



**Vancouver Community Council
Meeting**

Wednesday, November 27th, 2019
3rd floor, 210 West Broadway
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Vicki, Margaret, Aileen, Annie, Bruce, John, Sienna, Norine, Spencer Warren and James

Guest: CLBC facilitators Dianne Carey and Tim Harrison, self-advocate Vanessa Mendoza

Regrets: Menwoh, Renee, Robbie, Shannon (on leave)

Minute taking: Lyn

Agenda topics

Agenda Item 1:

Welcome & check-in

The council began with a brief introduction and shared their holiday plans. The council also welcomed potential member, self-advocate Vanessa Mendoza, who also gave a brief introduction.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
N/A	N/A	N/A
Agenda Item 2: Review and approve Oct 30 th minutes of the meeting		

The Oct. 30th minutes were approved by the council.

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	N/A	N/A

Agenda Item 3:

Update on the Accessibility Legislation event

Chair Vicki Wang and Council member Spencer vonVloeten attended the Accessibility Legislation last Nov. 2nd. In attendance too were Council member Sienna Turton with mom Norine Chubb. Headlining the event was Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction Shane Simpson who emphasized that the heart of the consultation is the philosophy – *Nothing about us without us*. The development of accessibility laws should be guided by inputs from persons with diverse abilities. Common issues raised by the attendees which they hope will be included in future legislation were education, housing, access to information and cooperation between government agencies. Spencer commented that the consultation is not the end of the engagement but rather the start of the process and that compliance should be a focus too if the legislation is to have any meaning to affected individuals.

Minister Simpson aims to have the legislation passed by fall 2020.

Agenda Item 4:

Update on the Multiple Complex Need project

CLBC Regional Facilitator Tim Harrison shared updates on the Multiple Complex Need (MCN) project. CLBC eligible individuals who have multiple complex needs (substance abuse, mental health issues, conflict with the law, at the same time) present a unique set of challenges. The Eastside Planning Table (EPT) in Vancouver helps provide the much-needed support to the MCN individuals. EPT gathers together professionals and service providers from different backgrounds (health/mental health/VPD/ BC Housing, etc) to support individuals. To date, 34 CLBC eligible individuals are connected to the EP, majority are DD-eligible, more than half identify as aboriginal and about 12 have been provided with stable housing.

Tim informed the council that CLBC will collaborate with Simon Fraser University in a national research on autism and developmental disorders. He will also represent CLBC in a roundtable discussion on the subject matter in Montreal to be held early December.

Agenda Item 5:

Update on BC Non-profit Housing Conference

Council member John McCulloch gave the council an update on the BC Non-Profit Housing Conference he and CLBC Regional Manager James White attended last Nov. 17-19. The conference brought together decision-makers, investors, service-providers, builders and planners in the province to discuss demands, challenges and possible solutions in the housing industry. A key takeaway for John was the need for CLBC and self-advocates to actively participate in these types of events in order to get the message out to the different sectors of what the self-advocates need. John felt it may be difficult to grab hold of key housing sector players, but this should not discourage CLBC from pushing its message to the relevant sectors. CLBC CEO Ross Chilton, who also attended the conference, shared that self-advocates prefer to have their own space, and not live in group homes or home shares. With the current subsidy of \$375/mo, Ross shared that there may be a need to rethink the housing policy and practice.

Agenda Item 6:

Housing Video and next steps

James White informed the council that once CLBC Communications Director Randy Schmidt had completed the CLBC/housing video, he will request for an initial screen. He will again connect with Randy on the status of the video. John McCulloch added to email Randy about the 4-Step Workshop.

Agenda Item 7:

Date of Next Council meeting

Council agreed to have a poll on the council's next meeting date in January, December being skipped as it is a busy month for everyone. Dates to choose from are January 22 or January 29.