

**Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness
General Coalition Meeting
Meeting Agenda
January 9th, 2019**

Attendees: Jan Hesseling (Affordable Housing Vancouver Island Society), Vicki Luckman (John Howard Society), Julia Doknjas (Wachiay Friendship Centre), Deb Prain (CV Transition Society), Pat McKenna (Habitat for Humanity/Town of Comox), Joyce Wilson (St. George's United Church), Jesse Ketler (Village of Cumberland), Roger Kishi (Wachiay Friendship Centre), Jordan Marshall (Downtown Courtenay Business Improvement Association), Jim Lyster (St. Saviour's Anglican), Brent Hobden (Salvation Army), Nicole Minions (Town of Comox), Rosanne Lyster (Island Health Brain Injury Program), Lindsay Jamieson-Powell (CV Head Injury Society), Helena Zukowski (Retired writer & editor), Angela Fletcher (concerned citizen), Jeremy Boehm (Central Church)

Facilitator: Betty Tate

Recorder: Andrea Cupelli

1. Drop-in Centre Update

- a. Connect has been a prototype to inform a permanent drop-in centre which has been identified on the 5 Year Plan
- b. Coalition has been meeting with the RISE group weekly since November, seeing where we can work together
- c. Coalition submitted a Civil Forfeiture Grant for the operations of a drop-in
- d. Still need funding for the lease

2. Coordinated Response to Homelessness Update

- a. Asked City of Courtenay for 35k to increase coordinator position to full-time for a coordinated response to homelessness and to assist with permanent drop-in centre (the drop-in centre would be the hub of this community response)
- b. This came out of the identified need for coordinated response brought forward at the 8th St encampment meetings the City of Courtenay called
- c. Funding was just granted to us this week
- d. City of Courtenay will be asking other local governments to ask for funding as well

3. Terms of Reference Recommendations

- a. Membership section updated - if coordinator has question they will be brought to the LT, and then LT makes recommendation to be decided upon by Coalition
- b. Leadership Team
 - i. appointed team of 6, no less than 4.
 - ii. If team member has to leave – LT makes recommendation about replacement and then Coalition decides

- iii. LT EOIs will be sent out in May, Coalition to decide on new members in June, and new member start their term in September
- c. All-teams meetings
 - i. Replace with twice a year longer Coalition meeting and calling meetings as required
- d. EOI process – remove housing first/harm reduction mention and add that requirements must relate to Coalition mission/mandate
 - i. same language for Letters of Support requirement
 - ii. These will be a separate document as well as in the Terms of Reference
- e. Coalition changing the name of the Homelessness Prevention Team to the Homelessness Response Team
- f. Adding in a Special Project Team
- g. Adding in coordinator on the flow chart – broken line showing how the coordinator works for the LT and teams
- h. Will bring updated version for final consensus to February meeting

4. 5 Year Plan Update

- a. Almost complete and we've upgraded the look and the introductory content
- b. After this year, we will be dropping off the first year (otherwise the report will be too cumbersome to read)
 - i. Previous years of the 5YP will be archived on the website
- c. We will create a 2019 Summary available online so people can quickly see what's happening in the current year

5. CVRD

- a. LT meeting with Alana and Robyn of the Planning Dept January 14th
 - i. Any questions on processes please let Andrea know in advance
- b. Vacation Rental Bylaw update
 - i. LT had a meeting with Ton Triu re: regulations on VRBO and Airbnb
 - ii. Nothing is changing – there are already sufficient restrictions in place
 - iii. He is looking for info on how these impact rental stock, and data to support keeping the regulations in place
 - 1. Andrea sending him info BCNPHA, Rental Index, Benefits Report
 - iv. Islands Trust also looking at vacation rental regulations on Denman and Hornby
- c. Delegation for Year 4 funding recommendations happening Feb 5th

6. Co-op Update

- a. Sarah and Jane are meeting with Glacierview on Friday regarding land
- b. Applied for a name search and are filling in official paperwork to register as a co-op society

7. Glacierview Update

- a. Having a meeting regarding potential co-op rental housing
- b. Seniors Housing Needs Assessment happening on Jan 21st with CV Health Network
- c. St. Joseph's has already done an assessment

- i. Connect with Michael Atkins, ED
- ii. Everything being transferred over to Providence

8. Meeting with developers

- a. Ken Grant approached Coalition to have meeting with developers
- b. There are a number of developments coming up in Comox, and council wants input from Coalition re; displacement
- c. Meeting should be extended to non profit and affordable housing developers as well ie; Makola

9. Upcoming delegations

- a. January 14th – Village of Cumberland
- b. February 5th – CVRD Year 4 funding recommendations

10. Other Updates

- a. Braidwood February 15th ribbon cutting
 - i. Had local and provincial representatives tour the building
 - ii. Very busy time
- b. Village of Cumberland has identified housing as a top priority, potential for a Housing Authority

11. Lindsay McGinn – CVCHN Action Team Info

- a. Coalition received a letter from the CV Community Health Network asking us to take a role in the network as an action team
- b. Housing was identified as the top priority by the Network
- c. Coalition would still be the main group focusing on housing etc in the valley
- d. CVHN wants to formalize a relationship with the Coalition instead of forming an additional action plan
 - i. no ideas of what it would look like yet, but have already done some collaboration
 - ii. Suggestions welcomed and encouraged

12. Affordable Housing Vancouver Island Society Presentation – Jan Hesseling

- a. BC Assessments have gone up
- b. Backlog with affordable housing – BC Housing still needs to build 25,000 units
- c. Comox Valley needs at least 1200 units of affordable housing
- d. AHVIS is wanting to build 1200 units over the next 4 years
- e. Phase 1; 200 Affordable Rental Apartments, 100 Restricted Ownership Units
- f. Connect Residents to Local Support Systems – mental/physical health, addition counselling, financial support, job support
- g. Provide education – nutritional, financial, stress management
- h. Building community – playgrounds, community gardens, bbqs, babysitting etc

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 6th, 2019 12-1pm at the Courtenay Library