



Community Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 1, 2024  
12:00-1:00pm - Virtual via Zoom

## 1. Attendance

- a. Stefanie Hendrickson - Coalition Coordinator
- b. Sara Lopez - Campbell River Art Gallery
- c. Rob Parks - RC Strategies
- d. Bailey McKay - John Howard Society
- e. Diane Palmer - Campbell River & North Island Transition Society (CRNITS)
- f. Sue Moen - Community member
- g. Meg Maskell - Community member
- h. Mary Catherine Williams - United Way
- i. Steve Slawuta - RC Strategies
- j. Shawn Decaire - Kwesa Place
- k. Candace Lindhout - Salvation Army
- l. Tracy Armstrong - Income Assistance
- m. Danielle Hoogland - North Island College
- n. Taryn O'Flanagan - Vancouver Island Mental Health Society (VIMHS)
- o. Meredith Starkey - Strathcona Regional District (SRD)
- p. Savanna John - Ehattesaht First Nation
- q. Madison Stewart - SRD
- r. Chrystal Arnet - Habitat for Humanity
- s. Lori Hirst - CRNITS
- t. Catherine M. - Campbell River Family Services
- u. Kellie Moriarty - Income Assistance
- v. Michaela Arruda - Campbell River Community Foundation
- w. Kirsten Zaleschuk - CRNITS
- x. Amber Price - Salvation Army
- y. Monique Bois - MP Rachel Blaney's office
- z. Gwen Donaldson - Community Action Team (outgoing Coordinator)
- aa. Donna Desmet - North Island Employment Foundations Society (NIEFS)
- bb. Serena Klaver - City of Campbell River

## 2. Land Acknowledgement, Welcome and Meeting Introduction

## 3. Coalition Operational Updates (Stefanie)

- a. Strategic Planning update
  - i. What: The Coalition has hired Resilience Planning to undertake a strategic planning process / organizational review for the Coalition
  - ii. Why: To assess the current model of the Coalition. To create a plan with strategic priorities over the next 5 years. To gain understanding about the community's relationship with the Coalition
  - iii. Background interviews and survey to general Coalition list have concluded. Thank you to everyone who has participated!
  - iv. Next steps:



1. **ACTION:** Virtual engagement with broader Coalition network - February 20 - Noon to 2pm.
    - a. Invitations will go out to the folks who regularly engage with our network. If you're not a regular attendee of our meetings but would still like to participate in this session, please email Stefanie at [info@crhousing.net](mailto:info@crhousing.net)
  2. From there, the Coordinating Circle and consultants will review all learnings and identify key priorities/directions
  - v. Project is expected to conclude mid-late Spring
- b. System Inventory update
- i. What: The Coalition hired Jennifer Banks-Doll to create a System Inventory of affordable and "social" housing units and programs/services often accessed by people experiencing homelessness
  - ii. Why: To create a livable community asset that can guide service and housing development. To begin background work to better set the community up for future funding streams (such as the Federal Reaching Home Designated Stream)
  - iii. Caveats:
    1. Not exhaustive
    2. Living list as programs are changing continuously
      - a. Please let Stefanie know if there are updates to your agencies programs
  - iv. Results:
    1. A list of 29 housing places consisting of over 700 units or beds
      - a. Wide variety: shelter, transitional, specialized, affordable, etc...
    2. A list of 59 programs and services commonly accessed by people experiencing homelessness or by populations that have a historically high risk of experiencing homelessness
    3. Data on how these programs and housing coordinate with each other (coordination of waitlists, intakes, referrals, assessments, etc...)
    4. Pending - a report on "What We Learned" about how people navigate this system and the barriers and challenges to that navigation
  - v. Use of data
    1. Available for community partner use
      - a. Ex. to assess gaps/needs in advance of a program development/changes
      - b. Ex. to gain data for funding, housing, program applications
  - vi. **ACTIONS**
    1. Community agencies please email Stefanie [info@crhousing.net](mailto:info@crhousing.net) with edits, updates, or additions to the System Inventory - this is a "living document"
    2. If partners are looking for data to support program development/changes and/or funding applications, please reach out to see if any of our data can support you by being analyzed in a different way
    3. As always, the Coalition can be reached out to for letters of support for housing and homelessness-related services



- c. Seniors group offer of support
    - i. A group of senior ladies who volunteer over the North Island have asked the Coalition if any community partners need support with basic tasks. They have experience with service and would love to give back
      - 1. Examples of things they have done in the past: Assembling hampers, making quilts, collecting and distributing items (such as period products), collecting donations and making hygiene kits for people experiencing homelessness.
    - ii. **ACTION** - If your organization is looking for support, please reach out to Stefanie to get connected with this group!
- 4. Campbell River & NI Transition Society - Coldest Night of the Year** - Diane Palmer 5-10min
- a. CRNITS largest annual fundraiser
  - b. Family-friendly walk that raises funds across Canada
  - c. Register online at: <https://cnoy.org/location/campbellriver>
  - d. Teams fundraise and then participate in walk
    - i. Teams that raise \$150 or more you receive a toque
  - e. Also appreciate your help in sharing our posts to get people to support the event
  - f. February 24th - get out in the cold and be uncomfortable - gives participants a taste of what it feels like to be outdoors in the winter for people who are unsheltered
    - i. People can choose to attend on a different day if they can't join the larger walk
  - g. Last year they raised \$55,000!!! Goal is \$75,000 this year!
  - h. Funds go to any underfunded program where grant funding is not covering the costs of the programs and services
    - i. This year will probably be Women's Centre as a large recipient
  - i. Also 50/50 raffle tickets available for purchase - see on Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/annelmorhouse>
- 5. City of CR - Parks, Recreation Master Plan** - 25-30 minutes
- a. Presentation
  - b. RC Strategies supporting the City to create a Parks and Rec Master Plan that will guide the next 10 years
    - i. Coalition partners and friends answered the following questions to help inform the Parks and Rec Master Plan - thank you to everyone who participated in this discussion!
      - 1. What are the demographics of homelessness in Campbell River?
      - 2. What is the importance of parks, recreation, and culture services for people who are experiencing homelessness?
      - 3. Assessment of provision of services in Campbell River and how that relates to people experiencing homelessness - how can the City support that?
      - 4. How might we get some input from people experiencing homelessness?
- 6. Attendee-led Updates and Discussions Roundtable** - as time permits
- a. Sue



- i. February 6th - 8pm-7pm overnight - Sue Moen will be staying outside with folks
  - 1. Ahead of CNOY, I will be sleeping outside as part of the event 'night outside' sponsored by Raising the Roof ([www.raisingtheroof.org](http://www.raisingtheroof.org)) I have approached some of the unhoused folks to ensure I am not tokenizing the activity and they have invited me to stay with them. I will invite the media to accompany me, or at least get their commitment to publish an opinion piece about my experience. If anyone else would like to join me my email is [moensue9@gmail.com](mailto:moensue9@gmail.com)
  - ii. Telus has grants open for Indigenous Wellness and Culture projects - <https://www.telus.com/en/social-impact/giving-back/community-grants/indigenous-communities-fund>
- b. Lori
  - i. CRNITS Women's Centre is shut down right now due to staffing but move-ins to Eagle Harbour are starting!
  - ii. Women's Centre will be re-opened ASAP and in the meantime CRNITS is ensuring women have passes to access showers at the rec centre and/or directing folks to showers at Kwesa Place
- c. Michaela
  - i. Community grants through Campbell river Community Foundation are open until February 15th. Please submit project ideas and reach out if you have questions! <https://crfoundation.ca/>
- d. Mary Catherine -
  - i. Various people and organizations who are hoping to make a positive difference in the areas of Seniors Housing in Campbell River had a first meeting on January 8th. Madison Stewart, Coordinator of the Strathcona Community Health Network, will be organizing these meetings going forward. At the first meeting, various groups with an interest, funding or mandate to create housing for seniors discussed their current plans. If you are interested in being part of this group going forward, please let Madison know so she can include you in the next meeting invite. You can reach her at [mstewart@srd.ca](mailto:mstewart@srd.ca)
  - ii. United Way (UWBC) is hosting a webinar on February 27th at 10:00 am on Seniors Housing and you can register here if you are interested. Webinar Registration - [https://uwbc-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_zJJj6v8KQGSIQHBC9seNKQ?utm\\_source=CORE+BC+Newsletter+List&utm\\_campaign=4e20551f23-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2022\\_01\\_03\\_08\\_26\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_c7fd7da4f0-4e20551f23-436982108#/registration](https://uwbc-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zJJj6v8KQGSIQHBC9seNKQ?utm_source=CORE+BC+Newsletter+List&utm_campaign=4e20551f23-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2022_01_03_08_26_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c7fd7da4f0-4e20551f23-436982108#/registration)
- e. Meredith - SRD passed the Housing Service!!
  - i. Press release with more information is included in the email sent out with the minutes.

## 7. Next meeting March 7, 2024 - virtual

- a. April 4th - in-person meeting...pending access to a location