

Surrey-Delta Community Council

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Community Council Meeting Wednesday, October 26, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

Present: Coreen Windbiel, Bob Logelin, Cynthia Roling, Edwina Jeffrey, Maddie Addison, Marie Sabine, Riia Talve, Valerie Newton, Wendi Mackintosh.

Regrets: Cheryl-Anne Hendy, Karen Virtue and Therese Poirier.

CLBC Staff: Josefina Marchetti, Recorder

Guests: Barb Penner, CLBC Employment Initiative Coordinator

Call to Order

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

Agenda

The Agenda was approved with two additions: a) Criminal Record Check for Council members and b) Letter from the Chair of the CLBC Board of Directors.

CLBC Employment Initiative

Barb Penner, CLBC Employment Initiative Coordinator, was introduced by the Council Chair. Barb explained to the Council what the CLBC Employment Initiative means, the recent shift from day programs and sheltered employment to supported employment and the social and economic benefits.

CLBC defines employment as paid work that takes place in an integrated community setting, alongside people without disabilities and where wages, benefits and working conditions comply with industry standards and relevant laws.

The recent focus on shifting from sheltered employment to supported employment is proving the benefits of this change. Supported employment is showing social and economic benefits. Individuals are having a greater sense of social inclusion and are experiencing an increase in their social networks. Also, researchers have found that the long term costs of supported employment decrease over time and sheltered employment or day programs tend to increase or remain constant.

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Barb Penner offered to send the Council members, via email, a copy of: SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC OUTCOMES: ARE SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES A GOOD INVESTMENT? Prepared by the Centre for Inclusion and Citizenship.

Approval of the Minutes of September 28, 2011

Motion: It was moved by Coreen Windbiel, seconded by Bob Logelin, to approve the minutes of September 28, 2011, as circulated. *Carried Unanimously*

Community Forums

The Chair asked the members to confirm their attendance to one or more of the community forums that will take place in Surrey, Ladner and Cloverdale. Josefina Marchetti read the list of members who already signed up. The Chair informed that facilitators and managers from Surrey/Delta/White Rock region will attend the forums and will be prepared to answer questions from the family members.

Community Living Month

Events:

Employment Conference - Coreen Windbiel reported on the recent conference. It was a successful event organized by the Measuring-Up Committee.

Transitioning Fair - The Transitioning Fair was organized by CLBC and the Ministry of Children and Family Development. It took place on Saturday, October 22 in the Chuck Bailey Community Centre. The Fair was well attended.

Hockey Tournament – This event was organized by CLBC and the City of Surrey Parks and Rec. It took place in the Guildford Recreation Centre. The event was well organized, it had a fun atmosphere and it was well attended.

Feedback Regarding Draft Strategic Plan

The Council reviewed the draft of the Strategic Plan distributed by the Chair prior to the meeting. After reviewing each item in the Plan, the Council approved it with one addition to item #2 – Employment & Lifelong Learning.

Addition: c) To liaise with Surrey and Delta post secondary institutions.

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The Chair informed the members that this is a draft so if the Council deems necessary, changes to the document can be made.

Justice Diversion Program Update

Sandra Cottingham, from School District #36 (former Council member and Chair), Debbie Holmes (School District #36, Foundations Program), CLBC, City of Surrey and other stakeholders will work together to create a Justice Diversion Program. The first meeting will take place on December 2nd, in the Surrey City Hall, and CLBC Surrey/Delta manager, Sharon Rose, CLBC manager, will attend the meeting. Sharon Rose will report back to the Council on the progress of this program as youth with developmental disabilities at risk will be one of the priorities of the new Council's strategic plan.

Criminal Record Check

CLBC's Criminal Record Check policies outline procedures to support CLBC's compliance with the requirements of the revised Criminal Records Review Act (CCRA). This now applies to all service providers, CLBC staff and Community Councils.

Letter from the Chair of the CLBC Board of Directors

The Chair read a letter sent by the Chair of the CLBC Board of Directors related to the recent media publications.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 23, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.