



THOMPSON CARIBOO COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2008

CHAIR SUMMARY

It was my pleasure to Chair the Thompson/Cariboo Community Council (TCCC) for 2008. Each member of the Council brings interests, skills, talents and a varied background to the table. Most importantly, however, each brings a commitment and passion for helping to build "welcoming communities" for people with developmental challenges.

The Council has regular monthly meetings and during the 2008 the Council has continued its focus on strengthening its role and function. Each meeting now has a time slot on the agenda for public presentations. As Chair, it is my opinion, that the TCCC is committed to improving its effectiveness and role as defined by Community Living British Columbia (CLBC).

Following are some key initiatives that the Council has undertaken in the 2008 year:

- Established a funded a protocol for self-advocate support at Council meetings;
- Nurtured a positive working relationship with local CLBC managers;
- Developed a strategic plan and is taking action on three key goal areas: Self-advocate development, Housing and Community Outreach;
- Provided input on the structure and role of the provincial advisory council;
- Held public meetings to assess community issues, needs and concerns;
- Completed a Council self-evaluation;
- Provided feedback to QS manager on budget principles.

For 2009, the Council will work to implement its Strategic Plan, nominate a member to the Provincial Advisory Council and continue to build on the initiatives listed above and below.

While there are challenges ahead, I am optimistic that this Council will bring sound judgement and perspective to the work before us.

KEY INITIATIVES

BUILDING WELCOMING COMMUNITIES

- **Home Ownership Committee:** has supported a family-run group to look at housing options.
- **RDSP:** has had an accountant attend public portion of council meeting to explain the program.
- Networking with Habitat for Humanity.
- Support self advocates to have a strong voice at Council meetings.

- Developed a protocol to support Self Advocates at Council meetings
- Council invites guest speakers to the public portion of the meeting for information gathering or education.
- The TCCC has a Self-Advocate Support Committee.

ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

- The lack of a project's budget for fiscal year 2008/2009 restricted activities Council wished to pursue.
- Council members working full time and busy home lives limits volunteer time to accomplish Council goals.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Has provided feedback to CP&D Manger, previous year's work plan.
- Receives comments from the Council website and responds or directs CP&D manger to respond.
- Has promoted CLBC to change how Provincial Advisory membership is recruited.
- Has reviewed the response to concerns received by families during meetings which the local Managers drafted in December 2008. A plan to improve satisfaction was created by CP&D and reviewed by Council.
- Has reviewed Crisis Response Plan for Thompson Cariboo and provided feedback.
- Council has refined the nominations committee process to ensure equity and timely processing of applications.
- Council has completed a self evaluation.
- Council has continued to maintain good communication with CLBC local Managers.

ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

- Recruitment of new Council Members has been a challenge.

FINANCIAL DECISION MAKING

- Has met with QS Manager to review budget priorities and provided feedback/direction to pursue for fiscal 2009/2010.
- Has worked with local QS manager to develop budget priority principles.
- QS Manger is on the Council agenda for each meeting to provide updates.

ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

In the fiscal year 2008/2009 a surplus budget to prioritise was non-existent.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Held public meetings with families three times. Meetings were held in Kamloops, 100 Mile House and Williams Lake (Fall of 2008).
- Attended MLA meetings with Rachel Schmidt and CP&D Manger (Winter 2009).
- Representatives of Council attended the joint CLBC Board and Council meeting in 2008.
- Invited a representative from Vernon to speak to their innovative housing project.
- Council members attended the 2008 annual conference: five representatives including two self advocates.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

NAME	COMMUNITY	MEMBERSHIP
Ross Spina (Chair)	Kamloops	Family Member
Carol Richards	Kamloops	Family Member
Sharon Bedford	100 Mile House	Family Member
Edward Kozuki	Williams Lake	Family Member
Tony Cuglietta	Kamloops	Self Advocate
Jenna Fowler	Kamloops	Self Advocate
Mary Hunter	Kamloops	Family Member
Susan Elder	Kamloops	Family Member
Susan McKay	Kamloops	Community Member
Jeanette Robertson	Kamloops (on sabbatical)	Community Member
Ian McLaughlin	Williams Lake	Service Provider
Karen Adkin	Kamloops	Service Provider