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Community Council Minutes
Wednesday, October 28, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Location:
CLBC – Surrey Office and
via Skype teleconference to members
From 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Present: Akshay Sachdeva, Alison Scholfield, Linda Beck

Regrets: Vernon Hudson, (guests: Emily Raven, Bernadette Pughe), Tracey Chan,

Jennifer Benjamin

Guests: none

CLBC staff: Real Bernier, Facilitator

Recorder: Edwina Jeffrey

1. Call to order and Welcome

Due to the Covid-19 social distancing, the meeting was held via Skype teleconference.

Akshay called the meeting to order at 6:17 pm.

Akshay identified the unceded territories of Kwantlen, Musqueam, Katzie, Semiahmoo, Tsawwassen, Qayqayt and Kwikwetlem peoples, and acknowledged their land where we have our meetings.

Akshay welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Motions

a) Review and motion to approve October 28th meeting agenda.

Motion: Alison motioned and Linda seconded to approve the meeting agenda.

<u>Carried unanimously</u>

b) Review and approval of the September 23rd meeting minutes.

(Note: An email was sent to members to read and approve these minutes.)

Motion: Alison motioned and Akshay seconded to approve the September 23rd meeting minutes. Tentative Approval / no quorum present



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3. Updates from Previous Council Business:

a) Status: Council info poster: Real has taken a picture of Vernon, as well as attaining a picture from Christopher Rae (CLBC online specialist). Real showed the members a picture of Vernon. Another picture is a possibility of two individuals from the CLBC Self Advocate magazine.

ACTION: Edwina to insert the new pictures to existing poster.

ACTION: Through Real collaborating with Christopher Rae to have this online and then secondly, having it in the community.

- b) Incoming Council emails:
 - i. No new emails received.
 - ii. Real has emailed Christopher Rae to follow up to have notifications linked to Edwina, and/or having an automatic reply. (In progress)
 - iii. Real has followed up with September's potential council member to give her more information about CLBC and what the Council is about.
- c) Community Council Work Plan (Final Version): Discussion on any potential amendments (the May 27th final version submitted).

Discussion and due to COVID-19, and limited resources (attendance) at the meeting, it is not easy to think about any changes at the moment.

No new potential amendments at this time.

4. Reimagining Community Inclusion (RCI) Project: 10-year vision (relayed via the PAC summary)

- a) Discussing the Council's interest, to engage in one or more of the working groups:
 - 1. Inclusive Housing
 - 2. Employment
 - 3. Health and Well-being
 - 4. Self-defined/determined services for Indigenous people

Generally, the Council members agreed that they should be involved and document progression of choices. Suggestion that all groups are important, but



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Inclusive Housing stands out as a priority; however, they agreed the groups are all interdependent.

Before proceeding, need to know what does each working group entail? (Note: A large document has been created that encompasses details.)

<u>Next step</u>: Members should engage in one of the working groups and agree that Housing is a priority, but well-being and employment is also important. It is essential to focus on one thing.

Council agreed to engage and be motivated in all areas but need more information to understand how to focus on what is needed.

ACTION: Real will follow-up with Jessica Humphrey to get an in-depth synopsis on what is needed in each group.

5. Resiliency project (Resiliency of Individuals and Families during COVID-19)

- a) How can Councils help with this project? By sharing their experiences as someone living on their own, or as a family member supporting a family member at home and/or share what you have heard from those you know. Here are the questions we have been asking:
 - 1. What is the hardest for people living on their own right now?
 - 2. What is hardest for families supporting a family member at home right now?
 - 3. What has helped the most?
 - 4. What would most help people and caregivers to stay well and carry on over the coming months?

(Send responses to lessica.Humphrey@gov.bc.ca)

These questions were included as an opportunity for Council members to share responses in the meeting. Presumption is that this is an ongoing survey that can be shared with others outside Council as well.

6. Community Inclusion Month (October):

a) Update on mail notification to Surrey, Delta, and White Rock Mayors and City Councils of Community Inclusion Month



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Real reported that a request was submitted to all, and he did receive a response from Delta, mentioning that they lit up their City Hall with green and blue lights.

7. Round table check-in: How is everyone doing? What is working well and what are challenges? (time permitting) Members shared how they have been doing with social distancing activities, wearing masks, supporting an individual, and reflecting that motivation isn't there because the daily routine has changed completely. It has been a time for gratitude and resilience. Happy to be here in BC; can still do outside activities. Challenge is to deal with news of more COVID-19 cases. Positive note shared: a self-advocate Council member attained employment.

Other information: Real received notification that two members can attend a virtual forum 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. on December 2 and 3 on BC Affordable Housing; he will send email notification out to all on the Council.

8. Adjournment at 7:55 pm and Reminders:

Next Community Council meeting is November 25, 2020 at 6 pm.

ACTION: Real will email confirmation of next Skype Community Council meeting, and will provide the appropriate associated documents.

