



CRDCEH

Community Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 7, 2023
12:00-1:00 via Zoom

1. Attendance

- a. Stefanie Hendrickson - Coalition Coordinator
- b. Michele Vanderwoude - John Howard Society North Island
- c. Ian Baikie - Community member / volunteer (Hama?elas Community Kitchen / Rotary)
- d. Paul Bertrand - Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- e. Mara Kersey - North Island Métis Association
- f. Meg Maskell - Community member / volunteer (Daybreak Rotary)
- g. Bailey McKay - John Howard Society North Island
- h. Serena Klaver - City of Campbell River
- i. Heather Gordon Murphy - BIA
- j. Heather Brownhill - Campbell River Advocacy
- k. Donna Desmet - North Island Employment Foundations Society (NIEFS)
- l. Sue Reid - Rivercity Inclusion
- m. Carolyn Fast - Interim ED with Volunteer Campbell River
- n. Lucas Schuller - Community member / Hwy 19 Concerts
- o. Mary Catherine Williams - United Way
- p. Lisa W - Rivercity Inclusion
- q. Gwen Donaldson - Community Action Team
- r. Madison Stewart - Strathcona Community Health Network
- s. Monique Bois - MP Rachel Blaney's office
- t. Joëlle Samson - CR Library
- u. Kristi Schwanicke - Vancouver Island Mental Health Society (VIMHS)
- v. Taryn O'Flanagan - VIMHS
- w. Michaela Arruda - Campbell River Community Foundation
- x. Sue Moen - Community Member
- y. Tanille Johnston - First Nations Health Authority (FNHA)

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Welcome and Meeting Introduction

- a. Purpose of meeting
- b. New introductions
 - i. Carolyn Fast - First time attending meeting, new interim Executive Director with Volunteer Campbell River
 - ii. Bailey McKay - Newly with John Howard Society in their housing program
 - iii. Sue Reid - Adult Services Director with Rivercity Inclusion (new member of Coalition's Coordinating Circle)
 - iv. Meg Maskell - First time attending meeting, interested community member and also volunteer with Daybreak Rotary
- 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. Update on current Coordinating Circle members
 - i. New Member! Kirsten Zaleschuk - Campbell River & North Island Transition Society
 - ii. New Member! Sue Reid - Rivercity Inclusion
 - iii. Michele Vanderwoude - John Howard Society North Island
 - iv. Lisa McHaffie - community member, retired from federal government's Reaching Home program
 - v. Madison Stewart - Strathcona Community Health Network
 - vi. Kaitlyn Nohr - Island Health
 - vii. Chyrstal Arnet - Habitat for Humanity Vancouver Island North
 - viii. Taryn O'Flanagan - Vancouver Island Mental Health Society
 - ix. Mary Ruth Snyder - Campbell River & District Chamber of Commerce
 - x. Stefanie Hendrickson - Coalition Coordinator
- b. System Inventory
 - i. Jennifer Banks-Doll has been hired as a consultant to undertake 'Tier 1' of a homelessness systems inventory.
 - ii. This work will help: Better identify gaps in services/funding being accessed/ housing, position the community better for future funding opportunities (ex. Federal Reaching Home designated stream), lay the groundwork for a collaborative homelessness system ("any door is the right door"), support agencies who wish to apply for funding or develop additional programs
 - iii. Jennifer will be reaching out to the ~10 organizations who provide 80%+ of the services for people experiencing homelessness (prevention, support, and housing)
 - iv. The project will include peer engagement regarding experiences with system navigation
 - v. Project will also include an in-person meeting with agencies and peers to discuss current homelessness system navigation and map-out what a journey from being unhoused to housed may look (this example journey will be made available to community members who are looking to better understand the complexities and challenges related to becoming housed)
- c. Strategic Planning
 - i. Selection is currently underway to hire a consultant to create a 5-year Strategic Plan for the Coalition. Results will include recommendations as to how the Coalition can better position itself to serve the community and become sustainable
 - ii. This work will happen over the fall and winter with final product delivered in the spring.
 - iii. It will include engagement with peers as well as key community partners (City, SRD, local non-profits, etc...)
 - iv. We hope to answer questions such as: What are we doing well? How could we be more impactful? Is our current Coalition model working or could we be more



effectives/sustainable as a non-profit? Is current system-level work serving the community well or should we explore expanding our mandate and capacity?

- v. Safe spaces will be created with the consultant and without Coalition staff/volunteers present so that people can feel free to be candid in their feedback.
- d. Wisdom of Trauma Documentary Screening and Panel
 - i. Trailer: <https://thewisdomoftrauma.com/>
 - ii. Followed by a panel discussion
 - iii. Free! October 12, 2023 at Rivercity Players
 - 1. Stay tuned for EventBrite to register - space is limited

5. BC Housing Current Funding Opportunities (Stefanie Hendrickson)

- a. Community Housing Fund - **currently open!** To November 17th, 2023 - <https://www.bchousing.org/projects-partners/Building-BC/CHF>
 - i. CHF Fact Sheet - <https://www.bchousing.org/sites/default/files/media/documents/CHF-RFP-Fact-Sheet.pdf>
 - ii. Eligible organizations include: Non-profit, co-operative, and municipal housing providers. Including Indigenous in/out of community. Partnerships between for-profit and non-profit are allowed.
 - iii. Housing consists of 30% market rent, 50% Rent Geared to Income (RGI), %20 deeply affordable (i.e. income assistance rate)
- b. Supportive Housing Fund - <https://www.bchousing.org/projects-partners/Building-BC/SHF>
 - i. Specifically for people experiencing homelessness
 - ii. Projects include 24/7 support services for tenants
 - iii. Building and land is owned by Province, building and support managed by non-profit
 - iv. Non-profit providers may submit proposals
- c. Indigenous Housing Fund - <https://www.bchousing.org/projects-partners/Building-BC/IHF>
 - i. New rental units for Indigenous individuals and families
 - ii. In or out of their community (includes urban Indigenous)
 - iii. Open to: Indigenous non-profit providers, First Nations, Métis, non-profits, developers who partner with Indigenous organizations
 - iv. Rent Geared to Income
- d. Women's Transitional Housing fund - <https://www.bchousing.org/projects-partners/Building-BC/WTHF>
 - i. To support women and children who are at risk or have experienced violence
 - ii. Building and land owned by Province, building and programs managed by non-profit
 - iii. Can include any of: Safe homes, transition houses, second-stage housing, or permanent housing
 - iv. Non-profit providers can submit proposals



e. Questions?

- i. Who is contact at BC Housing to direct questions to?
 1. Development Manager, Albert Lopez - alopez@bchousing.org
- ii. Serena - is it possible for agencies who are looking at developing housing to somehow let the City know that we can look for synergies, ways to support, explore City partnerships, etc...?
 1. Agencies are welcome to contact Serena directly at serena.klaver@campbellriver.ca to discuss potential upcoming projects
 2. Paul Bertrand - Society of St. Vincent de Paul is looking at low income housing on the North Island and is exploring Campbell River. We're not really sure how to get started and would like some support
 - a. Serena to email Paul directly
 3. Tanille - FNHA is looking at housing partnerships where primary care clinic space could be embedded into the first floor of housing. This could be for urban Indigenous folks or for a Nation.
 - a. Tanille can be contacted here if your agency is interested in exploring that - Tanille.Johnston@fnha.ca

6. SRD Housing Accelerator Fund Application and Housing Service (Madison Stewart)

- a. Housing is a key priority area with the Strathcona Community Health Network
- b. SRD Housing Service has been identified for many years as a need for the region. A Housing Service has been approved
 - i. Housing services can:
 1. Requisition funding
 2. Apply for grants to partner with non-profits to build housing
 - a. Current priority is workforce housing but that may be expanded in the future now that the housing service is being developed
- c. SRD has also applied for the Housing Accelerator Fund
 - i. This is an incentive fund to make housing development rapid and reduce barriers
 - ii. SRD fit under the rural and remote stream
 - iii. SRD applied for:
 1. Housing Service Bylaw (passed in August)
 2. Climate Adaptability Plan
 3. Zoning Bylaw Review (Areas B,C,D - increase density and promote secondary suites and affordable housing options)
 4. Delegated authority bylaw - planning staff can approve instead of going to board
 5. Building Service for Areas D and C
 - iv. Not sure when successful projects will be announced

7. City of Campbell River update (Serena Klaver)

- a. Long-Range Planning Department
 - i. Has been actively working with community partners to try to actualize a Village Project (such as in Duncan - low-barrier tiny home village for people experiencing homelessness)



- ii. Willis Rd project (treatment centre with second-stage housing) - funding has been difficult to obtain but the City remains optimistic that this project will move forward once funding becomes available
- iii. Working on updating the Community Safety Plan
- iv. Working with SRD, Strathcona Community Health Network, and Coalition to lead a Poverty Reduction Plan via UBCM grant funding - RFP submission deadline for consultants is tomorrow
- v. New accessibility laws came into effect - City is partnering with SRD on accessibility and inclusivity with SRD taking the lead

8. Beacon Club Program and Service Information (Althea Vermaas)

- a. Althea sends her regrets and we will table this for a future meeting

9. Good news stories, updates, and discussions

- a. Gwen - Community Action Team
 - i. Partnering with CR Library for Lunch and Learn conversations related to substance use and toxic drug crisis. Poster attached to email.
 - ii. Thank you to everyone who supported Overdose Awareness Day
- b. Mary Catherine - United Way
 - i. Just a reminder that PGNAETA has the Rural and Remote Reaching Home funds available
 - ii. For prevention and support for people experiencing homelessness
 - iii. Projects to March 2024 and up to approx \$100,000
 - iv. Coalition and United Way can provide letters of support
 - v. Application information can be found here:
<https://www.pgnaeta.bc.ca/departments/reaching-home-canadas-homelessness-strategy/bc-rural-and-remote/bc-rural-remote-ongoing-application-call>
- c. Meg - Daybreak Rotary
 - i. As chair of the Community Services Community, currently leading Rotary tours of affordable/accessible housing on the Island in an effort to gain interest and momentum
 - 1. Goal is that Rotary will identify housing as a key priority and become actively engaged
 - 2. Please send tips of places on the Island that Rotary should visit to megmaskell@gmail.com
- d. Tanille - FNHA
 - i. There is a new FNHA Urban & Away From Home Team
 - 1. Grant should be announced soon - up to \$25,000 meant for service providers providing service to urban Indigenous populations, including: homelessness support, mental health support, and primary care
- e. Stefanie - Coalition
 - i. NICHI will be holding federal funding for Indigenous housing projects in urban, rural, and northern areas. This is “by Indigenous, for Indigenous” funding and so will be available to Indigenous-led organizations.
 - 1. Funding will be available for housing in community or housing serving urban Indigenous. Application process expected to open soon



2. <https://nichi.ca/about/12696-2/>

10. Next community meeting - October 5, 2023 (Noon)