

SURREY/DELTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 29th, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

Present: Coreen Windbiel, Maddie Addison, Marie Sabine, Cheryl-Anne Hendy, Karen Virtue, Riia Talve, Valerie Newton and Wendi Mackintosh

Regrets: Bob Logelin and Edwina Jeffrey

Guests: Cheryl Blake, CLBC Surrey/Delta/White Rock Quality Service Manager
Theresa Poirier, Nominated as Community Council Member

CLBC Sharon Rose, CLBC Surrey/Delta/White Rock CPD Manager

Staff: Josefina Marchetti, Recorder

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda

The Agenda was approved with two additions: *CLBC/Community Council Forum for Families* and *Resignation of a Council member*.

Approval of the Minutes of April 27th, 2011

Motion: It was moved by Coreen Windbiel, seconded by Valerie Newton, to approve the minutes of April 27th, 2011, as circulated. *Carried Unanimously*

Minutes of May 25th, 2011

As no decisions were made due to lack of a quorum, Council did not require a motion to approve the notes of meeting held on May 25th, 2011.

Resignation

The Chair announced that Shirley Tan has provided notice of her resignation from the Surrey/Delta/White Rock Community Council as she has moved out of the Province.

Introduction of Possible new Community Council Member

Therese Poirier, parent of an adult with a developmental disability, was nominated to the Community Council. The nomination was sent to the CLBC Board of Directors for approval and appointment. The Board will meet next in July 2011.

My Life: Personal Outcomes Index Survey

Cheryl Blake, Surrey/Delta/White Rock quality service manager, presented an overview of the Quality of Life Framework. *'My Life: Personal Outcomes Index'* is one way to measure personal outcomes for the adults with developmental disabilities funded by PDD. The survey profiles how individuals feel about their quality of life in eight domains. The pilot survey has been an

innovative one; interviews were conducted by self-advocates who were hired at real pay and trained to interview other individuals with developmental disabilities. The pilot is considered a success and will be adopted in other regions.

Strategic Plan

At the May meeting Council presented 11 topics and decided to select four considered crucial and that, realistically, the Council can invest time and effort towards improvement and/or solution.

Transportation will be included in the strategic plan. It is an issue the Council cannot directly initiate change; however, Council can provide feedback and advocate for a better and respectful system for individuals with developmental disabilities. The HandyDart consumers' advocate will be invited to a Council meeting to provide an update regarding the quality of service provided to developmentally disabled individuals. Coreen Windbiel will contact Translink to find out the process to communicate a complaint and how complaints and input are being addressed.

Employment will be included in the Strategic Plan. Barb Penner, CLBC Employment Initiative coordinator, will attend the October Council meeting to provide an update concerning the customized employment programs.

Emergency Response will be included in the Strategic Plan. Coreen Windbiel will invite the City of Surrey to talk about emergency preparedness and response at the September meeting.

At-risk Youth and Adults: Council will invite Debbie Holmes, Foundations Program, School District #36) to provide an update regarding the proposed Diversion Program for developmentally disabled individuals.

A Council member suggested aligning the 2011/2012 Strategic Plan initiatives to the eight domains in the *My Life: Personal Outcomes Index Survey*. Employment and transportation impact many of the eight domains.

Families Connecting with Families

Attendance at the Families Connecting With Families meetings has been disappointing..Sylvie Zebroff, CLBC Family Partnership Advisor, recommended we contact a Langley mom that has had success with a similar networking program. Coreen Windbiel and/or Wendi Mackintosh will contact Hayley Nimmo, who has established 'Families in Touch' in Langley.

CLBC/Community Council Forum for Families

Council and CLBC will work together to organize a family forum. Families will be invited to attend an open and honest conversation with CLBC staff and Council. The forum will provide an opportunity to voice their concerns.

Sharon Rose advised that this initiative is so important that it is a goal set in the facilitators' annual review of work goals.

The format of the forum has not been decided. A committee was formed and includes Coreen Windbiel, Wendi MacKintosh and Marie Sabine. The Committee will meet with Sharon prior to the September 28th Council meeting.

Ageing Forums Synopsis

Although attendance was not what Council and CLBC anticipated, Council members attending the forums agreed they were beneficial and positive.

Surrey Rapid Transit Study Forums

Riia and Marie attended the June 14th Surrey Rapid Transit Study workshop hosted by Translink. They provided input concerning safety needs of people with disabilities. These included:

- the rapid transit system being at street level rather than a tunnel or being elevated
- stations be sheltered
- cameras be installed at stations
- trains be at curb level with low floors
- stations be near crosswalks
- the system be integrated into the community

Our input was welcomed by Translink representatives.

Next Meeting

The next Community Council meeting will be held Wednesday, September 28th at 6:30 p.m. Council will not meet during in July or August.

Adjournment

There being no further items for discussion, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.