



**When:** April 7, 2016, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
**Where:** Central Gateway Room 119

**Recorder:** Annette Williams

**Co-Chairs:** Karen Steegstra & Shelly Hayes

**ATTENDANCE:**

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**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Approval of Agenda** – Approved, with the following additions.

Under Business Arising from the minutes, add: United Way Priority Grant; Healthy Kids Day; Gateway program changes; and May 5<sup>th</sup> Parent/Caregiver workshop.



- 3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting – Approved, with the following change Under Chilliwack Learning Society’s Agency Update, specify that **22 AD Rundle** children read aloud.

**4. Business Arising from the minutes**

**a. Success By 6 Funds**

There is \$4,000 in implementation funds. Signs will be made and installed where the Play Boxes are, reminding people to interact with their children. The City is excited to take part. Katrina and Danielle are checking into design pricing. \$4,000 might be too much to use toward signs, so there is ongoing discussion about using some funds towards event(s).

The City has just approved a new grant for community building, which might be an opportunity for more funding.

It would be nice to have a place where information is available, for instance online, regarding the location of signs. It could be put on the <http://www.hypebc.ca/> website and a part of Agri-Farm tours. Include Fraser-Cheam in the conversation.

- b. United Way Priority Grant** funding application was not successful this year.

**c. Gateway Program Changes**

The school’s catchment area is becoming larger and enrollment is increasing, which may result in a need for the space occupied by Gateway. The School District is also moving to more cost effective and Risk Management perspectives, and has some security questions about adults and children being on the same floor, particularly while school is in session. They have portrayed that it might be better as an Early Years hub, without programming that is for adults only, and especially adults whose children don’t attend the school. Having a portable on the grounds for adult programs would perhaps solve the space and risk issue, but it would be at the expense of the Central Elementary Community School Society (at least \$100,000).

Community Services is looking at the programs run from Central, and how to manage the possible changes. Running the adult programs after school isn’t a good fit.

What about Gateway budget from the Early Years committee– where will those funds go and is there something else at Central that would be funded instead?

It has been said that Next Step Autism might require an enlarged space, in which case two classrooms might be amalgamated, impacting space for Family Literacy and Families in Motion, as they currently use one of the rooms

The Aboriginal Integrated Health Team met with Shannon today, and they are supportive of the current Gateway model. There is a lot of community support.

The Early Years table needs to proactively put strategies in place to provide feedback and input.

**IDEAS:** Shannon can poll the families participating in programs to see what percentage have children in the school.



Meet with the School District to show that it will affect a number of families, societies and programs. Involve the families.

**DECISION:** Shelley and Karen will ask for an emergency meeting with the School District.

**d. Healthy Kids Day**

Karen will attend. If an agency is unable to host a booth, their information can be displayed at the Early Years table; contact Karen to arrange.

Rotarians might be there to read Josh the Baby Otter. Chilliwack Learning Society might bring First Books.

**e. May 5<sup>th</sup> Parent/Caregiver Workshop**

A brochure will be created by the end of the week.

The poster for the May 6 Conversation on Chilliwack's Children was distributed.

**5. New Business/other Business**

**a. Gateway Budget – not discussed**

**b. EY Budget 2016-17**

The only unanticipated cost to the previous budget was the Young Parents program, specifically daycare space costs when all 4 spaces weren't used (eg. in summer), totaling about \$3,000.

**DECISION:** A contingency for this will be added to the 2016-17 budget.

**c. Discrimination in Chilliwack – not discussed**

Add to next meeting's agenda.

**d. Chilliwack Leisure Centres**

The Access Leisure passes have changed, which is becoming a barrier for some families (\$10/person for 6 months, maximum of \$40/6 months, children under 4 are free). These passes also look different compared to other passes.

**DECISION:** Karen or Karin will contact Carol about the change.

**6. Task Group Updates**

- Social marketing
- Childcare Task Group
- Baby Friendly Initiative
- Visioning Committee – not covered
- Parenting Classes – not covered

**7. Agency Updates**

**Sardis Doorway for Families** is having a plant sale. Purchases can be done online or through a form. Deadline is April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Chilliwack Division of Family Practice**

Congratulations to Danielle, the successful candidate for Programs Lead in the Abbotsford Division of Family Practice, beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>. She will be doing evaluation with Chilliwack Division on part-time basis. Asma Farooq will become Chilliwack's community coordinator. She has communication and marketing experience.



## MINUTES

### Chilliwack Community Services

Sherry Sinclair, Executive Director of Family Resources Directors Program, is leaving CCS. She will be assuming Sue Khazaie's role.

**8. Next Meeting:** May 12, Central Gateway for Families, 1pm – 3pm

**9. Adjournment:** 3:05 pm

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