

HOW CAN I HELP?





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HOMELESSNESS END
CAMPBELL RIVER & DISTRICT

Volunteer

-  Start here:
 - Volunteer Campbell River - volunteercr.ca
 - Hama?elas Community Kitchen - <https://www.facebook.com/Community.Kitchen.Campbell.River/>
-  Reach out to individual organizations that interest you
 - Use FetchBC to search: <https://campbellriver.fetchbc.ca>
 - Ask if they have volunteer opportunities available

Donate

-  Donate to a specific agency
 - Use FetchBC to search: <https://campbellriver.fetchbc.ca>
 - Contact them to inquire about their needs
 - They may indicate a need for monetary donations, clothing, food, or other supplies
-  Contact the Campbell River Community Foundation:
<https://crfoundation.ca>
 - They providing funding to agencies in the community that need it most
 - For housing, ask that your donation go towards The Housing Endowment Fund
 - Your contribution will continue to earn interest and grow: Creating a legacy of giving.

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Advocate



MP Rachel Blaney

- For housing, the federal government's role is generally restricted to specific funding opportunities to developers and provinces



MLA Michele Babchuk

- For housing, the provincial government is a key player in supportive, transitional, social service, health, and other below-market housing models
- They can also provide target and policy directives to municipalities





City of Campbell River


- For housing, municipalities can influence affordable housing development through a variety of zoning regulations
 - Municipal Role in Affordable Housing
- They can also create opportunities for partnerships with provincial partners (ex. The City provides land for a provincially-funded housing facility)
- Watch housing-related discussions at City Council meetings to understand your current council's interest in housing:
<https://campbellriver.ca/your-city-hall/city-council/agendas-minutes-schedule-webcasts/webcasts/archives>




Stay Informed

-  Learn about homelessness and housing insecurity through social media
 - Follow social media pages that provide fact-based or peer-supported information
 - May we suggest you start with us?
 - <https://www.facebook.com/crdceh>
 - <https://www.instagram.com/crdcoalitionhomelessness/>
 - Share evidence-based information with your friends
 - Reject fear-based misinformation

-  Learn about homelessness and housing insecurity by visiting reputable websites
 - <https://www.homelesshub.ca>
 - <https://www.raincityhousing.org/social-impact/myths-about-homelessness/>

-  Visit websites that use the voices of people with lived and living experience of homelessness to gain a first-person perspective, such as:
 - <https://www.theexistenceproject.ca>

-  Listen to podcasts, such as:
 - <https://onthewayhome.ca/en/>
 - <https://www.bchousing.org/podcast>



Explore Your Own Initiative



People are amazing!

- Here's just one of many examples of how community members can make a difference: A Journey of Two Change-makers - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yC-h8XBffl8>



Are you passionate about a certain topic (ex. Senior's housing)?

- Learn about it
- Reach out to friends who have similar interests
- Connect with local or regional agencies who work in that field
- Reach out to them directly with a formal letter expressing your interest and asking how you can help

Vote



All levels of government play some role in affordable or below-market housing

- Learn about candidates' platforms
- Ensure their platforms are evidence-based