



COALITION TO
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HOMELESSNESS
CAMPBELL RIVER & DISTRICT

CRDCEH

Monthly Meeting Agenda

Thursday April 1, 2021

12:00-1:00

1. In attendance:

- a. Stefanie Hendrickson - CRDCEH
- b. Sue Moen - Salvation Army
- c. Michelle Downey -
- d. Leanne McIntee - MOUHSS/KDC
- e. Alynne Neault - Sasamans
- f. Shaun Koopman - Emergency Planning, SRD
- g. Valery Puetz - CRNITS
- h. Heather Gordon-Murphy - BIA
- i. Don Kattler - MHRP
- j. Steve Ayers - JHSNI
- k. Wayne Baier - RCMP
- l. Heather Brownhill - Legal Advocate
- m. Kristi Schwanicke - VIMHS
- n. Hayley Dunbar - Nursing Student
- o. Libby King - Strathcona Community Health Network
- p. Lucas Schuller - MP Rachel Blaney
- q. Susan Doyle
- r. Colleen Evans - City of Campbell River
- s. Marc Kitteringham - Campbell River Mirror
- t. Andrew - JHSNI
- u. Pat McKenna - HHNI
- v. Tracy Armstrong - BC Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
- w. Ian Baikie - Hama?Elas Community Kitchen
- x. Kimberley Toonders - VIHA
- y. Candace Lindhout - JHSNI
- z. Mary Catherine Williams - Volunteer CR
- aa. Christine Colbert - CR Division of Family Practice
- bb. Gwen Donaldson - CAT
- cc. Jackie Lever - North Island Metis Society
- dd. Elizabeth Driver - Coordinator for ACT Team
- ee. Sheena Campbell - VIHA
- ff. Michelle Vanderwoude -
- gg. Hazel ?
- hh. Linda Nagle - City of Campbell River



2. Welcome and land acknowledgement (Sue, 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.
- b. Any newcomers to the meeting who would like to introduce themselves?

3. Coalition Coordinator Updates (Stef)

- a. PiT Count update
 - i. Posters - Stef will send out posters this weekend. Please place them somewhere visible if you are a place where homeless folks might access. This allows an avenue for folks who we might not find on the day of the count still have their voices heard by calling in if they want to.
 - ii. Survey admins - If you are a survey admin you will receive an email from me in the next day or two. Thank you for your patience as I iron out details
- b. HSABC account reminder - The Coalition has an account available to use for anyone who would like to access any HSABC training opportunities. Email Stef for account access.
- c. Newsletter features - why do we want to feature our members? - Our newsletter is reaching well over 200 people and some folks are wanting to get to know the agencies doing this important work a bit better. Stef may reach out to you for a newsletter feature of your organization.
- d. Social media and e-newsletter - please like us on Instagram and Facebook. We are considered a “political” issue with Facebook and so we can’t boost posts without jumping through some hoops. We’d love to get our organic reach up!
- e. Canadian Rural and Remote Housing and Homelessness Symposium - Early-bird pricing on until April 15. www.crrhh.ca
- f. People with Lived/Living Experience update - Committee Update



- i. Committee has met and has a goal of having a peer advisory committee in place by May or June of this year. Meeting again shortly to discuss more.
- g. UBCM Grant - update on grant working group - This has been a wonderful exercise in collaboration and community-building. Thank you to everyone who has participated. We have a number of items that we intend to apply for and regardless of outcome this was a good experience!

4. Update on Strategic Planning - (Sue)

- a. Living document - Housing Action Plan has been completed this is a living document and will help guide the Coalition's planning
- b. Nursing student survey results are being compiled and evaluated - thank you to everyone who participated in the survey. This information will be used to help develop the Coalition's Strategic Plan
- c. Including Persons with Lived/Living Experience - part of the Coalition's strategic plan will include PWLE. We would like to see folks with lived/living experience on the LT and the peer committees work will help guide this.

5. Coalition Leadership nominations for June (Sue)

- a. Accepting nominations for Leadership Team. We hope to finalize at next meeting
- b. Feel free to reach out to any former or existing members of the LT and/or Stefanie for more information

6. Recommendations on Downtown Safety Committee have been presented to council - (member feedback on recommendations, 10-15 minutes) - (Sue)

- a. Stef - overview of feedback we have received.
 - i. Received some praise for some of the items from our membership (such as boosting Get the Point, supporting Situation Table, Community Court, and UBCM grant), however, also had some concerns expressed on a



number of items such as shopping cart ban, removing Spirit Square cover, campfire ban)

- b. Mary Catherine - folks on the streets need our support and trauma-informed responses. Feel that some of the recommendations are 'mean-spirited'. Feels like there are ways to improve safety downtown in trauma-informed and dignified ways. No recognition of colonialism in recommendations. Would like to mention that a lot of the recommendations are good recommendations and that these comments are not a reflection of the committee but just the complexity of the issue.
 - i. Supported by Alynne and Tracy Armstrong in chat
- c. Hazel -
 - i. covering on Spirit Square, concerned about that
 - ii. No fires on the beach - traditional territories - seems like discrimination. There are fires all the time.
- d. Valery Puetz - Feels like Coalition must respond to this. Direction seems backwards. Seems to be in the tone of driving people away, instead of attracting people to where you want them to go. Sense is that downtown is too good for the vulnerable.
- e. Christine Colbert - Division of Family Practice - sent a letter to City about Spirit Square has had a response but not sure of any action regarding that yet.
- f. Susan Doyle - Can we find a more human approach? For gathering, if not at Spirit Square, could another place be found where folks can gather
- g. Andrew JHSNI - finds the \$75,000 relocation initiative inappropriate
- h. Kimberly Toonders - Spirit Square - concerned that this is a gathering, positive space. Has had very good interactions with vulnerable folks there and removing cover seems to go against intent of what Spirit Square is.
- i. Shaun - one of our evacuation maps is located at that location because it is a place where people gather and can be informed of evacuation routes.
- j. Sue - takes issue with the use of "problems". Concerned that we see folks who are vulnerable as a problem. Was unsure about the hydro box. Not sure what the



vision is because the vision isn't specified in the report. What is the impact of these actions?

- k. Ian - our clients bring their life in their shopping carts. If they can't bring their carts, this may be a problem for food security for folks. As for the beach fires - would this ban fires for all? Including first nations?
- l. Kristi - can the letter also address the way that the committee was selected?
- m. Pat - shared article regarding shopping cart ban from Vernon in chat
- n. Multiple concerns were brought up with how the committee was selected and who was excluded (including library, art gallery, Coalition, people with lived/living experience, etc...)
- o. Consensus for Coalition to move ahead with a letter for City of CR in response to the recommendations.
- p. Valery - what is the process now?
 - i. Sue - in the past we have taken feedback and the Leadership Team has crafted a response and then gone forward. Unless there is a group wanting more input/vetting. Is the membership comfortable with our usual process? Seems to be consensus on that
- q. Colleen Evans - thank you for your kind and passionate responses to your concerns. The City is very open to hear from our community members. Thank you!

7. Nursing Students - 2 minutes - Andrea and Hayley

- a. Thank you so much for having us here. Our semester wraps up next week but we would like to keep in touch with what is going on and attend some meetings as we are able.

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



- a. Lucas (MP Rachel Blaney) - our office will be sending letter shortly regarding federal budget. If anyone has anything that should be included in such a letter, please forward these to Lucas ASAP.
- b. Pat - Habitat is finalizing the triplex on Hilchey. - 3 families moving in in April - now in application phase for next project. Would see approximately 20 new homes in Campbell River.
- c. Elizabeth Driver - Coordinator for the ACT Team (substance abuse) - had an update from Tom that 4 of our clients were approved for housing! Had a tour at Rosebowl recently and it's really great.
- d. Salvation Army is accepting applications for 1-bedroom suites - 6-12 months - for people coming out of recovery/treatment program
- e. Valery Puetz - Eagle Harbour - has a development permit hearing day for April 26.

9. Next meeting - the first Thursday of the month at Noon (May 6)