



**COALITION TO  
END  
HOMELESSNESS**  
CAMPBELL RIVER & DISTRICT

## **CRDCEH**

Monthly Meeting Agenda

Thursday June 3, 2021

12:00-1:00

### **1. In Attendance**

- a. Stefanie Hendrickson - CRDCEH, Coordinator
- b. Mary Ruth Snyder - Campbell River & District Chamber of Commerce
- c. Shalini Nakai - Graduate, Masters of Community Planning - supporting Gold River on housing project
- d. Ceciia - practicum student CRNITS
- e. Jo Watson - volunteer, Hama?Elas Community Kitchen
- f. Don Kattler - Mental Health Recovery Partners (MHRP)
- g. Claire Moglove - City Councillor - City of Campbell River
- h. Kaitlyn Nohr - Vancouver Island Health Authority
- i. Shannon Baikie - North Island Employment Foundations Society (NIEFS)
- j. Lori Ritchie - general citizen/local business owner
- k. Gwendolyn Donaldson - Community Action Team (CAT)
- l. Heather Brownhill - Legal Advocate
- m. Jim Costain - Dairy Queen
- n. Shelly Kernovich - Campbell River & North Island Transitions Society (CRNITS)
- o. Heather Gordon-Murphy - Downtown Campbell River BIA
- p. Joelle Samson - Library Manager Campbell River and area
- q. Larry
- r. Marc Kitteringham - Campbell River Mirror
- s. Sarah Sullivan - Island Health, Mental Health and SU Coordinator of Residential Housing
- t. Shaun Koopman - SRD Emergency Program Coordinator
- u. Cleo Corbett - Senior Planner, City of Campbell River
- v. Taryn O'Flanagan - Vancouver Island Mental Health Society (VIMHS)
- w. Michelle Vanderwould -
- x. Lucas Schueller - on behalf of MP Rachel Blaney
- y. Alison Liebel - Habitat for Humanity Vancouver Island North
- z. Tracy Armstrong - Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
- aa. Valery Puetz - Campbell River & North Island Transition Society (CRNITS)
- bb. Steve Ayers - John Howard Society of the North Island
- cc. Suzie
- dd. Ian Baikie - Hama?Elas Community Kitchen



## **2. Welcome, land acknowledgement, and moment of silence (Stefanie, host)**

- a. On behalf of myself and the Leadership Team, we would like to take 2 minutes and 15 seconds in acknowledgement of the 215 children who were discovered at the site of the Kamloops Residential School on the lands of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc.
- b. I am calling into this meeting as a settler on the traditional and unceded territories of the Ligwilda'xw people.
- c. The Leadership Team would like to state that the Coalition is committed to decolonizing through our words and actions. Any feedback given to the Coalition regarding this will be accepted freely and taken seriously. We recognize that we will make mistakes and are genuinely appreciative of any opportunities to do better. We would also like to acknowledge that indigenous people are significantly over-represented in homelessness and housing insecurity.

## **3. Coalition Coordinator Updates**

- a. People with Lived/Living Expertise (PWLLE) Advisory Committee update
  - i. The Committee is appreciative of being asked and included in these conversations. They hope that their recommendations are taken seriously. If their recommendations are not acted on, they would like feedback as to why not.
  - ii. They are supportive of any anti-stigma work, events, etc...
  - iii. They ask that organizations look at ways to hire peers with meaningful employment. They cannot emphasize enough the importance of peers for connection and healing.
  - iv. They want to point out the shortage of “after-hours” services or even just a place to hang out.
  
- b. Us & Them Documentary



- i. The Coalition is working with some community partners to look at a virtual, public screening of this film as an anti-stigma event. Stay tuned! Trailer can be found at [usandthemthefilm.ca](http://usandthemthefilm.ca)
  
- c. Update on City Council's review of Coalition's Secondary Suite letter
  1. As per discussion at May meeting, a letter was sent on behalf of Coalition with the following ask:
    - a. That Council reconsider previous decisions regarding secondary suites including:
      - i. Revising existing bylaws to allow secondary suites in all of the most prevalent single-family zones, including, but not limited to R-1 zoning
      - ii. Or, alternatively, that Council consider a 1-year pilot project to waive rezoning process and fees regarding secondary suites and then assess the impact of this pilot project.
    - b. Councillor Moglove asked that the Coalition's letter be used to help inform a staff report that is pending regarding secondary suites
      - i. This recommendation was opposed by Mayor Adams and Councillors Kerr, Dahl, and Cornfield. As such, it did not pass. Those in support were Councillor Moglove, Evans, and Smyth.
      - ii. Those in opposition brought up concerns that the Coalition had "an agenda" and that we continue to send letters asking for the same things, over and over (as a note, we have previously sent 1 letter, with not so specific asks. It was received by Council on May 25, 2020). Councillor Cornfield asked that City staff filter letters from residents and



organizations better so that not everything ends up on Council's agenda.

- iii. At the Council meeting, Councillor Moglove brought up that the Coalition is not the only group discussing this. She has heard a similar request at the Tourism Advisory Committee. As tourism operators are having difficulties hiring staff due to no places for them to live.

- ii. Mary Ruth asked Cleo if she had anything to add to this conversation.

Cleo: City staff did a report in 2019 regarding secondary suites. Council chose at that time to not look at secondary suites but to look at them as one-off reasoning applications and considering secondary suites in new neighbourhoods. Council has asked for a report back regarding, if they were to look at new neighbourhoods, what would that look like.

- iii. Question to Cleo from Mary Ruth: Housing is the most pressing issue for our community, is there not a way to prioritize this particular report to council? - Cleo: Yes, that has been discussed. We are also currently working on Housing Growth Review in the planning department right now. There are a number of things that we can do as a municipality through rezoning and promoting diversity of housing.

- d. Update on Hilchey Rd. - Habitat for Humanity - Congratulations!

- i. Coalition sent letter of support for this zoning request
- ii. Rezoning to allow for 20 units. Approved by Mayor Adams and Councillors Moglove, Evans, and Smyth. Was opposed by Councillors Cornfield, Kerr, and Dahl. As such, the rezoning passed.

#### **4. Coalition Terms of Reference review & consensus vote** (*\*Members only to vote*)

\*Vote carried



**5. New Member/Advisor requests** (*\*Members only to vote*)

- a. Member - Campbell River & District Division of Family Practice
- b. Member - Campbell River & District Chamber of Commerce
- c. Advisor - Vancouver Island Regional Library

\*Vote carried

**6. Coalition Communications Plan review & consensus vote** (*\*Members only to vote*)

\*Vote carried

**7. Coalition Leadership Team nominations for 2021-22 year** (*\*Members only to vote*)

\*Vote carried

**2021-22 Leadership Team is:**

- Sue Moen, Salvation Army
- Taryn O'Flanagan, Vancouver Island Mental Health Society
- Shelly Kernovich, Campbell River & North Island Transition Society
- Don Kattler, Mental Health Recovery Partners North Island
- Candace Lindhout, John Howard Society of the North Island
- Mary Ruth Snyder, Campbell River & District Chamber of Commerce
- Alison Liebel, Habitat for Humanity Vancouver Island North

**8. Presentation re: Gold River housing project - Shalini Nakai, Masters of Community Planning graduate. (5-7 minutes)**

- a. Presentation on Parkview Apartments, Gold River
- b. In Gold River, 33% of tenant households are spending 30% or more of their income on shelter costs - there is a lack of social services and public transportation in Gold River
- c. Project has 2 active buildings and additional buildings that the project would renovate to include additional housing as well as women's shelter, detox facility, and senior's housing



- d. Currently seeking potential stakeholders. Next steps are to develop formal proposal, seek SEED funding, lease out one building to BC Housing to provide service for single mothers and pregnant women
- e. MP Rachel Blaney happy to help advocate for this
- f. Steve Ayers - happy to help review proposal, if needed
- g. Stefanie offered to send an email to Coalition email list with any specific 'asks' for support

**9. Questions for advisors/members - Shaun Koopman regarding SRD Emergency Preparedness Planning (5 minutes)**

- a. Updating Emergency Support Services Plan - is your organization able to be relied upon as a service in the case of an emergency? Please let Shaun know! skoopman@srd.ca

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

- a. Don Kattler shared a quote from Chief Robert Joseph - "There is opportunity from tragedy, we need to discover each other and embrace each other and ask...what can I do?" - Chief Robert Joseph
- b. Taryn (VIMHS) - Completed purchase of 1330 Dogwood and are updating building. We are also able to support with trauma incident debriefing in the near future.
- c. Cleo - shout-out to outgoing Leadership Team! The work to support during the pandemic and apartment fire was amazing!

**11. Next meeting - Due to the next meeting date being July 1st, we will be moving the July meeting to the second Thursday of the month (July 8th, noon-1pm)**