



**Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**January 25, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**The Westin Wall Centre Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond BC**

**Attendees:**

**Provincial Advisory Committee Members:**

Zafar Adeel, Chair, <i>Simon Fraser</i>	Monica Kriese, <i>North Okanagan/Shuswap</i>
Alex, Vice Chair, <i>North Shore/Sunshine Coast</i>	Vicki Wang, <i>Vancouver/Richmond</i>
Jennifer Hartley, <i>South Island Community Council</i>	Sharrie Dahl, <i>Surrey/Delta/White Rock</i>
Tami Pedersen, <i>Thompson Cariboo</i>	Esther King, <i>Upper Fraser</i>
Joann Popesco, <i>North Region</i>	Leanne Froese, <i>South Central Okanagan</i>
Alexandria Stuart, <i>Central Island</i>	Raymond Puno, <i>Vancouver/Richmond</i>

**CLBC Board**

Shane Simpson, *Board Chair*  
Amber Rainshadow, *PAC Liaison*  
Corey Walker, *PAC Liaison*

**CLBC SMT & Staff:**

Ross Chilton, *Chief Executive Officer*  
Genevieve Bucher, *Vice President, Governance and Communications*  
Cris Leykauf, *Director, Communications and Community Engagement*  
Catriona Johnson, *Director, Governance and Policy*  
Jessica Humphrey, *Manager, Community Engagement*  
Brita Hall, *Provincial Community Engagement Lead*

**CLBC Service Centre Staff:**

Mark Saligao, *Service Centre Analyst*  
Tony Kieling, *Service Centre Analyst*

**Minutes prepared by:**

Alana Gee, *Executive Assistant*

**1. Indigenous Land Acknowledgment**

Ross Chilton provided an acknowledgement of Indigenous traditional territories at 9:02 a.m.

**2. Introductions and welcome remarks**

Adeel Zafar welcomed the group and gave opening remarks.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 28, 2024, meeting was reviewed.

#### Motion

Jennifer Hartley duly SECONDED by Tami Pederson moved to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2024. *CARRIED*

### 4. PAC Member Roundtable on Council

Each PAC member shared updates on what their respective Councils were working on. Some highlights noted were the following:

#### **North Shore Sunshine Coast:**

- The Council recently hosted an Inclusive Housing event with over 100 participants. Guest speakers included Uniti, SPARC BC, VRS Communities, CLBC's Community Engagement and Housing teams, and self-advocates who shared their lived experience.
- Some Council members attended the Cultural Perspectives training in October.
- Alex Evanshen and five other self-advocates presented at the annual Housing Conference about diverse housing options for diverse needs.

#### **Surrey, Delta, White Rock:**

- The Council is looking for new members and ways to recruit.
- The Council is planning a community inclusion celebration event at the Pacific Junior Hockey league game between the White Rock Whalers and the Delta Ice Hawks. They will give away 100 tickets and have a Council booth at the game, featuring swag from the council outreach kits.

#### **North Region:**

- Efforts are underway to recruit new members and rebuild the council.
- Some council members attended the Cultural Perspectives training in October.
- Council is partnering with ESATTA to plan a 4 day in person conference in Prince George in May 2025. This conference will include a council Annual General Meeting (AGM), World Café, Open House, and two-day People Planning Together workshop.

#### **Thompson Cariboo:**

- The Council is thinking about planning open houses in Kamloops, Williams Lakes and Clearwater as a recruitment strategy.
- Some Council members attended the cultural perspectives training

- Tami Pedersen and Tony Cuglietta, along with four other Self-Advocates attended the Housing Central Conference and presented on a panel called Diverse Housing Options for Diverse Needs.
- A Community Development Coordinator attended the last meeting to build a relationship with the council. They are working on an ARCH pass application to help people on PWD automatically qualify for a pass, which includes \$400 credit for recreational activities. They also shared that a fully accessible washroom is being built using Rick Hansen Foundation Funding.
- A new CLBC housing lead was hired for the Thompson Cariboo region, and we will invite them to work with Tony Cuglietta and Tami Pedersen on their Inclusive Housing Presentations.

#### **Upper Fraser:**

- Working on recruiting council members and rebuilding
- Council is working on People of the Valley project sharing good news self-advocate success stories in local newsletter.
- Council hosted a recent dance to celebrate community inclusion

#### **South Central Okanagan:**

- Working on rebuilding and recruiting. Their strategy is to target younger generations.
- The council is planning a barbecue and events in summer months such as a Taylor Swift themed event.
- Council talking about being able to attend school presentations for transitioning youth with CLBC staff.

#### **South Island:**

- The Council is working on recruiting new members and rebuilding.
- The Council has two new Community Council members, and the Service Area Manager Brian Tebo is now attending meetings.
- The Council received a presentation from Tony Cuglietta and Tami Pedersen on Inclusive Housing and is interested in building a similar presentation of their own.
- The Housing Lead attended their meeting as a guest to share his work and discuss partnership opportunities.

#### **Central Island:**

- The Council is planning an in-person Masquerade Dance with a virtual option for those who can't attend in person.
- New members have joined the Community Council.
- The Council wants to help support North Island to start a Community Council.
- Council members took part in Cultural Perspectives training.
- Tony Cuglietta and Tami Pedersen presented their Amazing Race to Inclusion, and members are interested in making it a future goal for their council as an upcoming event for Community inclusion month in October.
- The Housing Lead joined a meeting to share his work and explore partnership opportunities with the Council.

**North Okanagan Shuswap:**

- Council is planning their next Council event (perhaps hosting ESATTAS People Planning Together 2-day workshop).
- Recruiting council members and rebuilding.
- Attended Cultural Perspectives Training

**Vancouver/Richmond:**

- The Vancouver and Richmond Councils have now merged.
- The Council now has full membership.
- The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation asked the Council for feedback on making the city more accessible. The Council provides a list of recommendations, covering topics such as physical accessibility in parks, accommodations in city programs, training for city staff and how to plan for inclusivity.
- The Council is planning a Valentine's dance and an event called Inclusion Fest that focuses on aging in diverse populations.

**Simon Fraser:**

- The Council hosted a successful dance in November with over 100 people.
- The Council is Planning another dance as a recruitment strategy.
- The Council is working with a co-op student to reach out to municipality and accessibility committees on behalf of the Community Council.

## **5. Overview of CLBC Governance Structure**

Genevieve Bucher provided PowerPoint presentation of an overview of the CLBC Governance Structure and how CLBC is organized, The Provincial Advisory Committee and the Indigenous Advisory committee both play an advisory role to the Board.

## **6. CLBC Board Report – Corey Walker, Amber Rainshadow and Shane Simpson**

The next Open Board meeting will be February 20, 2025. CLBC is starting to work on a new Strategic Plan for 2026-2029. Community Councils are invited to share input and host community sessions. The Board is working with CLBC Staff on a fair and realistic timeline for the complaints process. Four new Board member have started the orientation process; Tanya Rothe, Angus Monaghan, Kim Stacey and Diane Sugars.

## **7. PAC member/Board discussion**

PAC members brought forward re-occurring issues of concern coming from their Councils. Several key items noted:

- The need for affordable and inclusive housing.
- Aging individuals and caregivers.
- The need for more transparency about how CLBC works. Example the request for service list and how decisions are made about funding.

### *Additional concerns raised:*

- Safety concerns for individuals online, on transit, and in the community.
- Accessibility issues in the community.
- Transportation issues.
- Lack of awareness of who CLBC is and what do we do.
- Role of CLBC with people who don't have families and are not reaching out for help.
- Support to keep Community Councils strong. Example administrative and event planning support.

## **8. Discussion: How can the interface between Councils/PAC and Board be strengthened?**

PAC members brought forward re-occurring issues of concern coming from their Councils. Some key items noted:

- The importance of CLBC looping back to Councils and PAC about what CLBC is doing around the key issues being raised at PAC meetings.

- Transparency of information around CLBC budget decisions and the request for service list is important.
- Councils need consistent administrative and recruitment support to stay strong and keep doing their work
- Families need to know what's going on and what all the options are, even when they are waiting for services.

## **9. CLBC Updates**

Ross Chilton spoke about the tragic death of Florence Girard. He informed PAC that he made a statement apologizing to Florence and her family and friends and is looking carefully at the recommendations about how we can strengthen the system of home sharing to do everything possible that this doesn't happen again.

Reminder that the Home Sharing Support Society of BC is a good resource for anyone involved in the home sharing community. They help connect home sharing providers to each other and to helpful information and resources.

Thank you to PAC for helping as the interim Accessibility Committee. CLBC's Accessibility Committee has shared their Accessibility First Year Progress Report, including an Easy Read version.

2025 WOW Award: The theme is Celebrating 20 years working together to build inclusive communities across BC.

## **10. Policy update and member feedback**

Catriona Johnson reviewed following policies for recommendations and feedback:

- Respectful Engagement Policy
- Service Provision by Family Members Policy
- Aging Related Policy and Activities

## **11. Goal-setting for PAC**

PAC wants to create goals members can measure to know if they are making a difference in the way they want. The PAC will finalize goals at the next meeting around the following priority areas:

- Inclusive Housing that meets the needs of individuals and families served by CLBC.
- Prioritize support for aging caregivers.
- Increased transparency in how support is provided to the individual and families are served by CLBC.
- Members also discussed adding another priority – sustainability of councils.

## **12. CLBC Strategic Planning: Role of Councils/PAC**

Jessica Humphrey and Catriona Johnson led a discussion on the role of the Councils and PAC for the CLBC Strategic Planning.

- CLBC see the PAC and Councils as key partners in the strategic planning process.
- PAC reviewed the Strategic Planning process and agreed that Councils can help bring people together to give input and ideas on where CLBC needs to be to focus their work over the next three years.

## **13. Closing**

The Chair and Vice Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and participation. The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

The next Provincial Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2025.