



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

CRDCEH

Community Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 2, 2023

12:00-1:00 via Zoom

1. Attendance

- a. Sulyn Cedar - meeting host - interested community member
- b. Stefanie Hendrickson - Coalition coordinator
- c. Shaun Koopman - SRD
- d. Susan Doyle - interested community member
- e. John Rice - SRD Area D
- f. Donna Desmet - NIEFS
- g. Chris Hanthorn - interested community member
- h. Kaitlyn Nohr - Island Health
- i. Mara Kersey - North Island Métis
- j. Lisa Wilde - Rivercity Inclusion
- k. Serena Klaver - City of CR
- l. Azalea Milwid - SRD
- m. Renée LaBoucane - SRD
- n. Joëlle Samson - CR Library
- o. Heather Brownhill - Legal Advocacy
- p. Taryn O'Flanagan - Vancouver island Mental Health Society
- q. Lucas Schuller - interested community member
- r. Tracy Armstrong - Income Assistance
- s. Dan Peruzzo - Shaw TV
- t. Sue Moen - Salvation Army
- u. Marie-Michele Chezzi - John Howard Society North Island (JHSNI)
- v. Jason Locke - City of CR
- w. Andrew Duarte - JHSNI
- x. Michele Vanderwoude - JHSNI
- y. Madison Stewart - Strathcona Food Security Hub
- z. Meredith Starkey - SRD
- aa. Hayley Tomlinson - MLA Babchuk's office
- bb. Candace Lindhout - JHSNI
- cc. Joanne Watson - Hama?elas Community Kitchen / Food Bank
- dd. Susan Guthrie-Dick - KCFN (Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations)
- ee. Audrey Wilson - Laichwiltach Family Life Society
- ff. Chelsey Andrews - interested community member

2. Land Acknowledgement - (Sulyn Cedar - host)

3. Welcome and Meeting Introduction (Sulyn)

- a. Purpose of meeting
- b. New introductions
 - i. John Rice - new Area D Director - here to gather information and learn



- ii. Chris Hanthorn - Volunteer in community - volunteers at Hama?elas - here to check in and see how we can support
- iii. Dan Peruzzo - Shaw Spotlight - first time to a meeting - here to help on the media angle if anyone has ideas or needs support
- c. Reminder - this is a public meeting, media is often in attendance
 - i. Invitation for in-camera conversations if a more private space is needed

4. Coalition Operational Updates (Stefanie Hendrickson)

- a. Funding opportunities available:
 - i. Green Municipal Fund -
<https://greenmunicipalfund.ca/sustainable-affordable-housing>
 - ii. Community Services Recovery Fund -
<https://communityservicesrecoveryfund.ca/about>
 - iii. CMHC Rapid Housing Initiative -
<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/professionals/project-funding-and-mortgage-financing/funding-programs/all-funding-programs/rapid-housing>
 - iv. Homelessness Community Action Grant - SPARC BC
<https://www.sparc.bc.ca/partnerships/provincial-homelessness-grants/>
 - v. Real Estate Foundation of BC - <https://refbc.ca/grants/>
 - vi. *Pending - Fund to disburse \$500 million of one-time capital grants to BC non-profit housing providers, enabling them to purchase rental buildings -
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023PREM0002-000023>
- b. PiT Count - April 26, 2023
 - i. By-Name List / housing application event, April 28, 2023
 - 1. Please save these dates:
 - a. April 26, 2023 - Point in Time Count - all-day event
 - i. Who we hope will help - Outreach workers, peers, agencies who provide service to people experiencing homelessness (sheltered - couch surfing, vehicles, etc - or unsheltered), some volunteers to help with surveying at busy locations (Kwesa, Hama?elas, etc...)
 - ii. This is Campbell River-specific
 - 1. Please reach out if you'd like to help -
info@crhousing.net
 - iii. More info on PiT Counts can be found here:
<https://www.bchousing.org/research-centre/housing-data/homeless-counts>
 - b. April 28, 2023 - Housing application event - time and location pending
 - i. Who we hope will help - Any agencies and staff who support people in filling out applications (housing, ID, etc...)
 - 1. Please reach out if your agency can help -
info@crhousing.net



- c. Toque Fairy
 - i. The Toque Fairy from Comox Valley has too many toques for CV and is expanding to CR. Are there any agencies who would appreciate hand-knit toque/headband donations?
 - 1. Email info@crhousing.net if you would like toque donations
- d. Monthly e-newsletter
 - i. If you haven't signed up for our e-newsletter, please do so at the bottom of our website here: <https://www.crhousing.net>
 - ii. We keep it fairly focussed to those working in the field. So things like: grant opportunities, training opportunities, podcasts, emerging promising practices in the field, the work of the Coalition, data/research
- e. New Coordinating Circle member - Kaitlyn Nohr
 - i. The CC is the Coalition's guidance and decision-making body. They decide direction based on feedback from community partners and knowledge of emerging needs
 - ii. Welcome Kaitlyn to the CC
 - 1. Kaitlyn is a registered social worker with Island Health. She lives in Campbell River but currently serves the Gold River/Tahsis/Tsa'Xana area. Kaitlyn would bring a health perspective to the CC. She is knowledgeable about harm reduction and substance use concerns and would be a valuable resource to help us better understand the challenges of homelessness and substance use as related to each other.
 - 2. Kaitlyn has experience with strategy, development, planning, communications, fundraising, and front-line work. She will commit to a 2-year+ term.
 - iii. As a reminder, our CC currently includes:
 - 1. Stefanie Hendrickson - Coalition Coordinator
 - 2. Michele Vanderwoude - John Howard Society
 - 3. Sulyn Cedar - Engaged community member from Quadra
 - 4. Sue Moen - Salvation Army
 - 5. Madison Stewart - Strathcona Food Security Hub
 - 6. Mary Ruth Snyder - CR & District Chamber of Commerce
 - 7. Lisa McHaffie - Engaged community member, formerly working for Service Canada on Reaching Home funding in Western Canada
 - 8. Taryn O'Flanagan - Vancouver Island Mental Health Society
 - 9. Kaitlyn Nohr - Island Health, Gold River area
 - 10. Jeff West - Habitat for Humanity (fiscal host)
 - 11. Meredith Starkey - representing the SRD until the Strathcona Community Health Network hires a coordinator

5. Poverty Reduction Plan (Stefanie - Group discussion) - 10 min

- a. City of Campbell River and SRD staff are currently exploring the possibility of applying for a grant to support the creation of a poverty reduction plan for the region.
 - i. This type of plan is a prerequisite for provincial poverty reduction funding streams

- ii. The plan can include any or all of:
 - 1. housing, employment, education/training, income supports, social supports, family/youth/children
- iii. They are gauging support for this plan.
 - 1. If they were successful in this funding and in hiring a consultant to undertake the work, would your agency be supportive of the process by providing information, participating in engagement sessions/interviews, providing access to research/data, supporting engagement with people with lived experience in your area of expertise, etc...?
 - a. Coalition - yes, if housing is a topic
 - b. Niefs - yes, for employment/training
 - c. Salvation Army (Sue) will support
 - d. Strathcona Community Health Network (Mary Catherine, Cynthia, Nick)

6. Quinsam Heights Neighbourhood Plan (Jason Locke) - 10 min

- a. Quinsam Heights is an important area of Campbell River that has significant development potential
- b. Community consultations open <https://getinvolved.campbellriver.ca/quinsamheights>
- c. Coalition sits on the Project Advisory Team and has been sure to bring up areas of great concern (variety of typologies of housing that includes affordable typologies, transportation considerations for the types of folks who may access that type of housing, etc...)
- i. Please reach out to Stefanie if there is a specific area of concern that you'd like brought up regarding Quinsam Heights development

7. Good news stories, updates, and discussions (host)

- a. From the floor, as time permits!
 - i. United Way - Mary Catherine Williams - provincial grant opportunity for Indigenous healing and capacity grants open now
 - 1. <https://uwbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Indigenous-Healing-Grants-and-Indigenous-Capacity-Grants-Call-for-Applications.pdf>
 - ii. Sue Moen - The shelter at Kwesa Place is open and we are starting to max-out and have to turn people away
 - 1. A breakfast program will be offered by Laichwiltach Family Life Society. Breakfast will be provided by LFLS and KDC 5 days a week. No breakfast on weekends.
 - iii. Audrey Wilson - Working on a space in Harbourside in for cart storage for folks accessing the shelter
 - 1. Shawn Decaire is currently working on that and hopes to have it operational soon
 - iv. Stefanie Hendrickson - Training opportunity - Countering Radicalization to Violence for Service Providers (Stef)
 - 1. Situation Table is bringing this free training to CR on March 1. It's a full-day training that includes a certificate. We are able to open it up to other agencies locally.



- a. Link to register is:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/countering-radicalization-to-violence-certificate-training-tickets-508245484927>
- v. Stefanie, on behalf of Sara Lopez Assu - Campbell River Art Gallery
 1. The CRAG received a letter from the City accusing them of “allowing” encampments and loitering on the property and bringing their lease into question.
 - a. Sara felt that the letter placed blame rather than found solutions. The letter came without prior dialogue/discussion with Sara
 - b. This is a developing situation and she will keep folks updated, but she would appreciate support, if offered and needed
 - c. As a note, the Coalition will offer our support with facilitating meetings, providing letters, as needed. As you all know, the Coalition is about just that...coming together to create the best possible outcomes. We are passionate about communication, collaboration, relationship-building, and multi-sector solution-focused action. We believe that it is in the healthy relationships that a difference can be made. We are happy to do our best to help facilitate that spirit.
- vi. Sulyn Cedar - New City of CR bylaw - has the Coalition taken any role in the new CR bylaw regarding consumption of substances in public areas?
 1. Stefanie - no, we have not at this time
 2. Kaitlyn - Community Action Team (CAT) has not had a chance to discuss either but will be discussing next week at our meeting on Thursday.
 - a. If you'd like to attend that meeting, this topic will be discussed. Please email Gwen at info@communityactioncr.ca to be connected to that meeting

8. Next community meeting - March 2, 2023 (Noon)