron

1. Welcome and Introductions

Debbie welcomed everyone and did a round table check-in to hear how everyone was doing and share any highlights from their summer.

2. Additional Agenda Items: None.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: Lin Seconded: Julie Carried

3. Approval of Minutes from previous month: June 16, 2020

Motion to approve: Debbie Seconded: Andree Carried

4. FY 20/21 Budget: \$4,500 (NEW)

Wendy reported there were no significant expenses to report. A charity contribution of \$35.00 to CRIS Adaptive Adventures was made in honour of Annika Bovenkerk.

Tamina reported that CLBC had reduced community council budgets from across the province as COVID-19 supports and services were a priority. Council's budget this year is now \$4,500 from \$6,000.

Learning opportunity: UBC is hosting a full virtual program for the **7th Biennial Conference on Developmental Disabilities on November 26 and 27, 2020**. Tamina encouraged council members to take advantage of this event. Early bird registration closes October 30th. Council members were emailed details of the event.

Action: Let Wendy know if you want to attend and she will process the registration.

5. Ongoing Business:

Accessibility Update:

Katie said activities still halted. She is planning to write a letter to Priest Valley Physiotherapy office in Vernon who are in process of refurbishing their facilities and installing an automatic door.

Membership:

- a. Maggie has formally agreed to stay on for her last term and completed her reappointment documents.
- b. Erin will complete her reappointment documents at the close of this meeting.
- c. An admin error by the Ministry of Justice was the reason for the long delay of Katie's Criminal Record Check application. Cathy Pass, SAS is following up and will let us know soonest.

Motion to approve Maggie and Erin for another term: Andree Seconded: Julie Carried

6. Draft Family Brochure

Monica will create a draft information brochure highlighting our Council which will be used to show at the Welcome Workshops. Monica will show the brochure draft at the next meeting.

7. Planning for our new Work Plan:

Council brainstormed to restructure what our work plan will look like given the ongoing and escalating challenges around COVID-19.

- a. **Goal 1: Inclusive Employer's Award may be challenging to plan this year given COVID-19.**
(Sub-Committee: Colleen, Monica, Lin and Wendy)

Comments and suggestions:

- Shifting focus to awareness of inclusive employment
 - Obtain statistics from the NOS Employment Roundtable group led by Cheryl Nicklaus, Vernon Analyst:
 - How many individuals lost their jobs?
 - How many are still working through COVID? (new employment gains?)
- b. **Goal 2: Support Self-Advocates – 3rd Annual Self-Advocate Learning Event – March 2021**
(Sub-Committee: Debbie, Andree, Katie, Erin and Maggie)
 - **“Friendships and Relationships”**
 - **“Keeping safe at home and online”**

Council is now looking to hold a virtual workshop using a secure platform (not Zoom). Monica has a secure Zoom account at her work and offered to use this to host the sessions. Family Support Institute also used the platform.

Action: Monica to contact FSI

Tamina to contact PosAbilities and Zoom Health

8. CLBC Updates: (Tamina)

- As we're in the middle of the provincial election, CLBC stops all public online posts except when it relates to Health & Safety related to COVID-19. Everything will resume once the election is over.
- We have posted a Facilitator position for the Vernon office.
- Salmon Arm Quality Service Analyst, Billie Metz is now permanent following the resignation of Sarah White, Analyst.
- Crystal Horton, Facilitator will be scheduling Welcome Workshops to be held later this fall.

9. PAC Updates: (Debbie)

This was a fun teleconference held on September 19th – fun, because some self-advocates did not mute their microphones 😊

Councils shared challenges that COVID is presenting them:

- How do you make real goals given the current situation?
- How CLBC can support individuals and families through these times? (isolation is a huge factor).

Shane Simpson, Minister of Ministry of Development & Poverty Reduction gave a presentation on reimagining community inclusion that touched on

- Inclusive housing
- Employment
- Health and well being

Action: Let Debbie know if you have any comments for her to share at the next PAC meeting.

Debbie to write a letter to CLBC in recognition of the tremendous efforts by their front-line workers.

OCTOBER: Community Living Month: Andree said her agency, Community Connections was making a point of posting something every day of the month on their Facebook page.

10. Next council meeting:

a. NOVEMBER 17TH

TIME: 3 – 5pm: Via Microsoft Teams Meeting invite by email from Wendy.

11. There being no further matters to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 5:25pm

Motion to adjourn: Debbie Seconded: Lin Carried.

Wendy Phillips