

Deaf Community Foundation of British Columbia
Douglas College – Room 2201
April 20th, 2013

Town Hall Meeting Notes

Nigel Howard facilitated the town hall meeting and welcomed the Deaf community members in the audience at Douglas College. Appreciation was expressed for their time, interest and concern.

For more details, please see power-point www.deafbcfoundation.ca/downloads/DCF_April2013.pdf on DCF's website that was used to go through for the meeting explaining about DCF. It included sincere apology (see below), financial status/balance, and disbursement of funds to applicants that requested.

Apology: On behalf of Deaf Community Foundation of British Columbia and Regulators, sincere apology was expressed due to lack of transparency and communication. The DCF Board members and Regulators expressed commitment to be proactive addressing the BC Deaf community's concerns. DCF will resume sending a representative to regional areas (North, Interior, Vancouver Island and Lower Mainland) on a regular basis.

It was reminded that the DCF Board members and Regulators are volunteers and have other commitments in their lives. Nonetheless, all of them are willing to do the best they can for all the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deafblind British Columbians.

The Director for Vancouver Island has relocated to Vancouver, so the position will eventually be replaced. The DCF has two names suggested to represent Vancouver Island and the other two names to represent Interior BC (Okanagan). Other interested candidates in those two areas are also welcome.

QUESTIONS from the floor:

Are DCF Board Members paid?

No, it is an entirely voluntary organisation with one exception which is the Program Administrator whom is paid by hourly basis plus reimbursements from DCF related affairs.

Program Administrator – how long is the contract?

It is the discretion of the Board Members to either continue or to terminate the person as Program Administrator pending on satisfactory or unsatisfactory performance. The current Program Administrator has proven to be exceptional due to the solidity of DCF's core funds.

How does can one apply for funding?

Any organisation in British Columbia following the guidelines can apply. The application for request of funding is online: www.deafbcfoundation.ca and click on "Application Form."

Are DCF finances audited professionally?

Due to the nature of not having any bank accounts or petty cash outside of the Royal Bank of Canada, it is not deemed to be necessary. Additionally, the Royal Bank of Canada Dominion Securities Inc. does internal auditing to ensure appropriate and legal business practises. Balances will be posted on DCF's website (already included in power-point).

Clarification about having "AGM" on 23 March 2013.

Due to the fact of possible dissolution of DCF Board, it was decided on that day, 23 Saturday March, to proceed as AGM in order to process and send forth the required documentations such as Society Annual Report to the Government of British Columbia – BC Registry Services – to maintain our status as active (good standing).

What is the DCF's physical address?

It was previously at the Western Institute of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The physical address is currently the home-based office of the Program Administrator.