



## Community Network Monthly Meeting & NETWORKING

Tuesday February 14th, 2017 – 1 – 3:00 PM  
Fraser Room, Maple Ridge Library

### Minutes

1. **Welcome**
2. **Agenda Approval – February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017** – *adopted with addition of #7, presentation to Angie McLeod*
3. **Adoption of January 10, 2017 Minutes** – *approved*
4. **Toonie Tuesday: Community Chest Week Fundraiser.** Please bring a small donation to the Community Chest project (\$2 to ?).
5. **Presentation :** Joel Harnest, Qmunity
  - *Presentation on the LGBTQ community, definitions, and services provided. Presentation will be shared through CN email.*
6. **Presentation:** Community Superhero Awards
  - *Presented first Community Superhero Awards to Alouette Home Start founders (certificates) and presentation. Thank you to each of you for the work you have done in our community and the ripples it has created. Also recognized Pat Shiratti for her vital role as part of the CN.*
  - *Recognized: Pat Shiratti, Gail Finnsen, Darryl Lucas, Teresa Green (absent), Sheila McLaughlin (absent), Candace Gordon, Marika Sandrelli (absent), Steven Lamothe, Jim Kelly, and Kathie Chiu.*
7. **Presentation:** Thank you to Angie McLeod, CN Coordinator as this is her last CN meeting
8. **Community Network Updates and Facilitators' Reports:**
  - **CN Annual Survey** – *should be sent out very soon. Just finalizing details.*
  - **Community Superhero Sidekick** appearances – *do you have a community event coming up and want to borrow the Community Superhero capes and buttons? If so, please call Angie at 604 476 2447*



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### 9. Roundtable

#### **Virginia Renald, Pivot Point –**

- Helping Adolescents program coming up - see CN emails for informatio. - help families walk forward together

#### **Roger Eckman, Aboriginal Mental Health, MCFD**

- Growing up Calm and Strong program coming up over spring break in Coquitlam. Looking to bring it here too at some point.
- Connect parents being offered in partnership with Family Education;
- Numbers are up in terms of aboriginal families on the waitlist (good as they are accessing services)

#### **Mark Vosper –Ridge Meadows Hospice –**

- Looking for more interaction with youth and children in the schools; finding it difficult to make the connections to get into the schools;
- Ongoing topic MAID (medical assistance in dying). Currently doing training with Fraser Health on this – able to provide some supports around MAID
- Upcoming Fundraisers:
  - Give a year of love Campaign;
  - Annual St. Patty's Pub Night Fundraiser;
  - Annual Vista's Run (20th anniversary) – May 28th;

#### **Petra Fredrick – Parks, Recreation and Culture – no update**

#### **Elaine Yamamoto –Community Literacy**

- Offering seminar for low income people (<\$20,000 in income) to learn how to do their taxes online;
- May – First Book Canada distribution – encourage local np to sign up and get books and be part of the coordinated effort to bring books to the community – Call Elaine if you'd like to get involved.

#### **Gail Finson, Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living (RMACL)–**

- May 28th RMACL Run –down at Osprey Village (want to book CSH for this date in RMACL);



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- RMACL building a building a couple of blocks from where they are currently (head office including some supportive living);
- Opportunity fund (federal funds) has loosened their funding to get funding to help employers hire persons with disability (up to the end of April).

### **Vicki Kipps – Community Services –**

- Connecting Isolated Seniors to the Community (Seniors Party Bus) was very popular and demand is growing – hoping for additional funding going forward; Youth Wellness Centre – successful collaborative initiative led by Division of Family Practice and the youth and parents were involved; Clinicians coming forward to donate their time, support group for parents / support group for youth have arisen as a result; Lots of community ownership;
- Community Services recently awarded \$11 Million for housing project at their current location – new facility for Community Services (2 floors) plus 90 units of affordable housing for individuals, families, seniors → 18 – 24 months for construction.

### **Dennis Heminger – Youth Unlimited**

- Works in partnership with SD42 to do breakfast & lunch clubs, and offer other service (faith based);
- Introducing an afterschool community café at Garibaldi (pilot) and possibly a homework club.

### **Roland Ziprick – St. Paul's Lutheran Church–**

- Intentional journey about listening to the community hoping to be more of an asset to the community;
- Hosted their plant swap in their parking lot; had 25 vehicles lined up sharing; raised \$1300 for the food bank by selling perogies. Will host again next year.

### **Darrell Pilgrim - Salvation Army**

- Homeless Count March 7 & 8th - community stuff on the 8th; volunteers needed; training is Monday, February 20th in Council Chambers; Salvation Army will be the home base for the count; want to get an accurate number so that we can get the right supports into our community;



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- Extreme weather shelter has been open for 55 days in a row... housing 15 – 26 people per night;
- Salvation Army is now a distribution site for Narcan Kits;
- February 25th 5 PM Coldest night of the year walk – fundraiser – showing our support for the homeless population – please come out and support

### **Darren Watts- Community Service, Outreach Services –**

- Changed one of the outreach positions recently. Now piloting one outreach position to provide male caregiver supports (father as a key factor in family development);
- Darren also hosting a Daddy and Me workshop

### **James Kelly – no update**

### **Darryl Lucas – Fraser Health –**

- He is in a new role at Fraser Health, investigating medical complaints

### **Steven Lamothe – Min. Social Development & Innovation –**

- Main function is income assistance but looking to collaborate with agencies;
- If you want to connect with Steven, harassment is the way to go! 😊 (*His words not the words of the minute taker!*)
- Uses MR as the model for collaboration and partnerships

### **Sarah Dearman – FVRL**

- Tax program (free) for low income residents – have volunteers (Saturday drop in in April) who will help you with simple tax returns; do appointments on Mondays in special cases;;
- March 7th Come Read with Me in partnership with SD42 and Community Literacy;
- Library Quiz Night – February 25th to raise \$\$ for the library (tickets are \$10 for sale at library desk)

### **Liz Haight, Alouette Home Start –**

- In transition now waiting to find out who will be operating Alouette Heights

### **Colette – Ending Violence in Relationships –**



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- FREE event for service providers those who serve those in violent relationships. Going to be a great event. March 29<sup>th</sup> 8 – 4:30

### **Shawn Matthewson City of Maple Ridge,**

- Homelessness Count coming up - Magnet events March 7th to attract homeless to be counted. Fun, food, to ensure the count is accurate.
- Homelessness count will be broader this year;
- Expecting announcements on Friday re: Raincity Shelter and Alouette Heights; Mayor Read invited to participate in a Poverty Reduction strategy

### **James Brown – Opioid Task Group –**

- does naloxone training in the camps; doing what he can in the community;

### **Jo-Anne Mackenzie, Childcare Resource and Referral (CCRR)**

- Go to place for everything daycare /and for families looking for resources for children (lending library);
- lots of daycare spaces in our communities currently;

### **Candace Gordon – GE FEAST –**

- Successful Pub Night on Friday, February 10th – raised \$2400 for Seniors' Nutrition program which equates to 10 more coupon spaces;
- Gourmet Grannies and friends – soup making collective – currently being done at Alouette Heights → anything left over is left behind for the residents; February 24th is the next soup making collective;
- Farmers market – 20th of February in Fraser Room – AGM – delicious dessert buffet at 6:30 PM;
- Volunteers needed to help advocate for affordable housing;

### **10. Correspondence – no correspondences**

**11. Next CN Meeting: March 14th @ 1 – 3 PM** Fraser Room, Maple Ridge Library.  
*MARK your calendars!*