



Community Network Monthly Meeting
Tuesday November 14, 2017, 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Fraser Room, Maple Ridge Library

MINUTES

Attendees:

Brenna Ayliffe - Fraser Health	Meghan MacMillan - City of Maple Ridge
Candace Gordon – GE Feast	Michelle Trent - RMHS
Carolina Echeverii - ISS of BC / LIPS	Peter Harnisch – Work BC
Colene Thompson – CN Chair	Petra Frederick - City of Maple Ridge
Colette Madsen - MRPM Community Services	Rebecca Johnston - RMCDC
Darla Rasmussen – NCCABC	Sean Russel – NCCABC
Donna Lagimodiere - NCCABC	Sharolyn Wandzura – Ears Forward Coaching
Dorata Michalska – Heath Unit FH	Shawn Matthewson – City of Maple Ridge
Gail Finnsen – RMACL	Sunny Schiller – CN Coordinator
Janeen Parent – FVRL	Tony Cotroneo – City of Maple Ridge
Kathleen Rainville – Assante Centre	Wendy Fitzjohn – Westcoast Family Centres

1. WELCOME

2. AGENDA APPROVAL – November 14, 2017 – *approved*

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - October 10, 2017– *adopted*

4. TOONIE TUESDAY COMMUNITY CHEST FUNDRAISER: \$18.65

5. PRESENTATION

City of Maple Ridge Youth Strategy – Meghan MacMillan, Youth Services

Meghan MacMillan with Youth Services made a presentation on the Youth Strategy. Ms. MacMillan shared some background on how the Strategy was developed and brought an example of the Youth Development Wheel. Both the Youth Strategy and the Youth Development Wheel reference the Circle of Courage which describes youths' needs in four domains: Belonging, Mastery, Independence and Generosity. The Strategy and the Wheel can be viewed at www.mapleridge.ca/1691.

The Youth Strategy contains over 50 recommendations developed to support youth. High priority areas include mental health and substance use / misuse. The Youth Strategy has been endorsed by Maple Ridge Council. The City of Maple Ridge is currently piloting a drop in youth activities program at the Greg Moore Youth Centre in response to the Strategy. The next step is to engage stakeholders and develop an implementation plan.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Teen Resource Network.

7. 2018 CN STRATEGIC PLAN - PRESENTATION AND VOTE

Deferred to January 2018.

8. COMMUNITY NETWORK UPDATES AND FACILITATORS REPORTS

Nil

9. ROUNDTABLE

Members shared updates on the work they are currently doing and of upcoming events. Details include:

Gail / RMACL – has a lot of job placement work going on at the moment.

Janeen / FVRL – shared information on her position as an Outreach Worker, working out in the community to reduce barriers to library access.

Wendy / Westcoast Family Centres - offer family focused programming.

Petra / CMR – provided an update on the planned Leisure Centre closure, which is postponed until sometime in 2018. The City of Maple Ridge has obtained the provincial Age Friendly designation and an application has been made for a grant that will allow for implementation of the recommendations.

Brenna / Fraser Health – shared details of a new community health nurse program. FH is doing a call out for grant applications that support health in schools. A second Opioid Forum was recently held. The Opioid Overdose Task Force continues to work on strategies to address the epidemic. Task Force partners include SD 42, the RCMP, Fraser Health and CMR.

Michele / Ridge Meadows Hospice Society – seeing an increase in referrals for more complex grief support. The Society offers free services to local residents who have lost a loved one. The Society is holding a “Celebrate a Life” tree event over the holidays to provide information and support to those dealing with loss. There is a need for a choir to perform – please contact the Society if you can help out. A gift wrapping fundraiser is coming up Dec 14 – 17 at Haney Place Mall.

Cheryl / Ears Forward Coaching – shared information on different programs offered including an equine support program, grief and loss group, family support group.

Peter / Work BC – reported the economy is quite active and jobs are available. Peter works with employees with multiple barriers and reported that physically getting to jobs is a barrier in Maple Ridge due to a lack of transit. Peter shared some ideas from a recent conference he attended around inclusive employment. A program to support the transition of older workers has been completed.

Colette / Community Services – Country Christmas concert coming up on November 25 at The ACT Arts Centre. This annual fundraiser provides funds for Meals on Wheels and senior's programs.

Dorata / FH – the MR Health Unit and hospital, and Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and Katzie communities are working to obtain the WHO/UNICEF Baby Friendly designation. Local organizations and businesses can participate in the program. An information session is coming up on December 5.

Carolina / ISS of BC – currently running free English language classes for new comers. Shared details of a project that provides translators (over the phone) for doctors working with newcomers to increase comprehension when discussing medical issues.

Darla / NCCABC – shared information on “Through an Aboriginal Lens” a support program for the aboriginal community offered in partnership with the Assante Aboriginal Justice program. All work is done with a cultural approach. The group is looking to increase connections with community organizations, to provide literacy skills and family support programming. Darla introduced new Through an Aboriginal Lens employee Donna, also present.

Kathleen / Assante Centre – FASD Collaboration conference coming up. Mentorship group for youth with FASD is available.

Candace Gordon / GE Feast – reported on the nutrition food coupon program, where recipients receive coupons on a weekly basis that can be used at Farmer Markets. This provincial program has now reached the end of the funding cycle. Fundraising and advocacy efforts to the provincial government are under way to continue the program. Local writer Lynn Easton has written a book, “Sustenance”, with proceeds from sales going to support efforts to provide nutritious food to those in need. Copies of the book are available by contacting Candace Gordon (ciegordon@gmail.com). “Food Sense” is an upcoming program around nutritious food funded through Diabetes BC – nutrition information is provided, as well as the opportunity to cook food and share a meal with a larger group. The training is available in Maple Ridge through the Family Education and Support Centre.

Colene / CN – recently attended an enjoyable conference for Early Childhood Educators. The Mother Goose program started operating out of Webster’s Corners Elementary this year and the program is proving quite popular.

10. NEXT CN MEETING:

December 12th, 2017 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM Greg Moore Youth Centre Maple Ridge Civic Complex (downstairs, around the corner from the Leisure Centre)