



Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting
January 23, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

MS Teams Meeting

Attendees:

Provincial Advisory Committee Members:

Debbie Moore, *Chair, North Okanagan/Shuswap*
Lynne Picard, Simon Fraser
Tony Cuglietta, Thompson Cariboo
Anita Clegg- North

Charlene Barney, South Island
Alex Evanshen- North Shore Sunshine Coast
Alison Scholefield- Surrey Delta White Rock

Community Council Guests

Joanne Gauthier- Richmond Council
Wendy Hall- Central Island

CLBC Board:

Jake Anthony
Onkar Biring
Simon Philp

CLBC Staff:

Ross Chilton, Chief Executive Officer
Randy Schmidt, ED Communications and Stakeholder Relations
Jessica Humphrey, Self Advocate Advisor

Guests:

Nicholas Simons, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
Brady Yano, Ministerial Advisor

Minutes prepared by:

Alana Gee, Executive Assistant

1. Welcome

Debbie Moore called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and provided an acknowledgement of Indigenous traditional territories. Debbie welcomed the guests and members.

2. Minister Nicholas Simons, Social Development and Poverty Reduction

Minister Simons introduced himself and discussed important topics:

- Poverty Reduction Strategy - policies and programs to help people get out of poverty
- New Accessibility Legislation - creating standards of accessibility in BC, so everyone has equal opportunities and access to their community
- Staying connected to the people CLBC serves
- The Minister can be contacted with questions/feedback by emailing SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca or contacting his assistant Brady Yano at Brady.Yano@gov.bc.ca

PAC members asked the Minister questions about PWD rates, access to technology and the BC COVID Recovery Benefit. The Minister provided helpful information including:

- New earning exemption is now \$15,000/year
- He understands the concerns about PWD rates
- If you need assistance submitting your documents to receive the [BC Recovery Benefit](#) you can call 1-833- 882-0020 toll-free.
- You can also contact your MLA office for assistance

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 19, 2020 meeting was reviewed.

Motion

Tony Cuglietta duly SECONDED by Joanne Gauthier moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2020 meeting. CARRIED

4. Update on CLBC COVID response

Ross Chilton, CLBC CEO provided the following updates on what CLBC is doing to respond to COVID-19:

- New BC COVID-19 Vaccination Plan released. Individuals served by CLBC are included in Phase 2 (people who live in group homes) and Phase 3 (people who are clinically at risk because of medical issues). More details still to come. Here is the link to the plan: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/vaccines#phases>
- Families who have Direct Funded Respite can now use this funding more flexibly until June 30th.

- The Family Support Institute is a good place for families to share ideas about how to get a break.
- \$10 million has been provided by the government to help people get back to work. Inclusion BC is helping to get the money to employment service providers.
- The Reimagining Community Inclusion (RCI) Working Groups will be beginning in February. These groups are:
 - Health and Well-being
 - Inclusive Housing
 - Employment
 - Services for Indigenous people

Working groups will begin engaging with self advocates and families in the coming months.

5. Member Roundtable

Each PAC rep shared an update about Council membership, recruiting needs and what their Councils are working on.

6. Board Report and Discussion

Jake thanked PAC members for sharing their stories and experiences. PAC is one way that Councils can bring forward issues and trends they are hearing about in their community. There will be a Self Advocate CLBC Board Director opening this spring. The Board would like to see self more advocate voices of individuals that CLBC serves as well as accessible and plain language. Onkar's term is coming to an end, it was suggested he could join Council.

7. Resiliency Project & Inclusive Housing Task Force:

a) Jessica updated the PAC on the Toolkit for connection that was created to help people stay safe and connected during COVID-19.

- One important tool to share is the Calendar for Connection hosted the Family Support Institute Calendar. This Calendar for Connection was created to help people with diverse abilities know about different fun and inclusive opportunities to connect with others during COVID-19.
- Councils can review the Toolkit for Connection at an upcoming meeting to see if there are any tools their council would like to promote and share with people and families.

b) Randy shared the new Key to Home website that was created with the Inclusive Housing Taskforce. The website includes a video and presentation templates, as well as stories and research to share with self advocates, families and housing decision makers.

8. Strengthening Communication with Councils

Randy offered some ideas about how we can support communication between Councils:

- Ask Councils to identify a successful project they'd like us (CLBC) to write a story about- to share with other Councils and more broadly to raise the profile of what Councils do.
- Assign Councils a task of writing about a project that has gone well and identify tips for other Councils. Then to be Circulated to all other Councils to learn from.
- Creating a community of practice. This would involve bringing together all council members to learn together about key topics related being a council member.

Members were asked to share these opportunities with their councils and provide feedback on any topics of interest.

9. Closing and next meeting date

There being no further business to discuss, the Chair thanked everyone's attendance and participation and the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. The next PAC meeting is set for April 17, 2021.