

Surrey – Delta – White Rock Community Council

#2017 – 7495 – 132 Street, Surrey, BC V3W 1J8

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Community Council Minutes

Wednesday, October 30, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

CLBC – Surrey Office

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From 6:00 to 8:30 pm

- Present:** Vernon Hudson, Tracey Chan, Alison Scholefield, Vicki Stratton, Laila Karim
- Regrets:** Jennifer Benjamin, Linda Beck, Jonquil Hallgate(?), Sean Beddows(?), Crystal Thompson (Pivot Point)
- Guests:** Akshay Sachdeva, Mridul Jagota (CBI Consultants)
- CLBC staff:** Real Bernier, Facilitator
- Recorder:** Edwina Jeffrey
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1. Call to order and Welcome

Vernon chaired and called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm following dinner. The Council members were pleased to have Akshay Sachdeva rejoin us and also welcomed Mridul Jagota to the meeting. Everyone spoke about their background and reasons for being a part of the Council. Mridul introduced herself and included her background and goals.

2. Motions:

- a) **To re-approve September 25th agenda** (*note: agenda approval in September 25th Minutes moved by guest*)
Motion: *Moved by Vernon and seconded by Alison to accept the September 25th meeting agenda.* *Carried Unanimously*
- b) **Review and approval of the September 25th meeting minutes.**
Motion: *Moved by Alison and seconded by Tracey to accept the September 25th meeting minutes with correction as noted above in 2.a).* *Carried Unanimously*
- c) **Review and approval of the October 30th meeting agenda.**
Motion: *Moved by Vicki and seconded by Laila to accept the October 30th meeting agenda with addition under PAC report: discussion of indigenous lands acknowledgement.* *Carried Unanimously*

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3. Council Member Updates:

- a) Council members require confirmation of their terms and expiry dates before nominating a Vice-Chair. Nomination tabled to November meeting.

ACTION: Real will email everyone confirmation of member terms.

- b) Members agreed more members need to be recruited specifically with business or service member backgrounds.

- c) Ideas for recruitment:

- i. Recommendation to contact Surrey Board of Trade to ask if someone from Council could speak at a breakfast/lunch meeting. This would bring awareness to the business community about what a Community Council is all about.

ACTION: Laila volunteered to contact Surrey Board of Trade to find out possibilities.

- ii. Revamp the Community Council rack card to one page tailoring it to our area/community. One page makes it easier to:

1. Post at City Libraries.
2. Or at Rec Centres, or to grocery stores.

ACTION: Real to look into the possibility of editing rack card to one page.

- iii. Sirota's Alchymy Martial Arts: Council hosts workshop - possibility to recruit someone participating at this workshop.

- iv. Indigenous Health and Wellness workshop; will approval come from this office? Possibility to approach this group and recruit a member.

4. Provincial Advisory Council (PAC) Quarterly meeting updates

Alison reported on the October 5th meeting (there is an informal dinner the night before). (Note: Summary notes to share were sent to all council members.) She enjoyed the meeting hearing reports from the different areas around the provinces, and felt attending the meetings will be very rewarding.

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Highlights:

The meeting began with the outgoing Chair acknowledging indigenous territories.

ACTION: Councils should now acknowledge traditional territories at the beginning of each meeting. A CLBC Guide was provided.

(Council discussion: Agreed to follow-up and acknowledge the appropriate territory(ies) for each monthly meeting.)

Randy Schmidt talked about new accessibility legislation coming to BC. Families and individuals are encouraged to give their feedback and ideas through the government website **until November 30:**

https://www.engage.gov.bc.ca/accessibility/?mc_cid=ba9ff9b4b3&mc_eid=b55f4e1755

October is Community Living Month; WOW Award winners go to:

<https://www.communitylivingbc.ca/recognition/clbc-announces-its-2019-wow-award-winners/>

The new CLBC CEO Ross Chilton was at the meeting and will be travelling around the province starting in Vernon on October 29th.

Members talked about a need for better orientation for new PAC members. PAC Terms of Reference for new members was handed out.

Jessica Humphreys talked about asset mapping; members looked at:

www.findsupportbc.com/map/ website onscreen which showed various communities. Jessica advised councils to start sharing and adding inclusive assets to this map.

Members are asked to complete the Inclusive Housing survey at:

<https://bcnpha.ca/research/inclusive-housing-survey/>

Jennifer Love gave presentations on indigenous communities, and separate presentation on monitoring framework for quality of life.

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Jack Styan talked about the Include Me project started about ten years. The project intended to standardize how and what people could get from CLBC. Intending to increase the quality of life and how to receive services; are we succeeding, how can we do better?

Three CLBC board members were at the meeting; one spoke at the meeting and visiting around the province. They encouraged Council members to attend public Board meetings. Each Council was asked to talk about what their council has been up to and the members.

Outgoing PAC Chair John McCulloch was thanked for his service and Debbie Moore became the new PAC chair. She's from the North Okanagan/Shuswap.

Next PAC dinner meeting is January 31 and full-day meeting February 1.

5. **Action Items: any queries?**

Website info Find Support BC re Building Inclusive and Diverse Communities

<https://findsupportbc.com/map/>

Reviewed mapping process on how to access this site and there is an admin person to make sure that suggesting a place is appropriate.

There is still an option to use a decal at a business that is being inclusive, diverse and welcoming.

6. **Review final/edited 2019-2020 Work Plan**

Continue discussion on Goals #2 and #4; and finalize ideas from September 25 Council meeting.

Note: Any edits not mentioned here remain the same

a) Are there additional topics Council members wish to bring forward

i. **Goal #2: Provide information that will help families and self-advocates thrive**

Is there a workshop that the council members want to take on before the end of the calendar year?

- The council members agreed that a forum that is free is a good idea but to organize one before the end of the calendar year may not be possible. However, Sirota Alchymy Martial Arts is a suggestion for council to find out more on their

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services. Note: A message has been sent and will be followed up.

- Other Council discussion:
 - Surrey Arts Council ‘Spotlight’: to have Council sponsor and put in a small art show at Newton Arts Centre.
 - Hold a music workshop because music is a calming influence for children. If the workshops are frequent then that brings awareness of the Council to the community.

ACTION: Edwina to research list of ideas suggested by participants that attended Housing Forum held at Semiahmoo House Society.

- ii. **Goal #4: Be aware of current public transportation issues facing people with diverse abilities who are CLBC eligible.** This item not discussed.

7. **Meeting check-in: a round table discussion to see how is everyone doing. What is working well and what are challenges (time permitting).** Members shared lots of information during the meeting, thus there was not time for this agenda item.

Adjournment at 8:34 pm and Reminders:

8. **Next Community Council meeting is November 27, 2019 at the Surrey CLBC office. A meeting request email will be sent out; please reply with your Accept, Tentative, or Regrets.**