

May 7, 2019

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1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Review of April Minutes – Approved

3. Primary Prevention presentation – Dr. Rob Lees

Delivered a sample presentation that is being given to city council today at 3:00pm, about childproofing access to web-porn in public places. Reference the April minutes, point 9, Primary Prevention Committee for more details. Presentation to council will be made by Jocelyn Thomas from Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley and Kris Potter from Ann Davis Transition Society. Agencies are encouraged to attend and support.

4. Conversation on Chilliwack’s Children

The Conversation was sold out, and very successful. A variety of local agencies supported the event with more than \$9,000 in sponsorships.

People loved the content, speakers, format, and food. It was announced that Chilliwack will host the 2019 Cities Fit For Children Summit (http://bchealthycommunities.ca/news_item/953/view).

Ann Davis Transitional Society was the winner of the Every Door is the Right Door award.



Afternoon Adventures (City Life) – On behalf of Afternoon Adventures, Janette received a BC Principal and Vice Principal Association Partnership Award. Many thanks to organizations and volunteers.

Their programs, operating in 6 schools, are attended by 200 students in grades 2-7. They receive much support from schools. The schools have provided feedback that attendance is good and anxiety in the children who participate is reduced. The YMCA has been holding Y Moves within Afternoon Adventures.

CCS subcontracts Afternoon Adventures, funded through the City of Chilliwack. The funds will provide additional hours for Jannette. Another middle school will be joining next year. Churches have been helping provide staff and volunteers; they donate over

\$100,000/year in volunteer time and funding.

The program also looks at how the kids can give back to the community, for example by being junior leaders.

5. Sub-Committee Updates – not covered

6. YMCA agency presentation –Sheri Josephson.

The new building was thought through carefully from a function and security aspect. It includes earthquake-proofing technology. They retained some of the original building pieces.

There is a very child-centered approach to design and programming.

The YMCA fundraises to be able to sponsor those who can't pay – no one is turned away for reasons of affordability. They are a charity.

7. Informal Networking and coffee break (tour YMCA)

8. Volunteer Fraser Valley – Cari Moore

It is a website-based volunteer centre, covering communities of and near to Chilliwack, Agassiz, Abbotsford and Hope, which supports organizations with their volunteer management. They post volunteer opportunities and events on the website for free, and will share posts to their Facebook page, even if they notice something that they have not been requested to post.

Cari also conducts a Boundaries and Volunteers workshop, on a fee for service basis.

They host quarterly gatherings or organizations which work with volunteers; the next one is in July.

Volunteer Fraser Valley is a good place to recommend people who are interested in volunteering but are unsure of where.

Contact Cari at 604-819-1817, www.volunteerfv.com.

9. Indigenous Section 92 Federal Legislation Change – Penny T – not covered

10. Agency Updates

Chilliwack Community Services – youth recreation summer schedule coming out in June. There are a lot of new staff at Youth Services.

School District – public consultation for arts school was well attended; it might be open in 2021.

There is a summit around Mental Health Awareness for school kids. This week is Mental Health Awareness Week. Kids are excited to have awareness events with adults.

MDI results have come out and are being reviewed. Will present at June meeting.

BC Responsible Gambling – May is Gambling Awareness Month. Donna is trying to set up a sponsored swim at May 11 at both leisure centres. The month's theme is balance –

how do we balance our activities, not only meaning games for children, but also adults' mental and emotional well-being.

Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction – They are busy reviewing the Together BC Poverty Reduction documents and preliminary potential legislation changes that may/will occur as a result.

It will become easier to qualify for income assistance.

There will be 23 Community Integration Specialists across the province. This means more people working with partnerships to provide supports for those who have difficulty navigating the electronic systems used, therefore not getting the services they need.

Chilliwack Society for Community Living – AGM will be hold on June 4 at the Coast Hotel.

It's Health and Safety Week, and also National Awareness of Occupational Safety and Health Week. In addition, it's the end of youth week.

Summer 'Scapes day camp registration is open; it is an inclusive daycamp for all, not just for those who have disabilities. The day camp begins on July 8, and runs for the rest of the summer. There are 10 spots available per day. Cost is \$125/week, or \$30/day per child.

NLC – The NLC has more than 1,000 rental clients. They're sending out rental date letters for 2019-2020 to confirm the parties' interest.

Measles clinics are running at some sites.

A lot of youth were on site last summer. The NLC is trying to be proactive in management and prevention this coming summer.

Tenants will be remaining at the UFV site until the end of December. They're dealing with managing the homeless that are on site, particularly at UFV.

RCMP – Safe Place information cards were distributed, as well as a participation sign-up sheet. For this initiative, organizations sign up as a safe place for those who are part of the LGBTQ community, and give victims of harm a safe space until the police arrive.

FVRL – Will be hosting a Star Wars themed escape room from May 13-17, 11:00-6:00 daily. Registration is open and timeslots are going fast.

FVCDC is hosting Infant Massage on May 22-30.

The Inner Vision Yoga program (baby yoga) is very popular.

Butterfly larvae will be released, possibly May 27.

Youth Unlimited – The firetruck July for box build-out will occur in July.

They have a continuing fundraising program, wherein a partner will match the campaign funds. There will be a social media campaign.

City of Chilliwack – They continue to support agencies and partnerships. They partnered in the CYC Conversation.

YMCA – Sherry will be the YMCA's representative at the CYC table.

One of their sites, attached to the Education Centre, is the provincial government's subsidized childcare prototype site. More than 300 people on the wait list, yet the Y has still been able to provide emergency childcare when needed. They are also piloting the new government inclusion model – 6 people have now been identified with a support need. Pilot will occur until 2020.

There is a representative from the YMCA on the Provincial Childcare Council, who also chairs the Affordability group.

Money has been put into Advanced Education to support employers and help with paid practicums and practices to increase the number of ECE childcare providers. The YMCA is looking into vetting organizations in Chilliwack to empower the organizations to approve financial assistance for YMCA program fees, at first point of entry, rather than sending them to the YMCA for approval.

MCFD – It's Youth Justice week.

The YARD, a recreational summer program through CYMH and Youth Health Centre, has a social emotional component. It runs at Chilliwack Senior Secondary. Students are hired to help.

The Chilliwack Youth Health Centre's fundraising dinner is tomorrow night.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley – Collette is leaving her position at the end of May. She was recognized at the Conversation for her involvement with and co-chairing of the CYC committee.

Collette's departure leaves a co-chair position available. Kate Healey from CCS was nominated for and accepted the role, to be effective upon her return from leave in September.

Next meeting: June 4, 2019 in NLC's Alumni Hall