

**Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness**  
**General Coalition Meeting Agenda**  
**October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

**Attendees:** James Taylor (Glacierview Lodge), Barbara Price (MLA Leonard's office), Amy Criss (Everybody Deserves A Smile), Donna May (Ministry of Social Devt & Poverty Reduction), Diane Nakashime, Kelly Broom, Heather Ney (CV Transition Society), Julia Doknjas (Wachiay Friendship Centre), Julie Keumbehdjian (CV Community Health Network), Kristi Schwanicke (United Way Central & Northern Vancouver Island), Pat McKenna (Habitat for Humanity), Greg Gulas (VI Regional Library), Sabrina Bosch (Nursing NIC), Dan Duerden (Nursing NIC), Krista Smith (CV Family Services), Steve Stewart (Downtown Courtenay Business Improvement Association), Vickey Brown (Village of Cumberland), Dion Whyte (New Commons Development), Roger Kishi (Wachiay Friendship Centre)

**Facilitator:** Betty Tate (Coalition Leadership Team)

**Recorder:** Andrea Cupelli (Coalition to End Homelessness)

**1. New Commons Development – Dion Whyte Introduction**

- a. Small Communities Initiative launched last month
- b. Work only on affordable housing developments or community owned assets like food co-ops etc
- c. Mostly working in Toronto and Vancouver
- d. They've acquired a few years of funding to see if this is a fit that works within smaller communities
- e. Not a consultant – they focus on early project development planning sometimes accessing their own feasibility funding
- f. Their revenue model is a success fee model rather than a consultant fee model
- g. A pre-negotiated agreement would mean a percentage fee of total construction cost and the fee is shared back with the local nonprofit
- h. If you are looking for support or assistance have a conversation with Dion
- i. Purpose built rentals are most of the work and that is the greatest need, however they are taking lead from local community partners
- j. Interested agencies should have an identified need, support around the need, a site (at least in mind) and a concept on affordability, type of occupants etc
- k. Could be used towards co-op models

**2. Designated Community Phase 2 Application Update**

- a. Applied for Phase 2 to Federal government
- b. Will hear back in February 2020

**3. Other grants update**

- a. Community Foundation submitted for Connect (Speakers Bureau)
- b. SPARCBC – applying for Coalition Coordination
- c. Community Wellness and Harm Reduction Grant
  - i. Heather will investigate whether this is a fit

- d. Civil Forfeiture grant will be applied for again for a day-centre

#### **4. Courtenay OCP Committee Application**

- a. City asking for individuals to become a part of the advisory team
- b. Including 7 sectors – 12 people on the group – 1 seat will be given to health and social services including housing
- c. Community Health Network – under their priority umbrella is partnering with Coalition and will be applying for a seat on the OCP Committee on behalf of many different groups

#### **5. HRT Update**

- a. Activity Report Meeting upcoming (just working on securing a meeting date)
- b. **HRT is writing a letter requesting a temporary Warming Centre, and asking the City to identify a building**
- c. Long and McQuade is for lease and might be a good space for a warming centre
- d. HRT Tent Event – Nov 16
  - i. no budget, grassroots
  - ii. soliciting donations of tents, tarps, warm clothes and survival gear from the community
  - iii. Will have more info soon, just in the planning phase
  - iv. ReStore is happy to support the Tent Event as a drop-off location for donations
- e. Oct 11<sup>th</sup> have invited Federal Candidates to speak with outreach workers and people with living experience
- f. Charlene Davis, president of Comox Rotary is attending the HRT to talk about RCMP relations. She is a retired cop with lots of experience

#### **6. PiT Count 2020 Update**

- a. Need to decide on a date and BC Housing suggested same date as Campbell River

#### **7. Seniors Housing Needs Update**

- a. Glacierview land 42 acres that need to be developed into appropriate affordable housing for seniors, various types of housing (rental, co-op etc) for other members of community
  - i. Primary focus is 55+ low to modest income seniors, those who are spending more than 30% of their income on housing
  - ii. GVL has the land, but not the funds to develop it
- b. Partnering with VIU Masters Planning students
- c. Other partners include the Coalition, CVCHN, City of Courtenay, planners, CVRD
- d. Survey for seniors housing needs has been developed and will be released soon with the goal of reaching 700 seniors aged 55+
  - i. Paper copies will be emailed to you, and can also call to take the survey over the phone
  - ii. Suggestion to send the survey to theatre groups as most of the patrons are older
  - iii. Need to send out to a variety of organizations
- e. Community Engagement and Design Charettes to happen in early 2020

## **8. Year 5 EOI Form and 5YP Updates**

- a. Andrea will send the EOI application form out by the end of the week – due mid-November
- b. Eligible projects include building affordable housing and up to 5k of pre-planning and development
- c. Big update this year as we must update from 2020-25 so any dreams, ideas your organization wants to share should go in this community documents
- d. Internal Evaluation of the Coalition will be happening in the New Year

## **9. CVRD Housing Needs Assessment Update**

- a. Consultant has been chosen – same consultant who did Strathcona Regional District Housing Needs Assessment
- b. Work must be completed by end of March 2020
- c. Assessment will look at #s of housing needed, qualitative data and other relevant information

## **10. Comox Council Delegation**

- a. Coalition will be giving a delegation to Comox Council to present on the Comox Ave developments (Comox Cottages) and to ask them for an increase in funding of Comox contribution at the same level as the rest of the CVRD

## **11. Oct 21<sup>st</sup> Federal Election Update**

- a. **Friday, Oct 4, 2019 - Climate Change Debate** - Courtenay-Alberni candidates -Florence Filberg Centre 6:30PM - 8:00PM
- b. **Wednesday, Oct 9, 2019 - Courtenay -Alberni All Candidates Meeting** - Hosted by CV Chamber of Commerce - Mark Isfeld School - 6PM-8PM - no questions from the floor - send questions in advance to [questions@comoxvalleychamber.com](mailto:questions@comoxvalleychamber.com)
- c. **Thursday, Oct 10, 2019 - Eat, Think, Vote** - Candidates from both ridings (Courtenay-Alberni and North Island-Powell River) - 11:45 AM -1:15 PM - focus is on food security - bring your questions – Lewis Centre in the craft room
- d. **Tuesday, Oct 15, 2019 - North Island - Powell River All Candidates Meeting** - Comox United Church 7PM-9PM and questions can go to [comoxunitedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:comoxunitedchurch@gmail.com) by Oct 10
- e. **Wednesday, Oct 16, 2019 - North Island - Powell River All Candidates - Hosted by NIC** nursing students - Stan Hagen Theatre, North Island College - doors open at 6:00pm meet and greet with candidates 6:00pm to 6:45pm and 7:00pm start bring your questions
- f. Wachiay Friendship Centre and CV Transition Society are registered with Elections Canada and can prove identity and that you live in the riding for clients with no fixed address. They have the forms available at their offices
- g. CHRA National Housing Debate live stream – Oct 10<sup>th</sup> –
- h. Coalition Housing Briefing Note will be sent out this week to candidates as well as Coalition members. Feel free to share, and use the questions at the end of the document at all-candidates meetings etc

## **12. Other Updates**

- a. **Co-op Housing Meeting** – Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>
- b. **CVTS Burger & Beer fundraiser** – Oct 10<sup>th</sup> at Prime

- c. **Resource Fair** – Oct 30<sup>th</sup>
- d. **Veterans Respect Forum** – Oct 30<sup>th</sup>
- e. **Everyone Deserves A Smile** is hoping to reach 1160 people this year and is looking for donations of cash, socks, toques etc
  - i. looking for speakers to come talk to students
- f. **UBCM Update**
  - i. All Comox Valley communities and BC Housing met
  - ii. Jesse and Vicki from Village of Cumberland met with ED for Co-op Housing Society
- g. **D2D shipping container housing**
  - i. first unit has been moved into
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> is being built

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 12-1pm at the Courtenay Library in the meeting room**