

Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness
Meeting Minutes
April 4th, 2018
12-1pm
Courtenay Public Library

Facilitators: Heather Ney (CV Transition Society) and Bunny Shannon (CV Social Planning Society & LUSH Valley)

Attendees: Roger Kishi (Wachiay Friendship Centre), Hugh MacKinnon (Town of Comox), Joyce Wilson (St. George's United Church), Richard Clarke (Dawn to Dawn), Doug Hillian (City of Courtenay), Pat McKenna (Habitat for Humanity) Tim Walton (RCMP), Vicki Luckman (John Howard Society)

Recorder: Andrea Cupelli (Coalition Coordinator)

1. Nominations for Leadership Team 2018-19

- a) Email going out to ask for expressions of interest
- b) You must be a representative from a member agency

2. PiT Count Update

- a) Thank you to everyone who volunteered and supportive the count.
- b) We surveyed 195 people in 24 hours
- c) Surveys have been sent to BC Housing who will process the data for us.
 - 1. Preliminary results will be released in June, and final report in the Fall

3. VIHA/Cumberland Land Update

- a) Grant Shilling presented to Island Health Board about the urgent need for supportive housing, and specifically asked for VIHA to return the land to Cumberland
- b) MOU exists between Cumberland and VIHA
 - 1. If VIHA doesn't use it land for medical purposes then the land can go back to the Village
- c) Mayor Baird ask VIHA directly for the land
- d) BC Housing wrote a letter of support
- e) There is going to be an opportunity for second stage housing funding
 - 1. Cumberland could be a great location for women and children

4. City of Courtenay/Supportive Housing Update

- a) David Allen Courtenay CAO and Malcolm McNaughton from BC Housing have connected, and positive conversations have been happening
- b) Malcolm/BC Housing extremely busy
 - 1. What can the Coalition do to help move things forward

5. April 12th RENT Conference Reminder

- a) April 12th at Crown Isle
- b) If you want to register, please contact Heather at Transition Society and she can register you free of charge (we are using our HPS funding for this professional development opportunity)
- c) April 13th – Ready, Set, Build is the second day
- d) It is so important to have municipal planning staff there
- e) Co-op sector – would be interesting to have a workshop on this

6. Coalition Membership Drive

- a) New Cumberland Affordable Housing Society has been developed
 - a) Affordable Housing Committee on Executive board of Housing Society which is a potential conflict of interest.
 - 1. Village is working on that right now
 - b) Vancouver Island Non-Profit Housing Association
 - a) They presented affordable housing proposals to the City of Courtenay and the council's recommendation was for them to connect with the work the Coalition is already doing
 - b) We've asked them to join Coalition
 - 1. Collaboration isn't happening
 - c) They might be more interested in profit
 - b) CV Community Foundation – do we reach out to them?
 - c) Local business members, developers, financial institutions, those connected to potential funding opportunities

7. May Coalition Meeting – Jane Murphy of The Views at St. Joseph

- a) Jane Murphy to present about the Campus of Care multigenerational housing at our May meeting

8. Municipal Planner Meeting in June?

- a) Have an informative meeting like we did in June 2017
- b) Cumberland's Sr Planner is retiring, and the new planning manager is starting in June
 - 1. June timing likely won't work for Cumberland
- c) Connect with planners to ask, and maybe look into other options

9. Team Updates

a) HDT

- i. 3L Developments reached out to meet with HDT re: Stotan Falls development
 - 1. Excited to talk and interested in social housing
- ii. This development is 540 high-end larger lots
- iii. Invited 3L to HDT meeting on April 20th 10am-12pm

- iv. Also reached out to Ann at CVRD to ensure meeting with 3L was okay.
 - 1. Coalition is not making deals, and is including CVRD in discussions
 - 2. Make it clear that we don't want the Coalition's name to be in any promotional materials, discussions
 - 3. Opportunity to educate
- v. Coalition should reach out to other developers as well and have everyone at the table
 - 1. Might be able to dovetail a meeting Habitat is doing on May 4th at 6pm
 - 2. Connect with Builders and Company
 - a. Group of community minded contractors and developers
 - 3. Construction Development Association
- vi. HDT should wait to meet with 3L until some sort of settlement is reached, or the Coalition might be 'used' as a PR tool
- vii. Instead of a municipal planners meeting, have a meeting with all developers to present to them on what we do, invite 3L and cancel the HDT meeting with them

b) PAT

- 1. Municipal Planning
 - 1. Create a briefing note on what municipalities can do

10. Other Updates

- a) Community Health Network had a successful 2nd forum with lots of great feedback
- b) Habitat Lake Trail's 2 units will be built by fall, 2 by spring, families have been chosen
- c) Campbell River wants to a Coalition to End Homelessness
- d) John Howard Abbeyfield Housing for Youth
 - 1. Not yet named – send any ideas to Vicki!
 - 2. Still working on funding for staffing
 - 3. April 13th at 12:30pm gathering at Abbeyfield, spring cleanup, gardening, tours and a bbq
- e) Dawn to Dawn purchased its 2nd condo and it is occupied
- f) CVTS is in the design stage at Amethyst for additional units
- g) There have been tenters at old Theatre site for a month
 - 1. It is private property, so they haven't been able to move the people as the complaint and responsibility must come from the owner (who lives overseas)
 - 2. RCMP feels there are health and safety issues

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 2nd 12-1pm at the Courtenay Library