



Thursday, October 1, 2020
12:00-1:00
Monthly Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. 20 attendees today

2. Rose Bowl & 580 Dogwood Update -

- a. Residents were selected through the Community Access & Assessment Committee made up of community organizations
- b. Rose Bowl is currently operational at 20 beds
- c. 580 Dogwood to be ready early 2021
- d. Applications can still be completed online at BC Housing -

<https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/housing-with-support/supportive-housing>

3. Housing Needs Assessment - Chelsey Andrews

- a. Slides attached with minutes
- b. Questions - Council did not approve the recommendations outlined in the report; asked to submit report without recommendations; plan to discuss the proposed recommendations in a Committee of the Whole meeting at a later date
- c. Support to endorse recommendations as a Coalition or networks or individuals - Coalition to respond; please send feedback for compilation to campbellriverhousing@gmail.com

4. Provincial Election Housing Brief - Call for Provincial Considerations – Kristi

- a. Coalition working on a housing brief for all candidates to address provincial housing and homelessness issues and initiatives along with questions for all candidates forum
- b. A call to Coalition members if they have any provincial housing concerns
- c. Please send feedback for compilation to campbellriverhousing@gmail.com



5. Quinsam Campground - Notice to Vacate Announcement

- a. Provincial Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations intends to issue and post "no trespassing orders" on Crown Land located at 2600 Quinsam Road (AKA Quinsam Road Camp) . The order will be posted and delivered by hand, within the coming weeks. Once the order has been given, residents will have seven days to vacate the land and remove their belongings. The occupants will be advised that they may temporarily camp at Nunns Creek, but must vacate by 0900 hrs the following morning as per current case law.
- b. Questions - locker availability through the subcommittee - no space located; nor host organization for operations and fiscal host
- c. Question - people at encampment are not interested in leaving site; however enforcement from RCMP to follow in coming days/weeks

6. Letter of Recommendation to the City – Downtown Solutions - Kristi

- a. Letter submitted as follow up measure to the Committee of the Whole meeting regarding 'downtown solutions'
- b. See attached letter with 5 Coalition recommendations for consideration of Mayor & Council

7. NIEFS – Programming Update - Shannon

- a. NIEFS has a lending library for electronics through an United Way Central & Northern Vancouver Island grant - open for people who do not have access to a computer to service access needs eg. forms, Service Canada, etc...

8. Member & Friends Updates

- a. The Coalition will be posting for a coordinator as Kristi transitions to a new role with Vancouver Island Mental Health Society - posting to follow in the coming weeks
- b. Habitat is moving along to build a tri-plex to accommodate larger families on Hillchey; ReStore open and recent award received from WorkSafe BC; looking for funding to continue at 461 Hillchey Rd.



- c. Lucas from Rachel Blaney's office - looking at the support of federal funds to support purchasing buildings to offer affordable housing; with vast resources have gone outside BC; and within BC, not to our rural and remote communities - **If you have a project in need of federal funds- please reach out to Lucas - Rachel.Blaney.C1@parl.gc.ca**
- d. Salvation Army proposed a 10 bed Emergency Weather Shelter this year - will not be held at the shelter due to COVID-19 physical distancing measures
- e. John Howard Society North Island - Elaine away for the time being; Candace has resumed this role in the interim
- f. Audrey with Laichwiltach reaching out to identify a shower location; have been working with the Coalition to secure a site - please email campbellriverhousing@gmail.com if you are aware of an available location for shower services

9. Good New Story

- a. The Coalition has supported 5 member orgs to attend the recent Homelessness Services Association of BC Conference last week! A Coalition member perk!