

CRDCEH

Community Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 2, 2022

12:00-1:00 via Zoom

1. Attendance

- a. Stefanie Hendrickson - CRDCEH Coordinator
- b. Madison Stewart (host) - Urban Indigenous Housing & Wellness Coalition (UIHWC)
- c. Marla Feniuk - Co-researcher BC Indigenous Homelessness Strategy Committee
- d. Gina Forsyth - Community Member
- e. Paul Bertrand - Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- f. Susan Guthrie-Dick - KCFN
- g. Marc Kitteringham - Campbell River Mirror
- h. Andrew Duarte - John Howard Society North Island
- i. Tanille Johnston - Maya'xala Culturally Centered Home Studies & Integrated Services
- j. Colleen Evans - City of Campbell River Councillor
- k. Renee LaBoucane - Strathcona Regional District
- l. Gwen Donaldson - Community Action Team
- m. Lisa Wilde - CR Association for Community Living
- n. Ian Baikie - Community Member / Hama?elas Community Kitchen
- o. Mary Catherine Williams - United Way
- p. Heather Brownhill - Legal Advocacy
- q. Alana Proia - Maya'xala Culturally Centered Home Studies & Integrated Services
- r. Shawn Decaire - Kwesa Place (Laichwiltach Family Life Society)
- s. Lisa McHaffie - Community Member
- t. Sue Moen - Salvation Army
- u. Claire Moglove - City of Campbell River Councillor
- v. Meredith Starkey - Strathcona Regional District
- w. Joelle Samson - Vancouver Island Regional Libraries
- x. Kaitlyn Nohr - Island Health
- y. Tracy Armstrong - Ministry of Poverty Reduction
- z. Sulyn Cedar - Community Member (Quadra)
- aa. Joel Roszman - BC Housing
- bb. Audrey Wilson - Laichwiltach Family Life Society
- cc. Michele Vanderwoude - John Howard Society North Island
- dd. Don Kattler - Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions
- ee. Valery Puetz - Campbell River & North Island Transition Society
- ff. Donna Desmet - North Island Employment Foundation Society (Niefs)
- gg. Courtney Panas - John Howard Society North Island
- hh. Lucas Schuller - Community Member / Spirit Square concert organizer

2. Land Acknowledgement - (Madison Stewart - host)

3. Welcome and Meeting Introduction (Madison)

- a. Purpose of meeting



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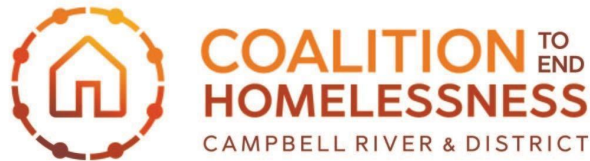
- i. The purpose of these meetings is to encourage coordination and collaboration related to homelessness and housing insecurity. This is a challenging topic and we welcome participants to bring up concerns in a respectful and constructive way; in a way that encourages us to collectively work towards solutions as a community. We do ask that this meeting does not devolve into being a venting place for lengthy frustrations. If anyone would like further information we invite you to reach out to our coordinator at info@crhousing.net
- b. Anyone new who would like to introduce themselves
 - i. Don Kattler working for Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions in Victoria. Hasn't been here for a while and wanted to check in.
 - ii. Marla Feniuk - Works at the Salvation Army at Evergreen Shelter. Also a researcher for the BC indigenous Homelessness Strategy Steering Committee
- c. Reminder that this is a public meeting and media is often in attendance - if you have a topic that you would like to discuss that requires a less public venue, or an action item that you would like to propose, we invite you to reach out to the coordinator

4. Coalition Operational Updates (Stefanie Hendrickson)

- a. Introduction of new Mission, Mandate, and Values
 - i. The Coordinating Circle is open for feedback.
 - 1. **ACTION ITEM** - Please provide any feedback/concerns via email
 - 2. A reminder: When we refer to the Coalition, we mean all of you. Everyone who chooses to engage and is interested in ending homelessness and housing insecurity is welcome to contribute what they can, when they can. All sectors are needed to solve this, whether you come from the social service sector, community members, business sector, health sector, public sector, and so on. It takes a community to address complex problems and we are ALL contributors to the Coalition's work.
- b. Rural & Remote homeless count update
 - i. Over 600 surveys received - initial analysis has begun. We expect results this summer.
- c. Service brochure project
 - i. Brochure is in final review and then will be going for a print run
- d. Campbell River Community Foundation - bridge funding approved
 - i. Coalition was awarded \$7,000 to fund coordination while we look for more funds
 - ii. Coordination funds are very difficult to find right now...most funding is project based and not intended for ongoing coordination
 - 1. **ACTION ITEM** - Please let us know if you have any ideas for funding
- e. Home-sharing update - call for support
 - i. There seems to be interest in this and need in the community.



1. **ACTION ITEM** - Are there any agencies who would like to explore this option further with the Coalition? Or any ideas of agencies who could be approached?
- 5. Maya'xala Culturally Centered Home Studies & Integrated Services** - UBCM Project Update (Tanille Johnston and Alana Proia) - 10 min
- a. Tanille Johnston - now with First Nations Health Authority (Primary Care for Vancouver Island Region)
 - i. Also operates Maya'xala Culturally Centered Home Studies & Integrated Services
 - b. Partnering to provide workshops-in-a-box related to cultural information
 - c. Alana Proia - have engaged a filmmaker to make 3 films with cultural information. These short films will be paired with questions and discussion to make mini-workshops that can be used by agencies for staff and volunteer education
 - d. Video topics are:
 - i. Who are we: First Nations, Inuit, and Métis
 - ii. The Territory You're On
 - iii. Hereditary and Elected Systems
 - e. Hoping to store the videos online with an access code as opposed to USB drive
 - f. Will also have witnesses in the workshops to make sure the work is being done in a good way
 - i. **ACTION ITEM** - looking for Indigenous community members who might be interested in supporting this
 - g. Part of this project will involve allies becoming trainers for this
 - i. Will be looking for those people for the train-the-trainer piece
 - ii. **ACTION ITEM** - Is anyone interested in this??? Email mayaxala.cchsis@gmail.com or alanaproia@outlook.com
 - h. An organization would access the workshop material, they would look at the list of approved witnesses and call someone to see if they could attend the training session(s). Agencies should make honouraria available for these individuals and recommendations will be made for this process
- 6. BC Indigenous Homelessness Strategy** (Marla Feniuk) - 10 min
- a. Marla had to leave the meeting unexpectedly. However, she has provided the following information:
 - b. Hello, my name is Marla Feniuk, Pronouns are she/her. I am originally from Tk'emlups Te'Secwepmec (Kamloops) traditional territories. I grew up on beautiful Vancouver Island and reside on the Wei Wai Kum and We Wai Kai traditional territories. I have been selected to be This region's Co-researcher for The BC Indigenous Homelessness Strategy Committee., The Aboriginal Housing Management Association and Homelessness Services Association of BC. I have sent links that provide information on the project and what will be done with the data. I will provide a link for the Survey which is the focus for our project. The surveys will be open from Tuesday May 24- June 10,2022. I



will be conducting 2 interviews and 1-2 Discussion circles. I have not decided the dates or times for either and both will be most likely closer to my home base. If you would like to help spread the word about the survey and its importance this would be greatly appreciated. I know having access to technology can be an issue. I am hoping you could help with this if there is a computer clients can use. There will be incentives provided for those who participate. I will be going to centres of service in my home base of Campbell River and can help people out with my Ipad. Thank you for your time and I hope the links provided can be printed out and posted around your workplace and community. I have also provided a link for after care supports if feelings should occur from some of the sensitive questions on the survey. Thank you again for your participation and help with this important project.

c. ACTION ITEM

- i. <https://www.ahma-bc.org/bcindigenouhomelessness>
- ii. <http://s.alchemer-ca.com/s3/AHMA-IHDF-Survey>

7. By-Name List / Coordinated Access / HIFIS (Joel Roszmann or Sue Moen) - 5 min

- a. Joel - Access Coordinator for BC Housing
- b. Working on a By-Name-List for Campbell River
- c. Last summer did an intake event to get individuals in the community
- d. Agencies with access to HIFIS database can keep this list updated (John Howard Society, Salvation Army, Vancouver Island Mental Health Society)
- e. BNLs can help us respond to the needs of the people in the community
- f. There is no one funded to collect this information so this is work being done off the side of peoples' desks. As such, it will not be perfect but it is important to have a strong set of data
- g. BC Housing holds the data in the database but the actual statistics and numbers are up to the community. It's up to the community to manage this data and ensure its quality
- h. Currently we have approx 100 names on the list. We think we are about 60-70% there.
- i. It is a list of who is unsheltered in the community and how/why people are entering/leaving homelessness. This can help the community to:
 - i. Work together to do community case planning
 - ii. Understand trends over time
- j. We are further ahead here than on most other communities on the Island
- k. We hope that we come to the point that this becomes a By-Name List being updated in real time.

8. SRD - Hospital Housing (Renée Laboucane) - 5 min

- a. Just Like Home Campbell River project
 - i. Near the Campbell River Hospital
 - ii. In partnership with Island Health
 - iii. SRD has created a service to own and operate the Just Like Home lodge
 - iv. Adults and their caregivers who are traveling to Campbell River for treatment at the hospital



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1. For patients and family members who need to travel from the larger region. Helps to stay together as a family, reduce travel costs, and reduce stress for individuals during challenging times
 - v. More info at justlikehomecr.ca - you can find stories here from individuals who would benefit from the service
 - vi. Rate for rooms is approx. \$25/night - subsidies will be available
 1. Includes kitchen area so people can make meals themselves
 - vii. Campbell River Foundation Society taking donations directly for the project
 1. They also have a lottery on right now. Open to June 16
www.becauseyoucarelottery.com for more information or to buy tickets
 - b. Sue Moen - As manager of the local shelter - thank you to the Regional District for thinking outside of the box for providing a service for this
 - i. So many people come from away and end up staying at the homeless shelter because they don't have another option
 - ii. This is a great initiative
- 9. Good news stories, updates, and discussions** - from the floor, as time permits!
- a. Kaitlyn Nohr - registered social worker with Island Health serving west region
 - i. Every year for my son's birthday we do a fundraiser. This year we picked Habitat for Humanity. We were able to raise \$760 for Habitat for Humanity North Island from Kaitlyn's 4-year-old!
 - b. Mary Catherine Williams - United Way Period Promise Campaign - menstrual equity project - more than 50% of people who use these products say that affording them is a problem
 - i. Vancouver Island Library staff have helped as drop-off points
 - ii. www.periodpromise.ca
 - c. Sue Moen - Campbell River Farmer's Market - Every Sunday 10-2 at Spirit Square and Shoppers Row
 - i. Any community group is welcome to contact us to have an information or activity booth at the Farmer's Market - No fee - but must bring your own tent/table/supplies
 - ii. We want it to be not just a market but also a place for community connections and relationship-building
 1. **ACTION ITEM** - email if interested -
campbellriverfarmersmarket@gmail.com
 - d. Shawn Decaire - Campbell River Art Hive at the CRAG is looking to join in on the Farmer's Market are looking to have some of their art available
 - e. New art on the Campbell River Art Gallery - the art is to commemorate a young woman we recently lost to alcoholism in the community
 - i. Art was created by two unhoused community members with the support of Sonny Assu
 - f. Sue - the Centre of Hope is featuring a memorial tree right now - pictures of all of the community members who we have lost in the last two years



- i. A service and celebration will be held in memory - the community is welcome to attend
 - g. Gwen Donaldson - Shawn is the newest artist in residence in Willow Point at the Walter Morgan House
 - i. Shawn - Hoping to bring some of the local carvers who are unhoused to come done and make art - turtle pods will also be worked on there (prototypes)
 - ii. Will be open to the public and people are welcome to stop by
 - h. Additional note: The ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund is open.
 - i. The ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund provides funding to create new licensed child care, helping families access, affordable, quality, and inclusive child care as a core service they can depend on, while strengthening communities throughout British Columbia.
 - 1. Eligible Applicants:
 - a. New Spaces Fund (Primary stream): Public sector organizations, Indigenous governments, Not-for-profit organizations (societies)
 - b. School Age Care on School Grounds Stream: B.C. school districts, First Nation schools, First Nation independent schools, Not-for-Profit independent schools
 - 2. Deadline: An open intake for applications started May 31st, 2022. The intake will close when funding runs out or at the end of the 2022/23 funding cycle. Applicants are encouraged to apply by January 2023 to have their applications considered. The website will be updated with closure dates.
 - 3. Funding Amount: Maximum funding amount removed. Prioritization for projects with a cost per space of \$40,000 or less.
 - 4. Contact information: Phone: 1-888-338-6622 (option 5) – toll free or 250-356-6501 – in Greater Victoria; Email: MCF.CCCF@gov.bc.ca
 - 5. To see key program changes and to find more info, please visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/space-creation-funding/childcare-new-spaces-fund>

10. Next community meeting - July 7 - noon

- a. There will be no meeting in August but the Coalition will still be working and is available - Happy Summer!