

**Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**12-1pm**  
**Courtenay Public Library**

**Attendees:** Bunny Shannon (CVSPS and LUSH Valley), Jesse Ketler (Village of Cumberland), Dianne Hawkins (Chamber of Commerce), Richard Clarke (Dawn to Dawn), Michael Pitcher (MBP Consulting), Hugh MacKinnon (Town of Comox), Vicki Luckman (John Howard Society), Jim Brennan (Immigrant Welcome Centre), Mitchell Chiasson (NIC/Coast Community Resources), Heather Ney (CV Transition Society), Sabina Acheson (Care-a-van/CBCS), Betty Tate (CVARNBC), Doug Hillian (City of Courtenay), Sarah Sullivan (AVI)

**Facilitator:** Sarah Sullivan

**Presenter:** Andrea Cupelli

**1. Developer's Meeting (30 mins)**

- a. Presentation can be downloaded at [cvhousing.ca](http://cvhousing.ca)
- b. Discussion afterwards on reaching out to developers and construction associates 'on their turf' as it is hard for them to attend our lunch hour meetings
  - i. Will connect with Chamber of Commerce around this
- c. Notes – housing for staff – having a huge impact on local business, take our info to the developers

**2. Supportive Housing Update**

- a. Public Hearing
  - i. Well attended, with speakers for and against
  - ii. Decision to be made June 11<sup>th</sup>
- b. **Community Engagement**
  - i. Community committee to start up
    1. Informal conversations in neighbourhood, neighbours have answers to questions
  - ii. Salvation Army Pidcock BBQ July 8th 12:30pm
  - iii. Whistler Centre for Sustainability – approached us to do community consultations and engagement
  - iv. JHS was asked by BC Housing to be operator – but the Coalition collaborated to make this happen, thanks from JHS and community
  - v. Coalition is extending the offer to support however we can
  - vi. All of us must work together to make this successful
- c. Coalition will write an Op-Ed piece information on what supportive housing, who lives there, how it can impact people, neighbourhoods, want to educate

- i. Facts will be up on website, and will send to all municipalities and they can link to it

### **3. BC Housing Upcoming EOI requests**

- a. Community Housing Fund EOIs are due September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- b. BC Housing Second Stage Housing EOIs
  - i. Due July 17<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. similar to Supportive Housing EOI - for permanent, supportive, transitional housing
  - iii. BC Housing owned, with operating funds attached
  - iv. Looking for larger developments 20+ units

### **4. Leadership Team EOIs**

- a. Delay in getting responses, so we will choose new members of the Leadership Team at our next meeting in September

### **5. Other Updates**

- a. Chamber Board Governance Training – how to properly govern organization and staff – 4 seats available
- b. LUSH Valley AGM June 27<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm
- c. Comox Valley Transition Society
  - i. new unit floorplans – 5 units at Amethyst, not 4! Building costs have gone up so more funding necessary, hoping to start end of August 2018.
  - ii. Building 2 more 4plexes in a year – to be added to the 5 Year Plan
- d. Find builders with heart, plan 7am coffee meetings or 5 or 6pm beer meetings
  - i. BBQ burger, beer build relationship, start something, share stories
- e. HPS Rural and Remote Funding
  - i. challenging reporting process
  - ii. We applied for this year and were turned down but in the end were offered \$20k more for living support focused funds, new total is \$44k
  - iii. Will make a big difference to the Connect program
  - iv. CVTS has been the coordinating agency for Connect – thank you for all the hard work and success of this program

**Have a great summer! Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**