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CRDCEH

Community Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 7, 2022

12:00-1:00

1. Attendance

- a. Alison Liebel (Host) - Habitat for Humanity VIN
- b. Stefanie Hendrickson - CRDCEH
- c. Marc Kitteringham - Campbell River Mirror
- d. Colleen Evans - Councillor, City of Campbell River
- e. Lisa McHaffie - Service Canada
- f. Shawn Decaire - Kwesa Place, Laichwiltach Family Life Society
- g. Paul Bertrand - St. Vincent de Paul
- h. Alyssa Christensen -
- i. Kaitlyn Nohr - Island Health, Gold River
- j. Call in user 1
- k. Call in user 2
- l. Heather Gordon Murphy - Downtown Campbell River BIA
- m. Jason Locke - Planning, City of Campbell River
- n. Audrey Wilson - Laichwiltach Family Life Society
- o. Andrew - John Howard Society of the North Island
- p. Macbook user
- q. Mary Ruth Snyder - Chamber of Commerce
- r. Gina Forsyth - Community Member
- s. Mary Catherine Williams - United Way
- t. Sharon Karsten - Walk With Me
- u. Linda Nagle - Recreation, City of Campbell River
- v. Courtney Panas - John Howard Society North island
- w. Jackie Lever - North Island Métis
- x. Claire Moglove - Councillor, City of Campbell River
- y. Sulyn Cedar - Community Member
- z. Madison Stewart - Urban Indigenous Housing and Wellness Coalition
- aa. Signy Madden - United Way, Central Vancouver Island
- bb. Susan Guthrie-Dick - KCFN support in Campbell River
- cc. Meredith Starkey - Planning, Strathcona Regional District
- dd. Donna - WorkBC/NIEFS
- ee. Courtney Harrop - First Nations Health Authority
- ff. Melony Larre - Sasamans Society
- gg. Taryn O'Flanagan - Vancouver Island Mental Health Society (VIMHS)
- hh. Sheena Campbell - Regional Harm Reduction Coordinator, Island Health
- ii. Lucas Schuller - MP Rachel Blaney's office
- jj. Kristi Schwanicke - Vancouver Island Mental Health Society
- kk. Sarah DS - AVI Campbell River



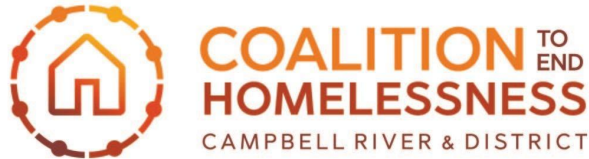
- ll. Sara Lopez - Campbell River Art Gallery
- mm. Tyler Rieu -
- nn. Valery Puetz - Campbell River & North Island Transition Society (CRNITS)
- oo. Kirsten Zaleschuk - Campbell River & North Island Transition Society

2. Land Acknowledgement, Welcome and Meeting Introduction (Alison)

- a. Gina Forsyth - Willow Point resident - involved community member. Interested and hoping I can contribute.
- b. Sulyn Cedar - New to the Coordinating Circle - invested community member from Quadra Island
- c. Lisa McHaffie - New to town, currently with Service Canada
- d. Meredith Starkey - Planning, Strathcona Regional District

3. Coalition Operational Updates (Stefanie Hendrickson, Coordinator)

- a. Regional data collection runs from April 11-May 11, 2022
 - i. The project is called Collecting Stories of Where You Live and is different than the SRD's Housing Needs Assessment Survey which looks more at the market and economic factors and compares them to other jurisdictions. Our survey project looks at the human-centered social impact of housing and service need
 - 1. This project will help us capture housing insecurity and hidden homelessness better than a Point in Time Survey.
 - a. The survey is meant to be filled out by:
 - i. Live in the Strathcona Regional District boundary (including Campbell River)
 - ii. Feel that their current home is unsuitable or unaffordable
 - iii. Or find it difficult to secure housing and access services in their community
 - ii. Surveying throughout entire SRD geography including Campbell River
 - iii. In Quadra, Cortes, Sayward, Tahsis, and Gold River, the libraries will host paper surveys and have posters
 - iv. In Campbell River, we will bring paper surveys to a number of organizations
 - v. I will also email around paper surveys, links for online survey, posters, social media posts
 - 1. Please help us share and distribute!
 - vi. In the meantime, online survey link and information can be found here: <https://www.crhousing.net/newprojects>
 - vii. Thank you in advance
 - 1. *Survey data will be analyzed and a report written by a third party - the Rural Development Network.
 - 2. *Data will be available for use by community partners, governments, and organizations who would like to:
 - a. Articulate the importance of housing and service expansion
 - b. Apply for funding to support housing and service needs



- c. Influence program and service development
 - d. Informhousing and services policies and practices in the region
- b. Service brochure project
- i. We have been working with 3rd Year Nursing Students on a “Need Shelter, Support, or Food?” brochure
 - 1. This brochure is geared towards that first-line of service for people and will be especially useful for those who are new to the community
 - 2. It is a living document - please contact us if changes need to be made
 - 3. There will be a regional page as well for those who access services outside of Campbell River
 - 4. We will be able to provide one print-run but then organizations will need to print them up themselves.
 - 5. We will make sure to send links and also have it available on our website for folks to access
 - 6. Currently we are waiting on artwork for the cover by an artist from our unhoused community (recently housed). Once we have that, we will be able to go to print!
- c. Funding opportunity - <https://www.vancouverfoundation.ca/grants/recovery-and-resiliency-fund>

4. Coordinating Circle (Alison)

- a. We'd like to welcome Lisa McHaffie to the Coordinating Circle.
- b. Lisa is new to Campbell River. Though she works for Service Canada currently, she is set to retire at the end of April. As such, she will be joining the Coordinating Circle as an engaged community member. Lisa has experience in governance, strategy, planning and development, and grant/proposal writing. Lisa has spent the past 20 years working with communities across BC and central/southern Alberta to administer the federal Reaching Home program funding. She is passionate about exploring options and developing a long-term strategy to address the needs of those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

5. Cart Alternative/Sleeping Pod presentation (Sharon Karsten, Walk With Me) 15 min.

- a. Shawn Decaire -
 - i. Walk With Me has made a relationship with many of the unhoused community downtown
 - ii. People shared their story with Walk With Me - through that, developed the idea for the Turtle Pod
 - iii. Two more pod prototypes to come out mid-May
 - 1. Trying to work towards people building their own kits
 - iv. This is not meant to be a solution to homelessness but a temporary solution to handing out so many tents. These are an alternative to tents that will be more safe and secure.



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1. We know that there are going to be people outside during the winter, this is a way to provide them with some comfort over the winter
- v. The first model is quite heavy but also very secure - it will help guide future prototypes
- vi. People are experiencing violence in Nunns Creek Park - future prototypes will continue to consider people's safety
- b. Sharon Karsten - (shared photos of the first prototype)
 - i. Pods have fire-rated insulation and windows and venting
 - ii. It is 'transformable' to be able to have belongings packed up but also be able to sleep in
 - iii. It can be pushed/pulled around
 - iv. Multiple prototypes under construction right now to try to find the best features
 - v. Feature art by local Indigenous artists
 - vi. There could be a work portion to this so that prototypes can be fabricated locally
 - vii. In the future we might be looking for an organization to provide fiscal host role
- c. Any questions/comments?
 - i. Mary Ruth - these are very innovative and well-done!
 1. Question: Would you like a story about these produced (news release) across the country through the Chamber of Commerce network?
 - a. Sharon - Thanks to Mary Ruth - Yes, we are interested in continuing to get the word out there
 - ii. Melony - I have heard that these are lockable as well, is that correct?
 1. Sharon - yes, this prototype is lockable - however the locking is tricky because we do want people be able to be accessed in the case of a toxic drug crisis, for example - this is all being considered
 2. Shawn - We are looking at possibilities to explore the locking capability to ensure that people are also safe (in the case of an emergency such as an overdose)
 - a. We are also working on shopping cart, day-time storage
 3. Melony - I think it's great that they are locking. Unhoused community is getting robbed almost daily
 - iii. Valery - This is such an impressive idea - do you have an idea of the cost to create one?
 1. Sharon - We are looking at potentially partnering with NIC Trade. We also use high quality materials - we guess between \$3-4,000 per unit.
 2. Shawn - we are looking at cost and weight effectiveness for mobility and stability
 - a. We are looking to develop it with care with the hope that this will stay
- d. Sharon Karsten contact info: Sharon.Karsten@viu.ca / walkwithme.ca

6. Reaching Home, Rural and Remote Funding (Lisa McHaffie, Service Canada) 15 min.

- a. Shawn and Sharon - what an amazing project. Congratulations!



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- b. Call for proposals for Rural and Remote Stream of Reaching Home funding currently open
- c. Reaching Home is the federal government's response to homelessness in Canada
- d. It is community-based where funding is given directly to community organizations
- e. In BC, the grant distribution is managed by the PGNAETA (Prince George Nechako Aboriginal Employment Training Association)
- f. Projects must be completed by March 31, 2023
 - i. They should have a sustainability plan or an exit strategy if they are not "complete" by then
- g. Funding amounts have tripled so this is a good time for communities to put in an application
- h. Partnerships are encouraged - applications would be rated higher for this
- i. Priority areas for BC are:
 - i. Housing placement, Health and Medical Services, Prevention and Shelter Diversion, Client Support Services, Capital Investments, Coordination of Resources and Data Collection
- j. Please make sure to review PGNAETA's application guide
 - i. Ensure that you project fits in with the criteria
 - ii. Ensure to articulate in the application how you are meeting criteria and how the project meets the needs of the unhoused population
 - 1. Also talk about value for money, measurable outcomes, how it meets community needs, community support, capacity of application to carry out project
 - iii. There is no maximum funding amount stated. I would recommend that interested applicants contact Nicole Doucette or Dawn Murphy of PGNAETA to talk to them about the maximum (if any) amount an organization can apply for. As PGNAETA administers the funding and call for proposal process, people should contact them directly about funding amounts.
 - iv. Mary Catherine & Stefanie - if there are multiple applications being considered for our community, we could serve to help find collaboration and partnerships, as needed. Please let us know if you are interested in applying and if you would like to explore collaboration in your application. info@crhousing.net or MaryCatherineW@uwbc.ca
- k. Rural & Remote Stream of Funding for Reaching Home:
 - i. <https://www.pgnaeta.bc.ca/departments/reaching-home-canadas-homelessness-strategy/bc-rural-and-remote/bc-rural-remote-2022-2023-ongoing-application-call>
- l. Indigenous Stream of Funding for Reaching Home:
 - i. <http://lnhs.ca/community-entity/>
- m. Lisa McHaffie contact information: lisa.mchaffie@servicecanada.gc.ca

7. Good news stories, updates, and discussions - from the floor, as time permits!

- a. A reminder from Mary Catherine - there is ongoing FREE training available. Check it out at <https://www.crsqw.ca>



8. Next community meeting - May 5 - noon