

**Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**  
**12-1pm**  
**Courtenay Public Library**

**Attendees:** Bob Scales (Lions Club), Roger Kishi (Wachiay Friendship Centre), Bunny Shannon (LUSH Valley & CV Social Planning Society), Tasleem Mall (AVI), Cynthia Zirkwitz (CV Seventh Day Adventist Church), Pauline Lawrence (CV Seventh Day Adventist Church), Joyce Wilson (St. George's United), Shane Colclough (Wachiay Friendship Centre), Sarah Sullivan (AVI)

**Regrets:** Emma Payton (VIHA)

**Facilitators:** Betty Tate (ARNBC), Richard Clarke (Dawn to Dawn)

**Recorder:** Andrea Cupelli (Coalition Coordinator)

**1. Community Health Network Presentation**

- a. Approximately 20 people looking from non-profits, organizations, service groups and citizens have been discussing the potential for a Community Health Network in the Comox Valley
- b. What is a Community Health Network?
  - i. brings participants together from wide variety of sectors to identify, prioritize and take action on local issues that affect the health and wellbeing of community members
  - ii. addresses wide range of social determinants of health (ie: *early child development, housing, income, education, social supports, food security*)
  - iii. Focuses on issues that can't be addressed by any one organization or sector. Focused on a broad spectrum and on community strengths
- c. We are the only regional district on the island that doesn't have a Community Health Network
- d. Hoping to have a public forum meeting in the Fall
- e. Will distribute a link and email address to sign up to mailing distribution list or to contact with questions etc
- f. Some funding will be available for a coordinator. The funding is community driven, not Island Health driven
- g. CV Health Network is a great way to get the attention of funders to apply for and receive community funding
- h. Governance will be figured out in the Fall
- i. Will CVRD support this initiative?

## **2. Terms of Reference Update (*Advisory & Member, Nominating Committee changes*)**

- a. Suggestion: Remove Community Service Clubs from “Advisory” and add to “Members”
  - i. *Decision: Coalition members agreed to change by consensus*
- b. Suggestion: Housing Providers – change to “Private” Housing Providers (rationale is that non-profit housing providers are in Members, so it adds clarity)
  - i. *Decision: Coalition members agreed to change by consensus*
- c. Suggestion: Nominating Committee: “*In March of every year the Coalition will appoint a 3 person nominating committee to ask for expressions of interest from members to take on a role on the Leadership Team. The nominating committee will report back in May and at the June meeting the new Leadership Team will be determined for the following year.*”
  - i. Change to current process and practice
  - ii. *Decision: Coalition members agreed to change by consensus*

## **3. Leadership Team Nomination Expressions of Interest**

- a. Lindsay McGinn – United Way (confirmed)
- b. Sabina Acheson – Comox Bay Care Society (strongly considering will know after May 8)
- c. If anyone else is interested, please let Andrea know
- d. Nominations will be voted on at June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting

## **4. Town of Comox Letter and upcoming delegation re: \$30,000 fund**

- a. CVRD funding passed in March
- b. Have written a letter asking for the 30k Town of Comox contribution
- c. May 10<sup>th</sup> – will present to Town of Comox Council with decision being made by end of May

## **5. Potential CVRD Housing Strategy**

- a. CVRD planners expressed interest in potentially pursuing a Housing Strategy and expressed working together on potential micro-housing and Intentional Communities
  - i. Will need to find funding for the strategy project
  - ii. Leadership Team to meet in May to discuss potential
- b. Suggested we remind CVRD of the Sustainability Strategy
  - i. that was a huge community consultation process
- c. If Strategy project goes ahead Coalition will eventually need a few people to form a committee to help work on this.
- d. Intentional Communities vs Expansion Nodes
  - i. Expansion Node:
    - 1. Developments, settlements outside municipal boundaries
  - ii. Intentional Communities:

1. A planned residential community designed to have a high degree of social cohesion. The members of an intentional community typically hold a common social, political, religious, or spiritual vision

**6. All-Teams Meeting - May 5th 9:15am**

- a. Will be discussing current projects, challenges, successes and how we can help one another

**7. NIC Housing Letter Update**

- a. Letter was sent to President John Bowman, asking to meet to discuss student housing and the current rental situation in the Comox Valley
  - i. He will schedule a meeting with us in September
- b. He will be on a sabbatical this summer working on community minded research and development opportunities
  - i. LT to arrange a meeting with him over the summer for community engagement purposes
- c. NIC has received an 'amber light' to borrow money to build student residences
  - i. Likely to have a plan sometime in the new year
  - ii. Student housing is in their mid-long term strategic plan

**8. 5YP - Year 3 upcoming project ideas due at September meeting**

- a. Please bring any 2018 project or project ideas to the September meeting

**9. Municipal Planners Meeting – June 7<sup>th</sup> 12-1pm**

- a. Will not conduct a regular Coalition business meeting
- b. Municipal planners from Comox, Courtenay, Cumberland and CVRD have confirmed they will attend
- c. Each will present for about 10 minutes with a general 15 min Q&A session at the end
  - i. 3 mins for each to give an overview of what they are working on
  - ii. 7 mins each to speak to 2 pre-populated questions sent to them in advance
- d. Coalition has already brainstormed several questions last meeting
  - i. If you have any more, please let Andrea know asap
  - ii. Leadership Team will organize
- e. More questions arising from meeting
  1. What sort of land is available for low cost housing and what would the process be for getting access to it?
  2. With potentially increasing staff resources is it possible for staff to investigate the potential for development in West Courtenay, carriage houses, secondary suites etc?
  3. How do each municipalities define affordable housing?

- f. Give planners some concrete examples of what other municipalities are doing
  - i. Langford (website has good statistics we can use)
- g. For a future meeting: ask nonprofit housing developers to present to Coalition
- h. "10 things municipalities can do to support affordable housing" list.
  - i. Was created by Green Party
  - ii. We can expand on that and make the list non-partisan and share with municipal planners for June meeting

#### **10. HPS Rural & Remote Funding**

- a. Was confirmed that we will receive funding for continued coordination of the Coalition and for the Library Drop In

#### **11. Team Updates**

- a. HDT
  - i. Went for a tour of the Muchalat modular home facility in Cumberland
  - ii. Homes are built in a controlled environment, so better quality control and a faster construction time
  - iii. The modular homes can be built to whatever specs you want and to code
  - iv. They are working on many different housing projects on Vancouver Island of carrying sizes and specs
  - v. Malcolm, the new Regional Manager for Development of BC Housing attended, as did Ann McDonald and Dennis Mirrabelli of the CVRD
  - vi. Would these modular homes be a good option for the CV Recovery Centre?
- b. PAT
  - i. Have met with all candidates
    - 1. Will plan to meet with whoever gets elected
  - ii. Had a media meeting on Apr 13<sup>th</sup>
    - 1. Successful meeting resulting in Terry Farrell (editor of CV Record) and Danny Z (editor of Island Word) joining the PAT
    - 2. Scott Stanfield wrote an article after the meeting "CV Coalition makes good use of tax funds"
    - 3. Will keep the positive media momentum going
- c. PAT
  - i. Tasleem from AVI has done some research on Airbnb and rent controls in other jurisdictions
    - 1. This info will be shared at the all-teams meeting

**Next Meeting: Municipal Planner Panel Meeting – June 7<sup>th</sup> 12-1pm at Courtenay Library**