



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

## **CRDCEH**

Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Thursday September 2, 2021  
12:00-1:00

### **1. Attendance**

- a. Mary Ruth Snyder, CR Chamber of Commerce (host)
- b. Stefanie Hendrickson, CRDCEH
- c. Heather Gordon-Murphy, BIA
- d. Laloni Everitt, Ethos Career Management Services
- e. Ian Baikie, Hama?Elas Community Kitchen/Rotary
- f. Jackie Lever, North Island Metis
- g. Heather Brownhill, Legal Aid
- h. Joelle Samson, VI Regional Library
- i. Jim Costain, Dairy Queen CR
- j. Lucas Schuller, MP Rachel Blaney
- k. Andrew, John Howard Society North Island
- l. Mary Catherine Williams, Volunteer CR
- m. Don Kattler, MHRP North Island
- n. Shaun Koopman, Emergency Services, SRD
- o. Michele Vanderwoude (MLA Michelle Babchuk)
- p. Candace Lindhout, JHSNI
- q. Chelsey Andrew, attending as community member (VIMHS/City of CR)
- r. Tracy Armstrong, MCFD
- s. Claire Moglove, Councillor City of Campbell River
- t. Sheena Campbell, Vancouver Island Health Authority
- u. Kristi Schwanicke, Vancouver Island Mental Health Society
- v. Colleen Evans, Councillor City of Campbell River
- w. Courtney Harrop, First Nations Health Authority

### **2. Land acknowledgement - (Mary Ruth Snyder, host)**

### **3. Welcome (Mary Ruth)**

- a. Any newcomers to the meeting who would like to introduce themselves?
  - i. Laloni Everitt with Ethos Career Management Services (North Island)
  - ii. Shaun Koopman - not new, but sends apologies regarding hosting a meeting regarding responses to heat waves, etc... - has been extremely busy with fire season.



#### 4. Coalition Updates (Stef)

- a. People with Lived/Living Expertise (PWLLE) Advisory Committee update
  - i. Discussion re: peer work
  - ii. At our last peer meeting we had a lot of discussion around peer work. There is a lot of enthusiasm for more opportunities for people to be able to access peer work. We also encouraged folks that if they had any ideas for peer work that there could be admin/grant writing support for them.
    - 1. Lots of excitement around opportunities at Hama?Elas for peer work
    - 2. Some people pointed out that the early morning work of the Get the Point program was not accessible to those experiencing alcohol addiction as they are often still asleep in the mornings. They would like to have afternoon or evening options available.
  - iii. Mary Catherine - at Volunteer CR we are looking at some training to include folks with different backgrounds and experience. Will keep this table updated as we move forward with this.
  - iv. Heather - the BIA is looking at business/peer partnerships for graffiti-removal
    - 1. Also pointed out that criminal record checks for volunteer work can be a barrier for peers sometimes. Either because they have criminal records or simply because they don't have the ID needed to be able to get a crim check.
- b. Us & Them Documentary screening September 16, 7pm
  - i. Please continue to share with your networks
  - ii. Both virtual and in-person options available, COVID pending. At this time, folks attending in-person will need proof of first-dose of vaccine as well as ID. Will need to mask until seated.
- c. Strategic Planning
  - i. Leadership Team is currently working with Wave Consulting on Strategic planning.
    - 1. This is step-1 of strategic planning and will be direction for our organization, the Leadership Team and the Coordinator
    - 2. Step-2 (hopefully to start early 2022, pending funding) would be a long-range Regional Plan to End Homelessness where we would bring together multiple interested and affected parties and come up with an actionable plan to end and prevent homelessness in the region.



- d. PIT Count results - Since our last meeting, PiT Count Demographics have come out. These can be viewed here

<https://www.bchousing.org/research-centre/housing-data/homeless-counts>

- i. There are many interesting findings in this report, but important to point out that 62% of respondents identified as Indigenous, as compared to Indigenous people representing 12% of Campbell River's population (2016 census)
- e. UBCM Funding Announcement & Summary
  - i. The SRD and City of Campbell River were successful in their application to the UBCM Strengthening Communities' Services Grant. This is short-term funding for specific projects but still very exciting for the region as it supplies over 1 million dollars.
  - ii. A group of people came together and very quickly collaborated on some key ideas to put together an application by the deadline. Thank you to all who participated and the SRD and City for their support.
  - iii. Contact Stefanie if you haven't yet seen a copy of the SRD press release regarding this and would like more information.
- f. Volunteer - accounting
  - i. Recently a gentleman reached out to me to indicate his desire to help homeless. I have connected him with Hama?Elas Community Kitchen.
  - ii. However, he also has a professional accounting designation and works as an accountant. If any organizations would benefit from a volunteer with this skill-set, please contact Stefanie to get in touch with him.

#### **5. \*New Item - BC Budget 2022 Consultation**

- a. Share your priorities for next year's provincial budget by filling out a survey, or sending in your thoughts in video, audio, or written format by September 30 (<https://bcleg.ca/FGSbudget>)
- b. Mary Catherine - Could the Coalition put something together for this?
  - i. Stefanie - Yes, with help from Sue
  - ii. Colleen Evans asked if we could share this with City Council when we put it together.
  - iii. Stefanie and Sue - Can organizations send their thoughts/priorities to Stefanie so that we can collaborate to create a response from the Coalition?

#### **6. \*New Item - New secondary suite approvals and housing developments from City**



- a. Mary Ruth - was excited to see a number of secondary suite approvals and housing developments
- b. Colleen Evans - The City is always happy to support secondary suites and housing developments as they arise. With thanks for bringing that up.

#### **7. New Item - Dairy Queen issues downtown**

- a. Jim Costain, Dairy Queen staff having problems with people experiencing homelessness downtown
  - i. People not comfortable to sit on patio
  - ii. Staff scared of violence and threats
  - iii. Recommendation that services be split-up so that they are not all in one area
  - iv. Foot police walking around did help in the area - I would make this suggestion, that this service be continued regularly
- b. Claire Moglove - Council has been struggling with this issue for at least a year. Council is trying to get more resources in the community for mental health and addictions issues. But these things take time.
  - i. Conditions in 'greater downtown' are deteriorating - RCMP, bylaw, private security - City needs some short-term solutions in the meantime while waiting for funding for programs and services (such as recovery beds) - working with private security to provide security in the short-term.
  - ii. Colleen Evans - to Dairy Queen (Jim) Council has received your most recent email. It is not the only such email we have received. We are struggling for best directions to take as well.
- c. Ian Baikie, Hama?Elas Community Kitchen - it seems like some folks accessing our services are aware that police can do very little due to court systems. This is not our "typical" guest but there are a couple in a room of 50 who are causing problems. When you can't get people through the court system, there is very little that can be done legally. But this is a small segment of the population that we are serving that is causing problems.
- d. Sue Moen, Salvation Army - We can't assume that all of the people causing problems are homeless. If people were using the Overdose Prevention Site services, then they wouldn't be using in Dairy Queen bathrooms. These should be considered two different problems. Would like to invite RCMP and Situation Table to give update on those programs. Would also like an update on Community Court development.
- e. Kristi Schwanicke - Jim, if you would like to connect to collaborate on some solutions. We are experiencing some of the same issues at our sites and are happy to connect about this.



## **8. Federal Election (Mary Ruth)**

- a. Chamber will be hosting an all candidates forum - There will be time for the Coalition to ask one question on housing/homelessness and possibly one follow-up question to that.
  - i. Please email Stefanie with your ideas for a question regarding housing/homelessness so that we can craft a question to submit based on the suggestions from the Coalition.
- b. Lucas, MP Rachel Blaney - you can request a mail-in package until September 14 but it does need to get to you and get back to Elections Canada by September 20 so that day may be a bit tight! There is also option to drop it off at Election Canada office in town.
- c. The Coalition Leadership Team has decided that the best role for the Coalition this election is to share information about the housing crisis in Campbell River to help inform the community. We will encourage people to take this information and ask questions of local candidates to help put housing at the forefront of this election.
  - i. We are looking for stats or anecdotal reports from your organization that we can share. Please send to Stefanie
  - ii. We already have Point in Time stats mostly for chronically homeless, but we would also like to make sure the community is aware that it is also seniors, youth, working families, etc... who are facing hardship
    1. If your organization has any stats or anecdotal reports that we can share, please email Stefanie
  - iii. We are also encouraging people to follow [VoteHousing.ca](http://VoteHousing.ca) - this is a non-partisan movement to put housing and homelessness at the forefront of this election. They are on social media and have a website. We encourage people to check out their platform. It gives some great ideas that can help guide people in asking the right questions of their local candidates.

## **9. Good news story and member updates - from the floor!**

- a. Mary Catherine - thank you Jim for sharing your experiences. We hear you.
  - i. Food Security Coalition is officially a thing! (Strathcona Community Food Hub) - received some funding from United Way to March 2022 to hire a coordinator
  - ii. Happipad - We are looking at the possibility of becoming a Happipad partner to bring Happipad to the community.



- b. Ethos Career Management Services -
  - i. Ethos has several programs that are government funded and part of the Restart the Economy initiative. Two programs that may be of interest to Campbell River and North Island folks are the RiseUP program for women with disabilities and the Qmunity Works program that provides Employment Services for LGBTQ2S as well as their allies.

**10. Next meeting - October 7, noon**