



CRDCEH
Monthly Meeting Agenda
September 3, 2020
12:00-1:00

1. Welcome and Intros

- 24 attendees on our call!

2. A Coalition Summer Update

- Participated in the recent City Council Committee of the Whole meeting
- A panelist on the BC Housing Let's Talk panel addressing community questions regarding 580 Dogwood St. supportive housing

3. Bridge to Housing & Supportive Housing Update & Timeframes

- Bridge to Housing/Rose Bowl - team almost secured and in process of training
- Renovations ongoing
- Aiming to open September 15-20
- Supportive housing - aiming to open January 2021

4. Community Access & Assessment Information (Selection Committee Process)

- This committee was formed from an information session in August regarding this process
- BC Housing receives all applications - currently 85 'active applications' for supporting housing (including Bridge to Housing)
- The initial committee discussion the selection criteria for the Bridge to Housing to include:
 - a. Length of time homeless
 - b. Lived in the community 12 mo.+
 - c. Open to live in communal setting
 - d. Currently located downtown; a lens on people who identify as Indigenous and seniors; experiencing multiple health issues



5. City Update

- Portland Loo (downtown bathroom) opening tomorrow
- The 'Get the Point' Program really successful for peer outreach and clean up; looking for further funding to continue program
- Permits being issued for supportive housing @ 580 Dogwood and new build Eagle Harbour (Transitions Society)
- Discussion regarding an Emergency Response Centre for responses to homelessness due to COVID-19 through the winter months
- Housing Needs Assessment recently completed and for review- tentative presentation scheduled at next Coalition meeting in October

6. Downtown Initiatives Working Group

- Coalition to form a short term working group to brainstorm initiatives that could respond to the ongoing discussions in regards to downtown
- From this discussion, Coalition to provide ideas and initiatives that could support people experiencing homelessness and priority population for enhancing services and resources
- Examples discussed include a drop in centre/ warming centre
- Addendum: Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, September 9th @ 09:00** via Zoom - please email campbellriverhousing@gmail.com for calendar invite or to submit ideas if you cannot attend
- Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87304499805>

7. Quinsam Encampment

- Recent complaints and article in local news of encampment up Quinsam Rd.
- Issues with landownership, zoning and options to address
- AVI has provided outreach engagement over past couple weeks; JSHNI as well
- Mail postage stopped due to safety concerns
- Estimated 20-40 people at location
- Plan to connect outreach organizations and Rachel Blaney's office (related to postal service) for further discussion



8. Round Table Updates

- Volunteer Campbell River - supporting decolonization work for organizations in the community - please email Mary Catherine Williams for more information (execdirect@volunteercr.ca)
- JHSNI - “Our new CHB-HPP program is geared toward individuals who are not currently on any other rental support program, and whose income level leaves them struggling to pay rent each month. Potential clients will need to qualify for our HPP program (serious medical condition, recently released from corrections, leaving an abusive relationship, First Nations decent) in order to be considered for CHB-HPP and have demonstrated at least 4 months of secure housing” - please email andrew.duarte@jhsni.bc.ca for more information
- Salvation Army - 6 units of transitional housing being renovated through BC Housing; looking to repurpose units to meet affordable housing needs in community; looking for a project manager to support project
- Salvation Army Lighthouse - looking at re-opening centre as cold weather approaches
- Salvation Army Extreme Weather Response - not operational at shelter due to COVID-19 measures; typically 6 beds and looking to partner around other options/locations
- Habitat for Humanity - ahead of schedule on current build and moving next door with Campbell River site for next project
- Urban Indigenous Housing Group - in process of hiring a coordinator
- Kyuquot/Che:k:tl̓es7et'h' First Nation - recently lost their chief, and community slowed during this transition

9. Coalition's New Website

- 'Soft launch' happening now - www.crhousing.net
- To publicly announce in September!
- Any edits or links to revise please email: campbellriverhousing@gmail.com

10. Good News Story

- Leanne with KDC mobile outreach- completed 12 supportive housing applications in one day!