

**Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness
General Coalition Meeting Agenda
December 4th, 2019**

Attendees: Mieko Hawkes, Deb Prain (CV Transition Society), Julia Doknjas (Wachiay Friendship Centre), Doug Hillian (City of Courtenay), Jesse Ketler (Village of Cumberland), Trish Holm (CV Transition Society), Wendy Dyck (L'arche Comox Valley), Christopher Bate (Eureka Support Society), Patti Sture (Indigenous Women's Sharing Society), Heather Ney (CV Transition Society), Dale Mckenzie, Paul Sture, Diane Nakashima

Facilitator: Richard Clarke (Coalition to End Homelessness Leadership Team)

Recorder: Andrea Cupelli (Coalition to End Homelessness)

1. 2020 Point in Time Count Presentation – Dustin Lupick Homeless Services Association of BC

- a. PiTs are undercounts – good to remember this
- b. 16 communities will be conducting PiTs in BC this year in partnership with BC Housing and Homelessness Supports Association BC
 - i. Island communities include: Duncan, Campbell River, Port Alberni and Parksville
 - ii. Federal Reaching Home communities are also conducting counts this year
- c. The timing will be off in terms of feeding the PiT data into the Housing Needs Assessment
- d. PiT Count Date will be determined by the community, but needs to happen in March or April
- e. If you are interested in being on the PiT Committee please let Andrea know asap
- f. PiT Count will be very similar to 2018. Surveys will be conducted at dropsites (agency offices), street outreach routes, and magnet events
- g. Focus on surveying hidden homelessness this year. How do we engage with folks to let them know?
- h. Volunteer call out will happen in the New Year. Volunteers are the key to success of the PiT

2. Year 5 HSS Fund Recommendations Decision

- a. Year 5 there is \$165,000 from the CVRD HSS Fund and \$30,000 from Town of Comox (total \$195,000)
 - i. There is a chance this amount may increase after January CVRD board meeting (will be asking for maximum requisition amount again which is \$245,000)
 1. If this happens, Coalition will release another EOI for remaining funds
 - ii. HSS Fund review will happen at CVRD in Spring 2020

- b. We received EOIs from the following:**
 - i. Dawn to Dawn: \$100,000 for the purchase of a condo for a family
 - ii. Transition Society: \$50,000 for the purchase of a house for women in recovery and their infants
 - iii. Habitat for Humanity: \$75,000 towards their Lake Trail build
 - iv. Wachiay Friendship Centre: \$5,000 towards construction pre-planning for 20-25 studio/one bedroom units for elders
 - v. The total of these requests is \$230,000 leaving a shortfall of \$35,000

- c. Leadership Team's recommendations for Year 5 funding are:**
 - i. Dawn to Dawn: \$100,000
 - ii. Transition Society: \$50,000
 - iii. Habitat for Humanity: \$40,000
 - iv. Wachiay: \$5,000
 - v. Drop-In Centre funding \$60,000
 - 1. Didn't use in Year 4, so we would like to roll it over to Year 5 (Coalition decision)
 - vi. **Year 5 funding consensus decision passed as recommended**
- d. Year 4 Comox Contribution**
 - i. Last year it was supposed to go to Transition, but they don't need it, so LT's recommendation is for it to go to Habitat
 - ii. **Consensus decision needed:**
 - 1. **Passed as recommended**

3. 5 Year Plan Update – 2020-25

- a. Please share any updates with Andrea by Dec 15th
- b. 5YP needs to be submitted to CVRD on Dec 30th
- c. Will present 5YP Update and Year 5 funding recommendations at CVRD Board meeting February 11th.
 - i. Budget decisions approved in March and agencies receive funds in August

4. CVRD Regional Housing Needs Assessment Update

- a. Focus group happened last week, great feedback
- b. Key informant interviews happening (Andrea is one) so anything we want to share from Coalition perspective please let her know
- c. Housing Needs Survey has been released by CVRD – Andrea will send link out today.
 - i. Survey is open until Dec 20th

5. Warming Centre Update

- a. December 16th announcement
- b. Can't say much more at this point, but work is starting to happen behind the scenes

6. HRT Update

a. Tent Event was a huge success

- i. Lots of press
- ii. Tons of donations
- iii. Lots of folks picked up gear right on the spot, the rest went to Care-a-van
- iv. Debriefing and making changes to have it again next year
- v. Thank you Habitat ReStore for being a donation drop-off site

b. HRT Activity Report Meeting happened 2 weeks ago between Coalition Leadership, City council, staff, RCMP

- i. Next steps:
 1. Funding opportunities, will still write a formal letter to City, SPARCBC grant, Designated Community
 2. Bylaw protocols on encampments - HRT and LT to review and create master plan
 3. Advocate for funding provincially
 4. Create key messaging on homelessness
- ii. HRT to continue in the New Year
- iii. Next Activity Report meeting happening in February (every 6 months)

7. Comox Delegation - Dec 4th

- a. Coalition to present at 5:30pm today
- b. Background on the Year 4 HSS increase and ask for a similar increase from Comox
- c. Info on Comox Cottages
- d. Info on increase of homelessness in Comox
- e. Update on upcoming projects

8. Grant Updates

- a. Comox Valley Community Foundation
 - i. \$15,000 for Connect for peer facilitation/leadership and speakers bureau (also funds for operations)
- b. Civil Forfeiture: asked for \$75,000 for Housing Hub. Find out in March
- c. SPARCBC:
 - i. Coalition Coordination \$50,000 for 12-24 months
 - ii. Warming Centre: \$50,000
 - iii. HRT Coordination; \$50,000 12-24 mos (we wrote the grant, but City of Courtenay to submit it)
 - iv. Outreach workers; \$50,000 for 2 street outreach workers 12-24 mos
- d. Designated Community:
 - i. Sometime in March
 - ii. Will connect with MPs to make sure our applications are seen after the parliamentary changeover

- e. United Way
 - i. submitted for 8k through Community Development grant for Warming Centre (2k earmarked for homelessness awareness events like the Tent Event)

9. Seniors Housing Needs Update

- a. Survey has over 700 responses
- b. Will flow into the Housing Needs Assessment
- c. Working with VIU students on an open house (Jan 20) to get feedback from public on what they want to see followed by a stakeholder's design charette (Jan 27) with community stakeholders and neighbours the following week.

10. Coalition Internal Evaluation

- a. Will have evaluation survey sent out via email/Survey Monkey in January

11. Other Updates

- a. Next meeting change of location to L'arche Comox Valley
- b. Discussion from concerned citizens about slum landlords in our community
- c. Pod housing as another housing solution

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 8th, 2020 12-1pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at the *L'arche I Belong! Centre 1465 Grieve Ave, Courtenay (between 14th and 15th St)*