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CRDCEH

Monthly Meeting Agenda

Thursday May 6, 2021

12:00-1:00

1. Attendance

- a. Pat McKenna (Habitat for Humanity North Island)
- b. Stefanie Hendrickson (CRDCEH)
- c. Alynne Neault - (Sasamans Society)
- d. Alison Liebel (Habitat...)
- e. Ian Baikie (Hama?Elas Community Kitchen)
- f. Steve Ayers (John Howard Society North Island - JHSNI)
- g. Valery Puetz (CR and North Island Transitions Society - CRNITS)
- h. Leanne McIntee - MOUHSS, mobile outreach (KDC Health)
- i. Heather Brownhill (Legal Advocacy)
- j. Lucas Schuler - (MP Rachel Blaney)
- k. Councillor Colleen Evans - (City of Campbell River Councillor)
- l. Shelly Kernovich (CRNITS)
- m. Shaun Koopman - (Strathcona Regional District, Emergency Planning)
- n. Libby King (Strathcona Community Health Network)
- o. Don Kattler (Mental Health Recovery Partners North Island - MHRP)
- p. Marc Kitteringham (Campbell River Mirror)
- q. Mary Catherine Williams (Volunteer Campbell River)
- r. Sue Moen (Salvation Army)
- s. Shannon?
- t. Lisa Wilde (Campbell River & District Association for Community Living - CRADACL)
- u. Mary Ruth Snyder (CR Chamber of Commerce)
- v. Cleo Corbett - City of Campbell River (staff)
- w. Taryn O'Flanagan (Vancouver Island Mental Health Society, VIMHS)
- x. Christine Colbert (CR & District Division of Family Practice)
- y. Kaitlyn Nohr (Vancouver Island Health Authority, Gold River)
- z. Sheena Campbell (Vancouver Island Health Authority)
- aa. Gwen Donaldson (Community Action Team, CAT)
- bb. Tracy Armstrong (Province of BC, outreach)
- cc. Andrew - (JHSNI)
- dd. Michelle Downey (?)
- ee. Kaitlyn Dreger (?)
- ff. Audrey Wilson (Laichwiltach Family Life Society)
- gg. June MacNab (Campbell River concerned citizen)
- hh. Chelsey Andrews (City of Campbell River, staff)
- ii. Linda Nagle (City of Campbell River, staff)
- jj. Suzie?



2. Welcome and land acknowledgement (Pat, host)

- a. Today we are zooming in from the traditional and unceded territories of the Ligwilda'xw People. We honour our relationship with all First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples who reside in these territories.

3. Coalition Coordinator Updates (Stef)

a. PiT Count update

- i. PiT Count went well. Was rainy and cold so very difficult to find folks on the street but we reached lots of folks in shelters and programs. Do not have date for when I will receive results from Province of BC but I will share those results as soon as I have them!
- ii. Big thank you to everyone involved!

b. Newsletter features -

- i. First feature was CRNITS - Thank you! People in the community have been asking to learn more about our member organizations. Email Stef if you want to be the next feature. If not, I will start to pester!

c. Canadian Rural and Remote Housing and Homelessness Symposium (June 1-3) -

- i. Just a reminder! Despite it happening on June 3, our Coalition meeting will proceed as normal on June 3.

d. People with Lived/Living Experience update - Committee Update

- i. Another big thank you to the people who have been helping me pull together this Peer Advisory Committee. Particularly Don from MHRP and Courtney from JHSNI for helping to facilitate our first session. Main points from the peers at the first session:
 - 1. They would like to meet monthly to match the schedule of the Coalition
 - 2. They were so grateful to be asked for their opinions and think it is really important for People with Lived/Living Experience (PWLLE) to be brought into these conversations
 - 3. A few concerns that they pointed out:
 - a. A shortage of nighttime services (they noted that homeless people do not operate on “bankers hours” and are



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homeless 24 hours/day) - particularly nighttime outreach support

- b. Stigma is a huge issue for them. Once COVID allows, they would love to see community/neighbourhood events (BBQs, etc...) where people can actually meet them and talk to them to get to know them as people. They are very supportive of any work that goes on around anti-stigma.
- c. They recognized that at some point in their journey a peer mentor has been a very important part of their lives. They would love to see more peer mentors around homelessness and would like to see peers being employed alongside outreach workers and shelter workers.

e. UBCM Grant - submitted

- i. Thank you to everyone who helped brainstorm ideas. Big thank you to Renee with SRD, Cleo with City, and Libby with Strathcona Community Health Network - they were superstars in actually pulling the application together. We will let you know when we know anything about the grant.

f. 100 Women Who Care nominations -

- i. 100 Women Who Care looking for more nominations for their \$5,000 donations. You can nominate a non-profit organization or your own organization via their website.

4. Coalition Leadership nominations for June update - (Pat)

- a. We have a number of Leadership Team (LT) members moving on. Shannon Baikie, Shelley Howard, and Pat McKenna will not run again to sit on the LT.
- b. Alison Liebel from Habitat for Humanity would like to stand as a nominee as the Coalition's fiscal host.
- c. Taryn O'Flanagan (Vancouver Island Mental Health Society) is willing to stand for nomination
- d. Don Kattler (Mental Health Recovery Partners North Island) is willing to stand for nomination.
- e. Sue Moen (Salvation Army), Candace Lindhout (JHSNI), and Mary Ruth Snyder (Chamber) would like to stand for nomination again.
- f. Alynne Neault (Sasamans) is moving on from her job and her replacement would like to stand as indigenous representation (we do not know this person's name yet!).
- g. Bios will be asked for from nominees and will be sent out to member organizations. Then it will go to consensus decision making (and/or election depending on numbers of nominations in) at our June meeting

5. Coalition Terms of Reference update



- a. Suggested changes are highlighted in document sent with meeting agenda
- b. If you feel strongly that any of this should be changed please let us know. Will consensus vote on this at the June meeting.
 - i. Libby wondering why advisors on LT is being considered
 - 1. Stef - one reason is capacity of member organizations. We only have so many and many of those are VERY busy to be able to give their time to the LT. Another reason is that we have some really engaged advisors who are present at all meetings and very engaged in the work. They do not get a vote but this would be a way to allow a limited number of advisors to potentially have more of an opportunity to have their say.
 - 2. Sue - Advisors would only be considered if there were not enough interested members. Members would get priority.
 - ii. Valery Puetz against advisors being allowed on the Leadership Team (LT)
 - iii. Mary Ruth - Could we change the name to Advisory Committee if LT name is a problem?
 - 1. We can't work in silos anymore. The challenges we face are enormous and we need to work together
 - iv. Suzie - as an advisor, supports the idea of advisors being allowed on LT

6. Update from City of Campbell River (Cleo Corbett, Senior Planner)

- a. Housing Growth Review - presentation given to update on process
- b. Process started by Council to start looking at "should the Urban Containment Boundary (UCB) be expanded?"
- c. Background reports and Official Community Plan (OCP) reviewed - information being referred to committees with recommendations including:
 - i. Amendments suggested to encourage infill and walkability
 - ii. 12 recommendations to encourage infill and housing growth that is diverse: (remove regulatory barriers, tiered DCC's and fee,s overlay designations, neighbourhood plans, development permit guidelines, minimum density, storm water, amenity contribution, rural area development, variety of housing typologies, articulate walkability, connectivity)
 - iii. Currently in committees, developer forums, and with staff - this is currently ongoing work
- d. The Housing Market Assessment from 2019 indicated we need roughly 200 units per year with a mix of housing
 - i. 30% single family
 - ii. 35% Duplex/row housing
 - iii. 35% apartments (50% condo/50% rental)
- e. While we can support this currently, where can we look for expansion and cost for infrastructure in the future?
- f. Lots of growth can happen in the Quinsam and Kingfisher areas



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- g. Once OCP amendments are drafted and supported by Council to move forward, there will be a public consultation including with the Coalition
- h. Question from Alynne: Is affordable housing built into the plan?
 - i. Cleo - Housing Needs Assessment did look at non-market housing how to encourage affordable housing along the spectrum. Yes, this is part of the conversation. 4% of our housing stock is non-market (this is fairly good for North America) but we do want to see it increase
- i. Steve Ayers - is document available for us to look at?
 - i. Cleo - yes, I can email Stefanie with this information for distribution
- j. Mary Ruth Snyder - public Facebook groups there are dozens of people looking for affordable housing because they can't find housing. People coming here to work but can't find a place to live. Is it time for council to consider secondary suites and move away from single family residential.
 - i. Cleo - we know that housing variety and density is important. Council has decided that people can apply for secondary suites through rezoning in existing neighbourhoods and will consider more broadly in new neighbourhoods. Record number of apartments going up and many permits are being processed regularly.
 - ii. Councillor Evans - This is a priority for Council, looking at growth in key areas. Many staff reports have come forward. We do welcome opportunities for rezoning and secondary suites. There has been lots of thoughtful consideration by council. This is a process that is building and is a priority.
- k. Christine Colbert (via chat) - Campbell River & District Division of Family Practice having difficulties recruiting health care providers due to housing shortages.
- l. Shelley Kernovich - I would like to see more mention of affordable housing in these reports.
 - i. Sue Moen (via chat) - this report only names types of housing - not pricing and Cleo described processes available to encourage low income/social housing
- m. Sue Moen (via chat) - we the non-profits and coalition can propose low income housing. We, not the City, have to drive this utilizing the tools available. It's only through BC Housing/Feds that we can have units available within shelter rates. You cannot build for that amount without some kind of subsidization.
- n. Mary Ruth Snyder - why are secondary suites being limited to new developments?
 - i. Colleen Evans - they are considered case-by-case basis as well as in new neighbourhoods
- o. Pat McKenna - speaking as a City Councillor of the Town of Comox - there is not enough 'true' affordable housing.
- p. Colleen Evans - there are also concerns about how the province is defining affordable housing
- q. Audrey Wilson (via chat) - single family units are great, I know transition society is doing one for women. Is anyone considering single family units for men and their children?



- i. Cleo Corbett - there is not currently a men's non-market housing project that allows children but I expect more family housing to be coming. 580 Dogwood allows men but not children.
- r. Cleo Corbett - secondary suites info is available on the City website and anyone can contact the planning department for help on how to apply.

7. Update on Situation Table (Leanne McIntee)

- a. Steve Ayers and Leanne McIntee - setting up Situation Table in Campbell River
- b. Formatted table where people come together with information from front line workers are with gaps and difficulties - provincial level
- c. We are looking at having folks involved (front line who then communicate to their managers, managers can be the ones at the table if capacity of front-line is limited)
- d. Contact Steve Ayers or Leanne McIntee if interested in joining the Situation Table concept (can connect with Stefanie for contact information)

8. Concern from member about meeting media (Pat, 5 min)

- a. Leadership Team does support media presence at meeting and it is a public meeting
- b. Could people who are concerned about going on record let Marc know that they don't want to go on record?
- c. One member - uncomfortable with media presence - difficult position for me because I work for government and I'm not able to speak to media so I stay quiet at meetings
- d. Valery - was surprised to be quoted in the Mirror after last meeting. Great thing having press present but maybe we need some conversations that aren't public so that people can be candid.
- e. Mary Ruth - Stefanie can connect Marc with any of the people on the call (regarding contact information, emails)
- f. Marc - can people say "this is off the record?" if they don't want to be quoted?
 - i. I will put my email in the chat and then people can email me after the meeting to not include your comments.
 - ii. Wants to work together on this and be a positive presence
- g. Leadership Team very supportive of media presence.

9. Should the coalition send in another letter supporting secondary suites to the municipality? (Pat)

- a. Yes



- b. Sue - address current deficiencies
- c. Pat - we might need to get more targeted about our ask
- d. Councillor Evans - targeted questions or comments help. Where you really feel the gaps are. Where you feel needs are not being met. Generic things (such as, 'there should be more secondary suites') are difficult for council to address.
- e. Valery - targeted ask would be 'to remove the need for rezoning to add a secondary suite'
 - i. Pressures at City Hall are another good reason to take the rezoning requirement out of streamlining this process.
- f. Mary Ruth - length of time that the process takes - streamlining the process
- g. Pat - speaking from City of Comox perspective, there are probably not enough planners to do the work that comes in. "Little asks" like rezoning for secondary suites sometimes might get pushed to the bottom.

10. Good news story and member updates (time permitted) - from the floor!

- a. Sue - anyone interested in Community Food Security. There is a group looking at the overall continuum of food security in Campbell River. Stefanie will send information regarding a community consultation meeting regarding this. Please only one representative from each organization.
- b. Valery - we have development permit granted for Eagle Harbour! (55 units) - WOOHOO!

11. Next meeting - the first Thursday of the month at Noon (June 3)