



CRDCEH

Community Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 3, 2022

12:00-1:00

1. In attendance

- a. Sue Moen - Salvation Army (host)
- b. Stefanie Hendrickson - CRDCEH Coordinator
- c. Krista - Campbell River Beacon Club
- d. Claire Moglove - Councillor, City of Campbell River
- e. Susan Guthrie-Dick - KCFN
- f. Renee Laboucane - Strathcona Regional District
- g. Colleen Evans - Councillor, City of Campbell River
- h. Heather Gordon Murphy - Downtown Campbell River BIA
- i. Mary Catherine Williams - United Way
- j. Linda Nagle - City of Campbell River, Recreation Department
- k. Christina Henderson - Community Member
- l. Kathi Camilleri - Indigenous reconciliation facilitator
- m. Marc Kitteringham - Campbell River Mirror
- n. Madison Stewart - Urban Indigenous Housing and Wellness Coalition
- o. Ian Baikie - Hama?elas Community Kitchen / Community Member
- p. Jackie Vandermeer - NIC 3rd Year Nursing Practicum Student
- q. Donna Desmet - North Island Employment (NIEFS)
- r. Monica Finn - Vancouver Island Regional Libraries
- s. Heather Brownhill - Legal Advocate
- t. Kaitlyn Nohr - Island Health (Gold River)
- u. Taryn O'Flanagan - Vancouver Island Mental Health Society (VIMHS)
- v. Sharon Karsten - Walk With Me
- w. Coriann - NIC 3rd Year Nursing Practicum Student
- x. Courtney Harrop - NIC 3rd Year Nursing Practicum Student
- y. Sheena Campbell - Regional Harm Reduction Coordinator, Island Health
- z. Arija Fisher - Campbell River Library - VIRL
- aa. Paul Bertrand - Community Member / St. Vincent de Paul
- bb. Gwendolyn Donaldson - Community Action Team
- cc. Tracy Armstrong - Ministry of Poverty Reduction
- dd. Jason Locke - City of Campbell River (planning)
- ee. Kristi Schwanicke - VIMHS
- ff. Lucas Schuller - MP Rachel Blaney's Office
- gg. Call-in-User



- hh. Pam Mann - CR Adult Care Society
- ii. Shannon Baikie - NIEFS
- jj. Melony Larre - Sasamans Society
- kk. Andy Adams - Mayor, City of Campbell River
- ll. Valery Puetz - CR & NI Transition Society (CRNITS)
- mm. Alyssa?
- nn. Sara Lopez Assu - Campbell River Art Gallery
- oo. Sarah DS - AVI
- pp. Kirsten Zaleschuk - CRNITS

2. Land Acknowledgement - (Sue Moen, Salvation Army - host)

3. Welcome and Meeting Introduction (Sue)

- a. Purpose of meeting
- b. Anyone new who would like to introduce themselves
 - i. Krista - CR Beacon Club attending with a practicum student
 - ii. Sharon and Darcy from Walk With Me (Darcy also from Kwesa Place)
 - iii. Renee Laboucane - Strathcona Regional District
 - iv. Arija Fisher - CR Library
 - v. Pam Mann - CR & District Adult Care Society
- c. Reminder that this is a public meeting and media is often in attendance

4. Coalition Operational Updates (Stefanie Hendrickson, Coordinator)

- a. Differentiation of Contracts
 - i. Some people may have noticed that I am now working on two projects in town. 1) Campbell River & District Coalition to End Homelessness 2) Situation Table (Provincially-funded program through the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General)
 - ii. I would like to clarify that these are two completely separate projects that have no relationship to each other. While there is some overlap with participants in both groups, they are separate contracts that I support as a private consultant.
- b. Rural & Remote survey
 - i. Tentative start date of April 11 for 30 days.
 - ii. This is a Housing and Service Needs Survey that will hopefully do a much better job than a Point in Time Count of surveying those who are insecurely housed.
 - 1. It will not provide a total number of folks struggling and it relies heavily on people throughout the region sharing the survey and



- supporting access to it. It should give us a snapshot of what housing and service needs are for the greater region
- iii. This is for the entire Strathcona Regional District geography including Campbell River
 - iv. We appreciate any help throughout the region with distribution of the survey. There will be both online and paper options available which we will share.
- c. Service brochure project
- i. 3rd year nursing students are working on finalizing a services brochure. This brochure is for the first-line of services that people who are unhoused or insecurely housed might need to access. There is not enough room to include all services and referral-based services.
 - 1. Things like shelters, food banks, meal programs, drop-in programs, etc... are great. If you have not yet let us know about your program, please email Jackie at jvandermeer@northislandcollege.ca
 - 2. Corianne and Courtney are working on the Indigenous portion of the service brochure
 - ii. Deadline is soon due to end of semester approaching and time needed to undertake graphic design and printing
- d. Communications Action Team
- i. We are looking for interest in a small Communications Action Team to support Coalition communications. Please reach out to Stefanie if you are interested.

5. Coordinating Circle (Sue)

- a. Welcome to two new Coordinating Circle Members:
 - i. Madison Stewart is participating as a representative of the Urban Indigenous Housing and Wellness Coalition. She is their coordinator. She has experience with governance, data/research, planning and development, fundraising, communications, and grant/proposal writing. The UIHWC believes it would be beneficial for her to attend meetings to ensure that urban Indigenous folks and their specific needs are considered when planning housing/services.
 - ii. Sulyn Cedar is participating as an individual community member who has the time to be invested. She has experience with municipal affairs, data collection, research, strategy, and front-line work. She previously worked part-time for Laichwiltach Family Life Society.



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6. Q'Waxsem Place One-Year Anniversary and Update (Kristi Schwanicke)

- a. One-year in. 50 residents housed. 90% of original tenants are still in residence after one-year
- b. Services provided on site include: health teams (mental health and substance use, nursing and community health care)
- c. Neighbours have been really supportive and understanding - neighbours often attend events and meet residents
- d. Tenants pay rent - rent geared to income (30% of income)
- e. Tenants are supported on site for whatever they are currently working on in their lives
- f. Lots to celebrate
- g. For one-year anniversary speech by MLA Babchuk, please view here:
<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/a68c34bd/G6OeWgrS6UCgFRaRzAcagg?u=https://youtu.be/-7MqtkJifLw>

7. Walk With Me Update (Sharon Karsten)

- a. Mary Catherine Williams - Volunteer CR is managing the training portion of the UBCM Strengthening Communities Services Grant - website launched with dates for training and training opportunities offered
 - i. The webpage is at www.crscw.ca. For more information please email info@crscw.ca or call 250-703-6135 and we will answer your questions as soon as possible.
- b. Sharon - Walk with Me returning this spring via this program through Volunteer CR
 - i. Thank you to everyone in CR who have welcomed us with open hearts
 - ii. Walk With Me reduces stigma and harm related to toxic drug crisis
 - iii. Have built relationships with many in unhoused community members in Campbell River
 - iv. 3 walks coming up - First is March 14
 - v. Everyone is welcome to participate
- c. Darcy, Peer Support Worker at Kwesa Place and Cultural Coordinator for Walk With Me - Being part of CR Walk With Me - I have lots of gratitude for being involved and everyone who has helped this happen. Especially the unhoused community.

8. Community Integration Specialist Information (Tracy Armstrong)

- a. Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
- b. Deal with Income Assistance, persons with disabilities, hardship



- c. Position created in 2019 - Ministry recognized that not everyone can access services through traditional ways (self-serve on computer, phone-in, coming into an office) - this position allows this to happen via an outreach capacity
- d. Work with a lot of community partners: Bylaws, social services, housing organizations, RCMP - lots of community collaboration
- e. Cover Campbell River to Port Hardy and everywhere in between - some virtually
- f. Intensive case management, outreach support, support during emergencies (such as fires), wellness checks on people living on streets
- g. Every day is different!
- h. Shannon Baikie - NIEFS - as of next week, some of Income Assistance folks who have been on pause will now need to check in with their Work BC centres. NIEFS ready to support that and help people navigate the changes and requirements.

9. Vancouver Island Regional Libraries - exploring how they can help serve the unhoused community (Monica Finn)

- a. Working on Strategic Plan for VIRL
- b. We are looking at what other libraries are doing and looking at how we can support vulnerable populations
- c. Does anyone have ideas as to how libraries can support vulnerable populations? Please email Monica Finn, mfinn@virl.bc.ca

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

- a. Kaitlyn Nohr - Social Worker with Island Health (Gold River, Tsaxana, Tahsis), heavily connected to Campbell River
 - i. Vancouver Island West Mobile outreach project has officially launched as of yesterday - we had a great turn-out and lots of excitement in the region around this project
 - ii. If service providers would like to provide service, please reach out to Kaitlyn at kaitlyn.nohr@islandhealth.ca
 - iii. This is a pilot project funded by the UBCM Strengthening Communities' Services grant
- b. Lucas Schuller - MP Rachel Blaney's office - Bill C-216 debate has begun regarding health-based approach to substance use - looks at decriminalization of substance use among other things
 - i. This is a private members bill and we do hope that it will get support and hopefully pass!
 - ii. <https://www.parl.ca/legisinfo/en/bill/44-1/c-216>
 - iii. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/ndp-to-introduce-new-bill-to-decriminalize-drug-use-as-overdose-deaths-soar-1.6337562>



- c. Melony Larre - I am the new Justice Support Worker with Sasamans Society - build collaborative connections in the community to support people experiencing homelessness connect to community resources
 - i. This is a pilot project funded by the UBCM Strengthening Communities' Services grant.
- d. Valery Puetz - thank you to everyone who participated in the Coldest Night of the Year. We exceeded our fundraising goal - \$42,000 raised
 - i. Money will go towards new Women's Centre in the new Eagle Harbour building
- e. Sara Lopez Assu - Executive Director at the Campbell River Art Gallery - thanks to Laichwiltach Family Life Society, Kwesa Place, Walk With Me. We have begun a drop-in art program for unhoused community members. Thursday mornings is drop-in time
- f. Mary Catherine Williams - Concerned that there is not an Emergency Weather Shelter solution yet. I know we have an Action Team to work on this. Is there anything else that the community needs to do in the meantime to ensure that this is a reality by next year's winter season?
 - i. Sue Moen - I have had lots of suggestions and we have our first Action Team meeting scheduled soon.
- g. Pam Mann - We provide programs for seniors (there is no age restriction) - we can help organizations serving unhoused seniors connect seniors to services
 - i. Also, does anyone have ideas of what they would like to see on Cedar Street? We have some property that will host Adult Care services and also some units for low income seniors. If anyone has information on funding, please help us connect! pmann@shaw.ca

11. Next community meeting - April 7 - noon