



CRDCEH

Community Meeting Agenda
Thursday, November 3, 2022
12:00-1:00 via Zoom

1. Attendance

- a. Stefanie Hendrickson - Coordinator CRDCEH
- b. Madison Stewart - Strathcona Food Security Club (meeting host)
- c. James Casperson - Homelessness Services Association of BC (HSA-BC)
- d. Mara Kersey - North Island Métis Association (NIMA)
- e. Marc Kitteringham - Campbell River Mirror
- f. Heather Gordon Murphy - BIA
- g. Sandra Doran - representing MLA Babchuk's office
- h. Tracy Armstrong - Income Assistance
- i. Azalea Milwid - SRD
- j. Shawn Decaire - Kwesa Place (LFLS)
- k. Christina Henderson - Community Member
- l. Sulyn Cedar - Community Member Quadra
- m. Sara Lopez-Assu - CR Art Gallery
- n. Kellie Moriarty - Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
- o. Heather Brownhill - Legal Advocacy
- p. Kaitlyn Nohr - Island Health serving Gold River
- q. Paul Bertrand - Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- r. Mary Ruth Snyder - CR Chamber of Commerce
- s. Sue Moen - Salvation Army
- t. Ian Baikie - Hama?elas Community Kitchen
- u. Mary Catherine Williams - United Way
- v. Gwen Donaldson - Community Action Team
- w. Janice Baikie - Island Health MHSU
- x. Jason Locke - City of CR
- y. Lucas Schuller - CR Spirit Square Events
- z. Sue ?
- aa. Jennifer Banks-Doll - Community Member Quadra
- bb. Lisa McHaffie - Service Canada / Community Member
- cc. Joelle Samson - CR Library
- dd. Audrey Wilson - Laichwiltach Family Life Society (LFLS)
- ee. Meredith Starkey - SRD
- ff. Renée LaBoucane - SRD
- gg. Susan Guthrie-Dick - KCFN

2. Land Acknowledgement - (Madison Stewart - host)

3. Welcome and Meeting Introduction (host)

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 know that the situation of homelessness is frustrating for many people. But 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

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

- a. Furthermore, there are action teams that work behind the scenes on specific topics. If you are interested in engaging further, please contact the coordinator.

Is there anyone who is new to the meeting or who has not attended for a while who would like to briefly introduce themselves?

- Azalea Milwid - new Indigenous Liaison with the Strathcona Regional District
- Janice Baikie - here with Island Health SUIT
- Sandra Doran - representing Michele's Babchuk Office

4. Coalition Operational Updates (Stefanie Hendrickson)

- a. Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness - Culturally Supportive Housing Toolkit (Dec 8)
 - i. As per the meeting invitation email, the Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness has created a Culturally Supportive Housing Toolkit. They will be coming to Campbell River on December 8th (Noon to 4pm).
 1. Event will feature:
 - a. Lunch and welcome
 - b. Roll-out of toolkit
 - c. Introduction of upcoming webinar related to gender-based violence
 - d. Brief discussion about Culturally Aligned Integrated Support Framework as part of the Provincial Integrated Support Framework
 2. Registration via Katie Dekker kdekker@acehsociety.com
- b. The Federal Rapid Housing Initiative has asked that people who are interested in this funding sign up for updates on the website here:
<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/professionals/project-funding-and-mortgage-financing/funding-programs/all-funding-programs/rapid-housing>
 - i. Program details will be up before year-end
- c. FREE Training Resource: Homelessness Learning Hub
<https://homelessnesslearninghub.ca>
 - i. This has online, at-your-own-pace learning opportunities for anyone working or volunteering in this sector
 1. Variety of front-line, management, systems-change, program development, etc resources on a wide range of topics.
 2. Can be a great tool for onboarding new employees or to broaden training for existing staff



- d. Finally, I wanted to take a moment to give a shout out to all of those people doing the work on the ground. This is hard work. There are those of us who are working on the systems change, policy, data, and advocacy level, and then there are those people who are working within these systems to do their absolute best to serve the folks experiencing homelessness.
 - i. For those of you who don't get the chance to see these front-line agencies and individuals in action, I think you would be amazed at the work that is going on
 - ii. Sometimes it is so easy to notice the negative things. All the challenges. All of the barriers. All of the systems that need to be changed. How overwhelming it all is. So, just for a moment, let's celebrate the wins. The agencies and people who bring exceptional programs and services to the community, who are doing their best to make a difference in what sometimes seems like almost impossible circumstances. Congratulations for all of the little things that you do every day. They are the big things.

5. Point in Time Count, 2023 - James Casperson, HSA-BC - 15 min

- a. Information, update, and discuss date
- b. What is it?
 - i. A 24 hour snap shot of what homelessness looks like in the community
 - ii. Campbell River's last one was in 2021 and 2018 before that - shows trends over time
 - iii. Shelter count the night before and street count on the day of
 - iv. Collects demographic information that can then be used by communities and governments
 - v. Stefanie will be the local coordinator
- c. Importance of Point in Time Count
 - i. Has exceptional ability for advocacy
 - ii. Stories come out of the data
 - iii. Data is used by local and provincial governments (ex. BC Housing) as well as many service agencies for the purpose of grant writing, advocacy, myth busting, etc...
 - iv. Data is a source of information for the province as to the level of need in our community
- d. Date discussion
 - i. We want some consistency in order to keep the methodology but could look to adjust by a couple of weeks either way if needed
 - ii. Last year was very cold and wet and it was challenging to find folks
 - iii. For MHSU teams, Wednesdays tend to be better
 - iv. Avoid cheque day, April 19 as attendance drops at programs

6. Emergency Weather Shelter update and discussion - Sue Moen - 5 min

- a. We've had a bit of a stall due to location
- b. Good news is that BC Housing has approved funding for a temporary shelter. A temporary shelter is one that is open nightly for a specific period of time (Ex. Nov 15 to March 31). This is different than an Emergency Weather Shelter that only opens on



specific nights. Temporary shelters allow for more consistency for folks and tend to see better usage because of that consistency

- c. We also have 12-13 interested people willing to work in the shelter and we have training available to them
- d. If anyone can help with location, please let us know - we have looked into churches, commercial spaces, non-profit spaces, etc...
 - i. Shawn - Kwesa Place may be able to make space available in the current storage room
 - ii. Mary Catherine - a big thank you to Sue for continuing to do this work and work through the incredible barriers that stand in the way.

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

- a. Lucas - via chat - peers have been helping with downtown events and it's been great
- b. Shawn - shout-out to Tracy for helping a local senior to get housed. He is now housed and has been sober for almost 2 months
- c. Sara - The Art Hive was recently featured in a video as well as in the Legislature thanks to MLA Babchuk
 - i. Showcases that it's not all about housing but about relationships, opportunities, and community connection
 - ii. Please share widely with your networks
 - 1. <https://fb.watch/gyH5t9yj39/>
 - 2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SzaPAK2JCa4>
- d. Sara - The Art Hive has also partnered with the UPS store for the Festival of Trees at the CR Museum. The Hive will be decorating a tree and UPS will be supporting with creating laser-cut ornaments.
 - i. People can purchase ornaments and the funds will go back into the Hive
- e. Gwen - Congratulations to Laichwiltach Family Life Society on 30 years! And congratulations to Shawn on his "big paddle", celebrating 28 years of sobriety from street drugs and alcohol
- f. Jason - A shout-out of celebration for the inauguration of the 1st Indigenous city councillor
 - i. This is a big step in reconciliation
- g. Maybe, as a community, we can explore a 5 Days for Homelessness-type community engagement and fundraising event where folks can camp out and raise funds for programs
 - i. Nanaimo recently did one night on behalf of youth homelessness
- h. Mary Catherine - an acknowledgement of Krisandra Rufus who had such an impact on this community through her work serving people experiencing homelessness. Her loss is being felt by many.

8. Next community meeting - December 1 - noon

- a. No meeting in January