

Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness
General Coalition Meeting Agenda
May 1st, 2019

Attendees: Pat Carl (Decafnation), Megan Ardyche (Greens of North Island), Doug Hillian (City of Courtenay), Louise Howes (CV Head Injury Society), Matt Landry (office of MLA Ronna-Rae Leonard), Joyce Wilson (St. George's United Church), Kristi Schwanicke (United Way Central and North Vancouver Island), Pamela Willis (CV Senior Support), Cliff Boldt (CV Health Network), Julie Keumbehdjian (CV Health Network), Steve Stewart (Downtown Courtenay Business Improvement Association), Betty Tate (CVNNPBC), Bunny Shannon (CV Social Planning Society), Paul Sture (Indigenous Women's Sharing Society), Jesse Ketler (Village of Cumberland), Roger Kishi (Wachiay Friendship Centre), Julia Doknjas (Wachiay Friendship Centre), Sarah Sullivan (AVI), Greg Gulas (VI Regional Library), James Taylor (Glacierview Lodge)

Facilitator: Vicki Luckman (John Howard Society)

Recorder: Andrea Cupelli (CV Coalition to End Homelessness)

1. Construction Planning Costs/Year 4 HSS Increase Update

a. LT Recommendation

- i. Pre-construction planning
 1. include in EOI parameters to a maximum of 5k
 2. EOI needs to be updates to ask for information on concept plan, funding resources, project timeline
 3. Members need to be active with Coalition for at least a year
 4. Tried to find balance between barrier to building new housing and the risk that housing may not be built
 5. Felt 5,000 was such a small percentage of the overall HSS Fund
 6. L'arche wrote a letter outlining the details of how the pre-construction costs would be spent including consultants, financial, unit and capital analysis, soft costs, construction costs and projections
 - a. This letter can be circulated to those who would like to see it
 7. This letter has been shared with the CVRD
 8. If CVRD doesn't approve, then the funding will go back to Habitat
 - a. Staff have been approached and they are in favour
- ii. L'arche is a member and has demonstrated a level of commitment to the Coalition including team representation
- iii. Letter has been submitted, CVRD board meeting is on May 14

b. Consensus Decision

- i. This is a prototype decision and experience for the Coalition, and we can always revert back in future years if we want to

- ii. 11/11 whole-hearted agreement to allow Coalition members to apply for up to 5k in pre-construction planning costs, and to proceed with L'arche's request to the CVRD

2. Leadership Team Nominations 2019-2020

- a. 2 spots available
- b. Nominations for new leadership team positions need to be submitted to Andrea by June 4th for consensus decision at June 5th meeting
- c. Leadership Team members must be representatives from Coalition member agencies

3. Community Engagement

- a. Good Neighbours – 8th/Menzies Meeting
 - i. City of Courtenay called a meeting regarding Pidcock Shelter/The Junction, and neighbours concerns and perceptions related to neighbourhood
 - ii. Need to establish a positive tone in the neighbourhood
 - iii. Will start a door knocking campaign to talk to residents while Junction is getting settled
 - iv. RCMP will provide communications materials
 - v. Junction Community Advisory group consisting of residents of Junction and neighbourhood will be started up in June
- b. DCBIA
 - i. More concerns regarding people outside of the library
 - ii. Library is a member of DCBIA and a connection will be made
 - iii. The space outside the library is public property, not library property

4. Town of Comox Update

- a. Funding increase requisition
 - i. Letter has been sent to increase their affordable housing contribution match the CVRD HSS increase
 - ii. This would be an increase from \$30,000 to \$45,000 annually
 - iii. Comox had opted out of the HSS in favour of making individual donation
- b. Secondary Suites
 - i. Minimal concern from the community during public hearing, more concern over secondary suite sizes (would like them to be larger)
- c. HSS Fund 101
 - i. Heather and Richard attended Committee of Whole Meeting about strategies around Affordable Housing
 - 1. There were suggestions to increase amenity contributions around new developments, to build up affordable housing
 - ii. Education that needs to happen with new council, intent to have meetings one on one to provide education on what the HSS Fund and Bylaw is as there was some confusion from staff about the town being able to apply for HSS funding – municipalities are not able to access this funding
 - iii. We will prepare a Delegation

5. Braidwood Update

- a. It's full!
- b. 6 shelter rate bachelor units for Wachiay, and an additional 28 studio and 1 bedroom suites ranging in costs from \$579 -\$740/mo
- c. Braidwood is affordable rentals, not supportive housing
- d. Residents are comprised of young people aging out of care, students, working poor and seniors – meeting a need in the community
- e. We need more affordable housing!

6. Drop-In Centre Update

- a. We did not receive the Civil Forfeiture Grant for 75k for drop-in operating costs
 - i. We've requested a meeting to find out why our application wasn't successful
- b. HPS Funding, Community Foundation, and City of Courtenay grant-in-aid funds go to Connect program
- c. We are still determined to have something operational for September and will be looking for other funding opportunities
- d. United Way potential – Community Development Grant
 - i. second stage of funding – coming up soon, not sure what that will look like yet.
- e. Vancouver Foundation, BC Gaming Capital Grant, if anyone hears of other funding opportunities please let us know

7. HRT Update

- a. Dyke Rd Encampment response
 - i. Was traumatic for campers and for outreach team who were there up til late at night helping people with belongings etc
 - ii. However, a great team building exercise and everything went really smoothly and calmly
 - iii. Need to develop boundaries about what/how the HRT operates in response to encampments
 - iv. Folks have been moved to other sites and likely this situation will arise again
- b. Comox Cottages
 - i. Resident manager has been instructed to evict those who have been late on rent
 - ii. Surveys complete and information will be disseminated and shared with residents, Town of Comox and the developer
- c. The Junction
 - i. Full and waitlisted
 - ii. Everyone is getting stabilized, settled in and updates will be shared monthly going forward
 - iii. This housing is for those aged 19+
 - 1. The Station is the youth housing for those aged 17-22

8. PAT Update

- a. Communications Strategy
 - i. Working with CV Health Network, Early Years Collaborative and CR Coalition to create a strategy borrowing from the Victoria Coalition

- ii. Been a great relationship building exercise and our organizations are all inter-related and share similar key messaging
 - iii. Hoping to have something ready by the Fall
- b. Social Media Campaign/Cell Phone Campaign rescheduled until the Fall when we have our NIC Nursing Student support
- c. Street Survival Guide/Resource Guide
 - i. Eureka has taken over the AHERO Resource Guide updates, and Andrea will be working on a Street Survival Guide with input from HRT and those with lived experience over the summer
- d. Presentations completed in April
 - i. NNPBC Presentation

9. HDT Update

- a. Apr 25 Housing Research Workshop
 - i. Well attended, and very useful information for completing Housing Needs Assessments
- b. May 23 – Employer Housing/CVEDS Forum 7am-9:30am
 - i. Panelists include
 - 1. BC Housing Housing Hub
 - 2. CMHC
 - 3. Whistler Housing Authority
 - 4. CitySpaces
- c. Union Bay Estates Update
 - i. Land has been cleared, but it will still be some time for things to get moving
 - ii. Need to come up with an action plan/EOI on the lots allocated to the HSS Fund
- d. Potential new purpose built rental buildings in Courtenay
 - i. Will be connecting with City Planners to talk about including affordable housing when possible
- e. Burger restaurant
 - i. Connected with Coalition looking for a housing partner
 - ii. Building employee housing on top of restaurant

10. Other Updates

- a. Ready! Set! Build! Campbell River May 13th
 - i. For anyone interested in building housing – not Campbell River specific
- b. Housing Breakfast Forum Campbell River May 13th
 - i. 7:30 pre-registration
- c. Grand Parade – June 1
 - i. Peer Support and Glacierview splitting the proceeds
 - ii. not a lot happening for seniors fundraising
 - iii. Register to walk 10:15
 - iv. In Courtenay starting at the Legion 2.5k and 5k route
- d. Careavan – new route
- e. Push The Movie screening?
 - i. Connected with World Community will look into this again in the Fall after the film has completed it's world-tour
- f. CV Transition Society

- i. BC Housing has approved the purchase of 2 additional 4plexes to be offered to women led single families at shelter rates with a projected move in date of July 1st
- g. St George's Sonshine Lunch Club
 - i. Starting last renovations so Lunch Club will be moving to another church, in June, July and August, will pass along schedule once it is confirmed
- h. May 3rd –Seniors Update with Parliamentary Committee at the Filberg 10-11am
 - i. come share concerns – especially around seniors housing needs
- i. United Way Grants
 - i. LOIs are due May 10th
 - ii. Connect with Kristi if you have any questions
- j. Indigenous Women's Sharing Society
 - i. 'Little Bit of Nashville' raffle and talent show fundraiser – July 1st
 - 1. raffle for a blanket made by elders
 - 2. They will be at Driftwood Mall selling tickets

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 5th, 2019