



Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2025
9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel
7551 Westminster Hwy, Richmond, BC

Attendees:

Provincial Advisory Committee Members:

Adeel Zafar, Chair, *Simon Fraser*
Alex Evanshen, Vice Chair, *North Shore/Sunshine Coast*
Alexandria Stuart, *Central Island*
Tami Pedersen, *Thompson Cariboo*
Jennifer Hartley, *South Island*
Esther King, *Upper Fraser*

Monica Kriese, *North Okanagan/Shuswap*
Vicki Wang, *Vancouver/Richmond*
Sharrie Dahl, *Surrey/Delta/White Rock*
Raymond Puno, *Vancouver/Richmond*
Leanne Froese, *South Central Okanagan*
Ben Postmus, *acting Kootenay*

CLBC Board:

Kim Stacey, PAC Liaison
Amber Rainshadow, PAC Liaison
Corey Walker, PAC Liaison

CLBC 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*

Special Guests

Minister Sheila Malcolmson
Darcy Olsen, Executive Assistant

Regrets

Joann Popesco, *North Region Community Council*

CLBC Service Centre Staff:

Nabee Begh, *Service Centre Analyst*

Minutes prepared by:

Alana Gee, Executive Assistant

1. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

Adeel Zafar provided an acknowledgement of Indigenous traditional territories at 9:02 a.m.

2. Welcome

Adeel Zafar welcome the group including special guests Minister Sheila Malcolmson and Executive Assistant Darcy Olsen.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the October 18, 2025 meeting was reviewed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 25, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved without any changes.

Motion

Tami Pedersen, duly SECONDED by Alexandria Stuart moved to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2025 meeting. *CARRIED*

3. Greetings from the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

Minister Malcomson spoke about the importance of self-advocacy and family leadership, sharing powerful stories of lived experience to highlight their impact. She also presented members with a copy of the official BC Government Proclamation for Community Inclusion Month.

Adeel shared the PAC's goals and priorities with the Minister, and PAC members discussed key issues affecting their communities, including:

- Persons with Disabilities (PWD) rates
- Annual Earnings Exemption
- Transportation barriers

The Minister also shared information about Community Integration Specialists, who support individuals facing homelessness, mental health challenges, addictions, and other complex barriers. Referrals to these specialists can be made by Ministry staff or Service Providers through 1-866-866-0800 or at Service BC offices.

Action:

Please share Council events, good news stories, and event photos with the Community Engagement team so they can forward them to the Minister.

4. PAC Member Introductions and Roundtable

Most Community Councils are actively working on recruitment. Here are some highlights of current efforts:

North Shore Sunshine Coast:

- Council planning visit to Pemberton housing (Sea to Sky)

Surrey, Delta, White Rock:

- Council planning hockey event in December
- Council planning open house

North Region:

- Self Advocacy group in North recently hosted Amazing Race to Inclusion and Council is considering hosting one in the future
- Council is planning open houses across the North to recruit new members

Thompson Cariboo:

- Council hosting open house to help with recruitment on October 21, 2025
- Council continuing inclusive housing project and presenting at housing central in November 2025
- SUSA (Speak Up Self Advocates) hosting film festivals, dinner and dances to bring people together to learn and build inclusion
- BC Self Advocacy Leadership Network is creating plain language version of Residential Tenancy Act to help tenants better understand their rights and responsibilities

Upper Fraser:

- Council planning an aging event
- Council working on People of the Valley positives lived experience stories to share

Kootenay:

- Planning to create cookbooks with recipes and photos from self advocates
- Recently hosted lending library grand opening in partnership with Trail Library.

South Central Okanagan:

- Planning community hockey event with Kelowna Rockets to promote inclusion in sports
- Planning Taylor-Swift themed BBQ at the recreation center
- Council continues to raise awareness about accessibility, cost of living, aging issues, ensuring voices of self advocates are heard

South Island:

- Council working on inclusive housing project and presented to View Royal
- Council and at the RENT Conference in Victoria

- Communication Boards are now in all CLBC offices

Central Island:

- Council planning a virtual dance on November 1, 2025. Everyone welcome to join as there is a virtual option

North Okanagan Shuswap:

- Council planning spring fling dance and 2-day people planning together workshop in Vernon

Vancouver Richmond:

- Planning upcoming events for Halloween and Christmas
- Housing Lead recently joined council meeting to share updates about housing team's work. Council interested in getting involved in inclusive housing projects.

Simon Fraser:

- Council planning community dances with one coming up in November 2025

5. CLBC Board report

Board Liaisons Corey Walker, Amber Rainshadow, and Kim Stacey shared updates from the CLBC Board with PAC members. The first post-summer Board meeting was held in September and featured a powerful presentation by Brittany Ritchie on communication support.

The Board continues to operate through its three standing committees:

- Finance and IT Committee
- Governance and HR Committee
- Service Quality and Performance Committee

Additionally, the Board is currently recruiting a new member to replace Joely Viveiros, whose term ends in December. Joely has made significant contributions during her time on the Board and will be greatly missed.

The next Open Board Meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2025. To request a copy of the Board report, please contact CLBC.Connect@gov.bc.ca.

Action:

Council members are encouraged to attend Open Board Meetings. If you'd like to join the upcoming meeting on November 27, please email Padminee.Chundusing@gov.bc.ca to register.

6. PAC member/Board discussion

PAC members engaged in a meaningful discussion with the CLBC Board, focusing on how PAC priorities align with Board priorities. Members emphasized the importance of

increasing the use of plain language across CLBC communications and shared ideas for more collaborative solutions and greater visibility of Council work.

PAC members also raised several key issues from their communities, including:

- The need for more affordable and inclusive housing
- Challenges faced by aging individuals and caregivers
- Ongoing transportation barriers
- Health and mental health concerns
- Accessibility issues in the community

There was a suggestion to invite the Ministers of Housing and Health to a future PAC meeting to discuss these critical issues and hear directly from members about their lived experiences.

7. Building the next CLBC Strategic Plan: The role of PAC and Councils

PAC members discussed how to meaningfully include Community Councils and the PAC in shaping the goals for CLBC's next Strategic Plan.

- Self Advocacy groups and Community Councils are taking a leadership role in engaging individuals and families in the planning process.
- Six Councils across the province have been identified to host planning sessions that will gather input from families.

8. CLBC updates

Genevieve provided the following updates from CLBC:

- A new Critical Incident Reporting feature has been added to the CLBC website.
- CLBC's housing leads continue to expand partnerships with BC Housing and non-profit housing providers to increase access to inclusive housing options.
- Communication for Everyone boards are now available in every CLBC office to support accessible communication.
- Jessica shared CLBC's ongoing efforts to increase the use of plain language, including a new visual roadmap that outlines what individuals can expect when requesting support from CLBC

9. Home Share Reviews

Genevieve provided an overview of the ongoing work related to Home Sharing and CLBC's efforts to address key recommendations. She shared a handout outlining the progress made in Home Sharing. Genevieve also discussed next steps, which include developing a five-year plan focused on enhancing safety, improving support, and creating a welcoming experience for individuals in Home Sharing arrangements.

10. Updated Community Council Terms of Reference and membership agreement

PAC members provided feedback on what should be included in the updated Membership Agreement. Key suggestions included:

- A commitment to working in good faith
- Clear definitions and guidance around conflict of interest

This input will help strengthen the expectations and responsibilities of Council members and support more effective collaboration.

PAC meeting dates for the upcoming year are:

- January 31, 2026
- April 25, 2026
- June 13, 2026
- October 24, 2026

Action: If you're interested in putting your name forward for the PAC Chair or Vice Chair role, please contact Jessica or email CLBC.Connect@gov.bc.ca

11. PAC Business

PAC reviewed its Terms of Reference and reminded Councils to begin planning for succession. To be eligible for nomination as a PAC representative, members must have at least two years remaining in their Council term.

12. Adjournment

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and thoughtful participation throughout the meeting. The PAC Committee also extended their sincere appreciation to Vicki Wang for her dedication and contributions over the past two years.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM. The next PAC meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2026.