

Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness
General Coalition Meeting Agenda
January 8th, 2020

Attendees: Richard Clarke (Dawn to Dawn), Joyce Wilson (St. George's United), Tori Cliffe (RCMP), James Taylor (Glacierview Lodge), Deb Prain (CV Transition Society), Trish Holm (CV Transition Society), Matt Landry (MLA Ronna-Rae Leonard), Doug Hillian (City of Courtenay), Wendy Dyck (L'arche Comox Valley), Christine Monier (L'arche Comox Valley), Karin Albert (Village of Cumberland), Peggy Carswell (Strathcona Sunrise Rotary), Jeff Harper (concerned citizen), Jesse Ketler (Village of Cumberland), Bunny Shannon (CV Social Planning Society), Krista Smith (CV Family Services), Donna May (Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction), Marcy Remington (Independent advocate), Julia Doknjas (Wachiay Friendship Centre), Roger Kishi (Wachiay Friendship Centre), Betty Tate (CV Nurses & Nurse Practitioners of BC and CV Community Health Network), Kristi Schwanicke (United Way Central & Northern Vancouver Island), Pat McKenna (Habitat for Humanity Vancouver Island North)

Facilitator: Heather Ney (CV Transition Society)

Recorder: Andrea Cupelli (Coalition Coordinator)

1. Warming Centre Update

- a. Staff and volunteers getting space ready this week
- b. Opening day – January 13th!
- c. 1-5pm Monday-Friday – operational until March 31st
- d. FAQs and info about the Warming Centre have been sent out and will be posted on the FAQs to the Coalition website
- e. Will be hosting an open house Friday, Jan 24th
- f. ReStore can provide whatever is needed for Connect furniture-wise
 - i. Connect received a big contribution from Travelodge
 - ii. Sofas, chairs, tables, TV, DVD player donated
- g. The City has been amazing with supporting
- h. We are painting our creed/rules of engagement on the wall
- i. Signage is going up this week on the windows

2. Homelessness Response Team Update

- a. HRT is acting as advisory group for PiT Count
- b. Have 2 PWLE helping us out this year – small budget for honorariums for their time at meetings
- c. Focusing on developing protocols around encampments and outreach, communications, terms of reference and supporting the Warming Centre

3. Funding Update

- a. Awarded
 - i. SPARCBC – Coalition Coordinator \$50k
 - ii. SPARCBC – 2 Outreach Workers \$50k
 - iii. SPARCBC – Warming Centre \$50k
 - iv. CV Community Foundation – Connect \$15k
- b. Tentative
 - i. United Way – Connect \$8k

- ii. Civil Forfeiture – Connect \$75k
- iii. Designated Community Status
- c. Not Awarded
 - i. HPS Rural & Remote – Connect Housing Hub \$100k

4. PiT Count Update

- a. Mark your calendars! 2020 PiT Count date is March 11th!
- b. Nighttime shelter count will start the evening of March 10th
- c. Andrea to send out communication to agencies who are willing to be a ‘dropsite’ to conduct surveys on site
- d. Have decided to conduct the count for an additional week at dropsites Mar 12-18
- e. Volunteer training will be scheduled for either Mar 4th or 5th – one session during the day and one in the evening
 - i. Training is mandatory in order to participate
- f. If you are interested in volunteering for the PiT let Andrea know

5. Glacierview Lodge Open House & Design Charette

- a. Open House – Jan 20th 3-6pm – Little Red Church, Comox
 - i. An opportunity to provide input on housing and community built on the GVL site
- b. Design Charette – Jan 27th 1-4pm – Little Red Church, Comox
 - i. More targeted conversations focusing on details of what the build could look like

6. 5 Year Plan and Year 5 HSS Funding Update – CVRD presentation - Feb 11

- a. 5YP includes any affordable housing projects, initiatives to end homelessness in the community – not just Coalition members
 - i. Please send any edits/updates to Andrea by end of week
- b. 5 year plan – 2019-2024 with one year to review
- c. Presenting updated 5YP and Year 5 funding recommendations on Feb 11th to CVRD board
- d. CVRD has moved to the new building on Harmston
- e. Andrea will send the details as we get closer to presentation date

7. CV Community Foundation Awards – Jan 21 1-3pm Comox Rec

- a. Andrea will be talking about Connect which is funded in part by the Community Foundation

8. PUSH Film Screening - Feb 1st 1pm – Upper Native Sons Hall

- a. Part of the World Community Film Festival
- b. UN Rapporteur on Housing uncovers the commodification on housing around the world
 - i. examples happening right here in the Valley
- c. Coalition will introduce this film, and do a brief wrap-up after the film to link to what is happening here in the Comox Valley, and also to recruit volunteers for PiT Count
- d. We will share a table with Coldest Night of the Year
- e. Andrea to share info on FB
- f. If you volunteer at the WCC you get a pass for the day

9. Internal Evaluation

- a. Scorecard method
- b. Online via SurveyMonkey and Andrea will be sending out the scorecard this week. Please fill in by Jan 31

10. CVRD Housing Needs Assessment Update

- a. Consultants have been busy – talking to people at community centres etc
- b. Came to Connect and filled out surveys with 15 people with lived expertise
- c. Key informant interviews happened. Andrea interviewed representing the Coalition
- d. Feb 10th Save the date – we will be invited to review qualitative data at in person session
- e. Research component – Turner & Co is responsible for the data piece

11. PAT Update

- a. Looking for new members
- b. Had a bit of a hiatus but has a list of items to work on including a Coalition communication plan and key messages, supporting HRT initiatives such as a Survival Guide for people who are living on the street
- c. PAT is open to all Coalition members, advisors and concerned citizens

12. Other Updates

- a. **Rotary – 24 hour washroom**
 - i. 24 hour downtown washrooms are needed in Courtenay for all – elders, children, vulnerable populations
 - ii. Portland Loo – very expensive \$135,000
 - 1. Collected some images of different styles of washrooms - visible, NIC has been approached, a company in Vernon who have manufactured a less costly version
 - a. Can we figured out a local design and a way to create jobs here?
 - iii. Need a champion to get things going and to lead the charge
 - 1. NIC Port Alberni and Campbell River, BCIT architecture students – can we get them involved?
 - 2. Doug Hillian will connect with Peggy regarding washrooms
 - 3. Rotary fundraising a possibility
- b. **Coldest Night of the Year- February 22nd**
 - i. Get a team together and raise funds
 - ii. Registration site is live
 - iii. Same route, St. George's HQ
 - iv. \$100,000 goal this year split between CVTS and D2D
- c. **D2D Containers**
 - i. 2 containers have been moved into already
 - ii. 1 more being built
 - iii. Zoning and bylaws, sewage etc how was this arranged?
 - iv. Potential to build a community of small homes using modular units etc.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Feb 5th, 2020 12-1pm at the Courtenay Library in the meeting room