

Surrey – Delta – White Rock Community Council

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Community Council Minutes

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

CLBC – Surrey Office

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From 6:00 to 8:30 pm

Present: Vernon Hudson, Jennifer Benjamin, Tracey Chan, Alison Scholefield
Regrets: Vicki Stratton, Laila Karim, Linda Beck
Guests: Akshay Sachdeva, Amber Foster (Pivot Point), Sean Beddows
CLBC staff: Real Bernier, Facilitator
Recorder: Edwina Jeffrey

1. Call to order and Welcome

Vernon chaired and called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm following dinner. The Council members were pleased to have Amber Foster join us at the meeting and welcomed Akshay Sachdeva. Everyone spoke on who they are and why they are part of the Council. Akshay introduced himself and included his background and goals.

2. September 25th agenda review and approval of the June 26th meeting minutes

Motion: *It was moved by Sean and seconded by Alison to accept the September 25th meeting agenda.*

Carried Unanimously

Motion: *It was moved by Jennifer and seconded by Tracey to accept the June 26th meeting minutes.*

Carried Unanimously

3. Council Member Updates:

a) Nomination of a new Vice-Chair person: tabled until October meeting.

4. Action Items: report updates from June 26th meeting

a) 2018-2019 Annual Report submission

Report reviewed by Integrated Services Manager who verified the content is pertinent and subsequently has been submitted.

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- b) Building Inclusive and Diverse Communities: Logistics of facilitating the use of Decal

One can now identify online that a business is inclusive rather than using a sticker to identify a business. This is developed from Family Support BC and can be found on Find Support BC website. There is a form there to fill in.

ACTION: Real will find the website info and forward to members.

5. Review final/edited 2019-2020 Work Plan

Note: Any edits not mentioned here remain the same

- a) Are there additional topics Council members wish to bring forward
- i. **Goal #2: Provide information that will help families and self-advocates thrive**

Suggestion: Is there a workshop that the council members want to take on? i.e., Before the end of the calendar year. A review of the planned forums revealed that a lot of the workshops listed are being done elsewhere by other groups.

Discussion followed:

- How do we get information out to families about the Community Council?
- How do we tell families about forums? Is there a possibility that CLBC could have a weblink with our council and a subtab for 'Find Support BC'; including other workshops in the area that are free.

• Ideas:

1. On the CLBC website, suggest tab for 'Free Workshops in your Community'
2. Community Council could do a video for YouTube.
3. Forum on general safety and self-defence mechanisms partnering with the Council and community members. This helps to promote self-confidence and can be realistic in the results. Sirota Alchymy Martial Arts is a suggestion for council to find out more on their services.

ACTION: These ideas will be continued and discussed next meeting in October.

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b) Goal #4: Be aware of current public transportation issues facing people with diverse abilities who are CLBC eligible

- i. Discussion on supporting the idea of having one pass for HandyDart and Translink; e.g., Translink pass is \$55 and HandyDart is \$98 (monthly). This will aid transition of transportation services for individuals who wish to be employed.

6. Meeting check-in: a round table discussion to see how is everyone doing. What is working well and what are challenges (time permitting)

Members shared lots of information during the meeting, thus there was not time for this agenda item.

Adjournment at 8:10 pm and Reminders:

7. Next Community Council meeting is October 30, 2019 at the Surrey CLBC office. A meeting request email will be sent out; please reply with your Accept, Tentative, or Regrets.

October Agenda items:

- **Nominate a Vice-Chair**