



**Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**January 28, 2023**  
**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*  
Raymond Puno, *Richmond*  
Debra Roblin, *North Region*  
Charlene Barney, *South Island*  
Crystal Bermel, *Kootenay*  
Kara Anderson, *Central Island*  
Sharrie Dahl (Guest), *Surrey/Delta/White Rock*

Tracy Jo Russell, *Thompson Cariboo*  
Vanessa Mendoza, *Vancouver*

**CLBC Board**

Simon Philp  
Corey Walker  
Amber Rainshadow

**CLBC Staff:**

Ross Chilton, *Chief Executive Officer*  
Randy Schmidt, *Vice President, Governance and Communications*  
Jessica Humphrey, *Self Advocate Advisor*  
Jeffrey Bernasor, *Executive Assistant*  
David Johnston, *Strategic Initiatives Advisor*  
Catriona Johnson, *Manager, Policy and Government Relations*

**Minutes prepared by:**

Kelly Lai, 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. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the September 24, 2022, meeting was reviewed.

## **Motion**

Debbie Moore duly SECONDED by Debra Roblin moved to approve the minutes of the September 24, 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:

- Hosted over 100+ people at Community Dance in October's Community Living Month – *Central Island Council*
- Held hybrid Open House in 3 Northern Communities to help with connection and recruitment. Planning to continue hosting 'North Council Gatherings': *A regular gathering place for individuals, families, and community across the North Region to exchange information, share stories, host presentations, and to make new friends* – *North Council*
- Working on Council goal to 'build relationships and promote accessibility with local community.' Hosted over 80+ people at Community Dance in Community Living Month, Supported an Autism friendly night with local theatre, and hosted movie night for International Day of Persons with Disability on December 3<sup>rd</sup> – *North Okanagan Shuswap*
- Hosted Inclusion Fest to celebrate diversity and cultural awareness on the Sunshine Coast. Had the MLA (Minister Simons) and Indigenous Leaders supporting the event – *North Shore Sunshine Coast Council*
- Hosted an Open House to share stories, celebrate community, recruit new members, and write cards to seniors living in long-term care – *Richmond Council*
- Has a sub-committee helping with a Community Mapping Project with Intercultural Association and Library – *South Island Council*
- Hired a student to do research on the 'Mapping Inclusive Housing' project (Strategic Planning) – *Thompson Cariboo Council*
- Hosted a Halloween-themed Open House. Working as a Council to identify issues and successes to bring to PAC and the Board: Housing, Aging, and Transparency of CLBC processes – *Simon Fraser Council*
- Planting trees to recognize the leadership of people with diverse abilities and organizing self-advocate connection Open House – *Kootenay Council*
- Hosted Community Living Month BBQ and invited newly elected Vancouver counsellors – *Vancouver Council*
- Exploring more ways to build awareness and connection in the community. Working with Upper Fraser Council to host a community drumming event – *Surrey/White Rock/Delta Council*

### **4. CLBC Updates from Chief Executive Officer Ross Chilton**

- Sheila Malcolmson is the new Minister responsible for CLBC.

- The language used in the services CLBC funds are being updated. The term like 'Residential Services' are being changed to be more respectable and easier to understand.
- The Re-imagining Community Inclusion work plan is complete and includes activities in the areas of:
  - Inclusive Housing
  - Employment
  - Health and Mental Health
  - Indigenous Services
- [The Re-imagining Community Inclusion Workplan 2022/23-2024/25 and a plain language summary can be found here.](#)
- CLBC is hosting MS Teams calls with the Provincial Health Officer for self-advocates and families to ask questions about COVID-19. The next call is on February 7<sup>th</sup>. [You can find the meeting links, past recordings, and plain language summaries on the CLBC website here.](#)
- February 28<sup>th</sup> is budget day when we will hear how government money will be spent and what that means for CLBC.
- CLBC made changes to how departments and staffs are organized. Randy Schmidt is now the Vice President of Governance and Communications.

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

- The Board hears directly from PAC Chair, Debbie Moore, at each meeting to listen about issues directly affecting families and self-advocates.
- The next Open Board Meeting is scheduled on February 23, 2023. The meeting will be open to public and Council members are encouraged to attend.

## **6. Discussion about PAC advisory role with the Board**

- The PAC has a role to let the Board know about the issues and questions that are in common across the province.
- [The PAC Terms of Reference can be found here.](#)
- Below are suggestions mentioned:
  - Councils to have time on their agenda to identify issues and successes in their communities.
  - Councils support their PAC rep to report these issues and successes at the next PAC meeting.
- Another suggestion mentioned:
  - A regular PAC agenda item to decide as a committee about what issues to formally mention to the Board.

## **7. Indigenous Cultural Awareness Trainings for PAC and Councils**

- PAC members agreed it is important for Councils and members to have Indigenous Cultural Awareness education and training.
- The Indigenous Relations Team can assist by:
  - Hosting training sessions.
  - Giving Councils the necessary tools to build relationships with Indigenous leaders and communities.

## **8. CLBC Accessibility Engagement Findings and Feedback**

- Jessica Humphrey and David Johnston presented what we are learning based on the accessibility feedback workshops and surveys.
- The next step is to take what we learned and start working on the CLBC Accessibility Work Plan.
- Project staff will test action items with Community Councils and review them at the April PAC meeting.

## **9. How CLBC is trying to improve policies that affect the people we serve**

- One of the PAC roles is to *recommend improvements to policy and practice for the Board and CLBC*.
- The Manager of Policy and Government Relations, Catriona Johnson, gave a presentation on how policies are created at CLBC.
- Catriona and her team look forward to working with PAC members on how our policies can be more accessible to individuals and their families.

## **10. 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 April 22, 2023.

The Annual Joint Meeting with Provincial Advisory Committee, Council Chairs, Board, Indigenous Advisory Community is on June 3, 2023.