

# SUPPORTING SOCIAL PLANNING and ACTION in REVELSTOKE

## Social Development Committee Meeting Minutes 8:30 a.m. Wednesday May 26, 2010

**Present:** Nelli Richardson, Melissa Klages, Linda Chell, Antoinette Halberstadt, Anne Cooper, John Yakielashek Tony Scarcella, Mary Kline, Cathy Girling, Susan Knight, Steve Bailey  
**Staff:** Jill Zacharias, Debra Wozniak  
**Regrets:** Alan Mason, Jane McNab, Lory Borges, Shirley Berg, Melody Kindret & Cathie Thacker

- 1. Call to order** – Chair Nelli Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:35 am. Jill advised that Shirley Berg has been appointed by City Council as a member from the public at large.
- 2. Approval of Agenda**  
**Additions:** Affordable Housing under 6. New Business  
**Motion:**  
Moved by Mary Kline and seconded by Antoinette Halberstadt to adopt the amended agenda.  
**Carried**
- 3. Approval of April 28, 2010 Meeting Minutes**  
**Motion**  
Moved by Antoinette Halberstadt and seconded by Susan Knight that the amended Minutes of April 28, 2010 be approved.  
**Carried**

### **Business Arising from the April 28, 2010 Minutes:**

- Youth Detox – reply received from Ministry of Children and Family Development advising that the provincial government would not be re-opening discussions on this issue as they believe that substance use disorder is covered under the Mental Health Act. Nelli Richardson will discuss this issue at the next Health Care Advisory Committee meeting.
  - Committee Membership – Jill advised that Lory Borges' position with Interior Health has been cut and she will be leaving the community and creating a vacancy on the committee from the social sector. It was noted that a replacement from Interior Health should be pursued. Jill will discuss this vacancy at the next Health Care Advisory Committee meeting.
- 4. Coordinator's Report** – Jill Zacharias reviewed the Coordinator's report for May 2010 and noted the following additional information:
    - CBT Social Sector Support meeting will be held 9:00 am June 18 at the Community Centre.
    - CNIB workshop for service providers will be held at 9 am and Public Forum at 11:00 am Friday June 11 at the Seniors Centre.
    - She has been approached to assist with development of a support group for developmentally delayed persons.
    - 19 applications were received for the Seniors Volunteer Coordinator position, interviews next week, hope to have position in place by mid-June.
    - Substance Use Strategy next step will be implementation and will form part of her work plan for the next year. Antoinette emphasized that Early Childhood Development support for families must be retained in the community as it plays a critical role in

promoting healthy family development – a key to curbing substance use issues as children mature.

- The 2010 – 2011 Workplan has been attached to the agenda package for review and discussion at the June meeting. Jill will forward via email the CDAP update.

## 5. New Business:

- LIRN – applications are due June 22 if there is a workshop we are interested in hosting. Jill will discuss with the Health Care Advisory Committee.
- Report from Council:
  - Tony Scarcella advised that Council has approved funding from the gas tax revenue for Handydart services to start in September. The existing medical bus will be used for this service on the three days it is not out of town for 6 hrs/day.
  - Jill advised that Alan Mason is keeping a file of ongoing ‘written’ complaints about transit / taxi services. Jill will ensure copy of previous letter regarding the taxi service is included in this file.
  - Antoinette advised that the March 31, 2010 meeting minutes have been received by Council. Outstanding items:
    - response received from Ministry of Housing and Social Development for supportive housing in Revelstoke was that Revelstoke is getting 22 to 24 new units for seniors and people with disabilities.
    - wheelchair access at the Court House was discussed and Council noted that people in wheel chairs are getting to Court. Jill will prepare a 1 page summary for Council articulating the difficulties people with wheelchairs are faced with when wanting to get into the Court House. Cathy Girling will encourage clients to document in writing their concerns about access to the Court House.
  - June 5 is Access Awareness Day sponsored by SPARC BC. Jill noted that the Unified Development Bylaw will have accessibility and social aspects of planning embedded into the zoning and land use plans.
  - Antoinette advised that Council declined to support alcohol pricing reform. This topic to be discussed at the June meeting.
- Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at 8:30 am. Discussion followed on meeting dates for next year. Agreed that bi-monthly meetings be held with the option for special meetings if necessary. Meeting months will be September, November, January, March, May and a June wrap up.
- Affordable Housing - Antoinette reported:
  - Mark McKee is the new Chair.
  - Construction of the rental duplex is moving along with Okanagan College Trades Training Program participation.
  - Tenant Wait List and Application Criteria to be developed.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage Housing proposal for a dedicated unit in the new duplex was withdrawn. Nelli has been invited to the next meeting (June 7) to discuss 2<sup>nd</sup> stage housing.

## 7. Round table

*Anne Cooper* – No full day kindergarten for next year as there was not enough funding for all eligible children to attend.

- The west wing of RSS is being demolished to start phase I of the elementary school.
- Revelstoke Community Energy Corp. will be the energy supplier for the neighbourhood schools.
- The School Board office will be moved once again to its final destination shortly. Hoping to occupy in August/September.

*Linda Chell* – 20 new pre-school spaces will be made available in the fall.

- Leap & Learn moving to Farwell site
- June 16 at 3:30 pm is Roots of Empathy and Seeds of Empathy appreciation event.
- June 22 is Community Child Care Society AGM with guest speaker, Chic Sharp, local children's author,
- Beruschi Park play structure selected and hoping to be in place by July.

*Cathy Girling*

- National Hunger Awareness Day on June 1, 2010
- Summer Day Camp registration starts next Monday.

*Mary Kline* – June 17 are two workshops on language skills

*Melissa Klages* – Bike to Work week is next week.

- Article in The Current about the cost of food in Revelstoke.

*Nelli Richardson* – June 16 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

*Jill Zacharias* – Reminder that 4:00 pm, June 9 is the Unified Development Bylaw charette time for the Social Sector discussions.

**8. Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 am.

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Nelli Richardson, Chair

**Revelstoke Community Social Development Committee  
Coordinator's Report – May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**1. Communication, support and coordination Contacts:**

- Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> – Jane Morris, SD #19
- Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> – Steering Committee meeting
- Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> – Lory Borges
- Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> – CFDC SE committee & BOD meeting (Volunteer)
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Seniors Executive
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Barb Ross (citizen)
- May 4<sup>th</sup> – Crp. Weibe + Sol Security reps + Council – re: Safe Bar Program
- May 4<sup>th</sup> – OC – Non-profit training meeting
- May 6<sup>th</sup> – CED forum planning meeting
- May 7<sup>th</sup> – Shirley Berg (new RCSDC member at large)
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – Substance Use Strategy steering committee meeting
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Sarah Brown
- May 18<sup>th</sup> – Jacquie Olsen
- May 18<sup>th</sup> – Seniors Planning review meeting
- May 18<sup>th</sup> – CFDC executive (volunteer)
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – WICWP implementation meeting
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – Jane Morris
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – John Guenther, Planning
- May 25<sup>th</sup> – Seniors Executive, review volunteer coordinator applications

**Coordination:**

- Working with OC/CBT to facilitate training and professional development for non-profits.
- Amy Ambrosone, Manager CBT Planning and Development, is interested in coming to Revelstoke to talk to social sector reps about CBT social sector supports, and has asked that I facilitate this meeting – potential date Friday June 18<sup>th</sup> – location/time TBA.

**2. Supporting our Seniors**

- Seniors planning – reviewed implementation of recommendations in the Age-Friendly Plan, identified priorities for actions not yet addressed, identified a few new concerns.
- Volunteer Coordinator position update – formed a small steering committee to hire and oversee the position and received 17 applications. Preliminary review of applications May 25<sup>th</sup>, interviews will be conducted over the next few weeks and we hope to have the position in place by mid-June.
- I will be working with the Kerry Dawson, Aquatic Centre staff and the Seniors Executive to develop and implement an Emergency Protocol for the Seniors Centre – Aquatic Centre staff are well-trained and close by and potentially could respond in an emergency situation.
- CNIB Forum – Friday June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Seniors Centre.
- CED Forum – June 16<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 2 pm – “The Boomers are Retiring – Are you Ready?” I will be one of five speakers – topic: Age-Friendly Planning.

**4. Substance Use Strategy**

- On schedule – Draft Plan to be released for public & agency review by the end of June. Input into the draft is an important step – Public Presentation will take place Tuesday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the MacPherson Room at the Community Centre.
- After 15 + years, Interior Health's School-Based Prevention Program has been cut. Lory Borges, who has been in this position for 13 years, will be leaving Revelstoke. As you

know, Lory is a member of the social development committee and has been working on the substance use strategy with me. Lory's support for youth in Revelstoke, as well as her contribution to the community, will be missed.

**5. Welcoming and Inclusive Communities and Workplaces Program**

- Okanagan College was successful in receiving money for Phase 2 and Phase 3 of WICWP. Phase 3 will include developing an online 'one-stop shop' for newcomers to Revelstoke, and a complimentary 'Welcome to Revelstoke' guide – I will be involved in the development of these 2 projects.

**6. Year End Report to Council**

- Tuesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 pm. Support is always welcome!

**7. 2010/11 Work Plan**

- It's time to begin thinking about priority actions for the upcoming year. Please have a look at last year's work plan (with comments). Input and direction from the steering committee on priorities is welcome. We will include this on the June social development committee meeting agenda as a priority for discussion.