



**Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**September 24, 2022**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**Community Living BC Head Office**

**Attendees:**

**Provincial Advisory Committee Members:**

Debbie Moore, *Chair, North Okanagan/Shuswap*  
Adeel Zafar, *Simon Fraser*  
Alex Evanshen, *North Shore/Sunshine Coast*  
Annette Delaplace, *Richmond*  
Charlene Barney, *South Island*  
Crystal Bermel, *Kootenay*

Debra Roblin, *North Region*  
Kara Anderson, *Central Island*  
Philip Retief, *Upper Fraser Valley*  
Sharrie Dahl (Guest), *Surrey/Delta/White Rock*  
Tracy Jo Russell, *Thompson Cariboo*  
Vanessa Mendoza, *Vancouver*

**CLBC Board**

Simon Philp  
Corey Walker  
Amber Rainshadow

**Guest**

David Johnston

**CLBC Staff:**

Randy Schmidt, *Executive Director, Communications and Stakeholder Relations*  
Jessica Humphrey, *Self Advocate Advisor*  
Jeffrey Bernasor, *Executive Assistant*

**Minutes prepared by:**

Kelly Lai, Executive Assistant

**1. Welcome**

Debbie Moore called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and provided an acknowledgement of Indigenous traditional territories. Debbie welcomed the guests and members.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April 23, 2022, meeting was reviewed.

### **Motion**

Crystal Bermel duly SECONDED by Debra Roblin moved to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2022, meeting. **CARRIED**

### **3. Member Roundtable**

Each PAC member shared an update about what their respective Councils are working on, as well as membership and recruitment needs. Some highlights noted were:

- Most Councils are actively recruiting new members
- Planning a community dance and submitted requests to local municipalities to proclaim Community Inclusion Month – *Central Island Council*
- Planning a series of Open House events at Community Living BC offices across the North – *North Council*
- Have the MLA (Minister Simons) and Indigenous Leaders support the Inclusion Fest to celebrate cultural awareness and diversity on the Sunshine Coast. Submitted requests to local municipalities to proclaim Community Inclusion Month – *North Shore Sunshine Coast Council*
- Planning a virtual Open House event to share stories, celebrating the community, and recruiting new members – *Richmond Council*
- Co-hosted 'One Day Festival' to celebrate diversity with community partners. Planning a You've been mapped celebration for Community Inclusion Month – *South Island Council*
- Planning a 'Mapping Inclusive Housing' project (Strategic Planning) – *Thompson Cariboo Council*
- Planning a Halloween themed Open House event – *Simon Fraser Council*
- Working on the 'People of Valley' project which is about sharing stories about people with diverse abilities making a difference in their communities – *Upper Fraser Council*
- Planting trees to recognize the leadership of people with diverse abilities – *Kootenay Council*

### **4. CLBC Updates from Executive Director of Communications Randy Schmidt**

- CLBC will continue to host COVID-19 calls with the Provincial Health Office for self advocates and families to ask questions regarding COVID-19.
- CLBC will continue to send monthly updates to individuals and families which includes CLBC and government updates, stories, information, and resources from other partners.
- There is a lot of work at CLBC focusing on Home Sharing including creating an 'Independent Home Sharing Society' focused on supporting professional training for Home Share Providers, a network for learning, and building awareness for Home Sharing.
- CLBC will be expanding and rolling out L.I.F.E.-based services across the province in the next couple years. L.I.F.E.-based services is a new Community Inclusion service and stands for Learning, Inclusion, Friendships and Employment.

- There will be a virtual L.I.F.E.-based conference on January 23 – 26 for people who are interested.
- CLBC rolled out the “Digital Literacy Program” to assist individuals getting back to the workforce for self-advocates. The program helps increase digital skills and delivers courses on how to use computers.
- A new ‘Crisis Prevention and Response’ service is being designed this coming year to assist people and families who are in emergency situations or getting close to an emergency and need assistance immediately.
- The month of October is Community Inclusion Month and we will be announcing 4 nominations for the WOW (Widening Our World) awards.
- For upcoming National Truth and Reconciliation Day, there will be a statement on the CLBC website announcing the work of the Indigenous Relations Team.

**5. Board Updates and Discussions with Board Liaisons – Amber Rainshadow, Corey Walker, and Simon Philp**

- Simon Philp discussed the format change for Board Meetings. The Board members will be doing tours in October to meet with service providers and individuals receiving supports.
- The PAC Chair continues to speak on the issues affecting self-advocates and families to the Board members at each meeting.
- The next open board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 30, 2022. The meeting is open to the public and council members are encouraged to attend.

**6. CLBC Accessibility Project Presentation by Randy Schmidt**

**[NOTE: the PAC voted at a special meeting in August to become the official accessibility advisory committee for CLBC in the initial year of compliance]**

- Randy Schmidt presented on the CLBC Accessibility Project.
- CLBC is complying with the new BC Accessibility Legislation and will be working on a three-year plan to remove barriers to help CLBC be more accessible.
- The Provincial Advisory Committee is now also the CLBC Accessibility Advisory Committee.
- He asked the PAC members if CLBC is on the right track in terms of getting the public’s input in CLBC’s Accessibility plans.

**7. Getting input on CLBC’s Accessibility Plan Presentation by Jessica Humphrey and David Johnston**

- Jessica and David explained they are working on how to collect feedback from individuals and families on what can be implemented in the CLBC Accessibility Plan
- PAC members gave their insight on who to ask, what type of questions, and suggestions on how to approach consultation.

**8. Closing and next meeting date**

There being no further business to discuss, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next Provincial Advisory Committee is scheduled for Saturday, January 28, 2023.