

Campbell River Coalition to End Homelessness Steering Committee

Minutes

April 19, 2018 Campbell River Library 12:00 – 1:00

Attendees: Val Puetz (NVITS), Pat McKenna (Habitat for Humanity), Libby King (SCHN), Lindsay McGinn (United Way), Jennifer Kay (CR Head Injury Society), Glen Cooper (Willow Point Supportive Housing), Gena Forsyth (CR Chamber of Commerce), Paul Mason (M'akola Housing), John Newman (Habitat), Ms. Murphy (community member)

Chairs: Pat McKenna & Lindsay McGinn Recorder: Sue Moen

Introduction of main objectives of the working group: Develop Terms of Reference for the proposed CR Coalition based on the Comox Valley TOR. These will be presented to the larger group for feedback and adoption.

Discussion of Coalition vs a Society – a coalition works on consensus and there is a place for all voices. The coalition would have Agency members who have voting privileges and Advisory members (e.g. governments, VIHA, RCMP and others to be identified) as non-voting members. Guidelines will have to be developed for these roles.

Pat gave the background of the Comox Valley Coalition and told a story to demonstrate how consensus works. Lindsay indicated that the next meeting of Homes First on May 2nd will determine that committee's future role outside of and within the Coalition.

Sue gave a brief update on the Point in Time Homeless Count. BC Housing initiative across 12 communities as well as Vancouver to have comparable data as base line. Probability of repetition. Thanks to all agencies and individuals that assisted. Report due early June

Discussion followed about what it would take to make housing a service or the Regional District. Challenges include geography. RD's cannot 'do' housing unless a process/referendum occurs to give them that mandate – voters need to authorize RD to take on additional services or functions. The municipality may be able to do this for Campbell River and Area D. Libby King informed group that the RD staff must do a report; a proposal/motion must go through three readings prior to action. Val Puetz offered to send the Recorder information report that Homes First did for inclusion with the minutes. See this link https://webmail.telus.net/service/home/~/?auth=co&loc=en_GB&id=126807&part=2) and the additional attachment of Nov 2016 document.

Comments around the table indicated support to pursue this regionally.

Pat committed to following up regarding City of Campbell River gaming funds disposition.

Agency updates:

Habitat for Humanity: four units on Hilchey; the last two foundations have been laid

Chamber of Commerce: hiring an administrator full time. See Indeed.ca

Willow Point Supportive Housing: Ken Ford House having 25 year anniversary. They are always full

Campbell River Head Injury: Linda's Place will be 27 units, development permits received, demolition to commence

M'akola: Travelodge conversion: the tender is out; demolition hopefully within the month so tentative opening for Christmas 2018

NITS: Rose Harbour is full (as always), the Thrift Store has grown significantly over the first year;
Prevention of Violence Against Women Week opened at Spirit Square

Salvation Army: Extreme Weather Shelter beds were not always full. Program ended March 31st. The Evergreen Shelter has averaged over 90% full for last couple years. Stage 2 housing (6 units) has waiting list; building is due for renovations