



CRDCEH Monthly Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 6th, 2020

12:00- 1:00

1. Welcome & Introductions

- 22 attendees

2. New Commons Development Presentation- Dion Whyte

- Non profit developers - supporting local non profits with supportive and affordable housing partnership builds
- Launched 'Small Communities Initiative' - BC wide as of August 2019
- Have dialogues/projects in Powell River & Port Alberni
- Contact: dwhyte@newcommons.ca

3. New Build Announcement - City of CR & CRNITS

- City of CR donating land on Fir St. for this project
- Campbell River & North Island Transition Society - operating the building
- Funded through BC Housing
- Housing for women and children
- 40 units in the building
- Affordable, second stage housing is half of the units
- Long term rentals in second half of the units
- New housing agreement - no less than 70% of the units will be rented at 'rent geared to income' for 30 years

4. City of Campbell River Update

- Council granted first round of Social Grants
- \$11 000 funded to the CRDCEH for coordination
- Council slated to discuss Secondary Suites on February 11th at the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting
- MOUHSS (Mobile Outreach Unit for Health & Support Services) - presenting to Council to get the outreach vehicle up and running to provide services
- Child care spaces - report around 'space creation' and increased need in regards to poverty reduction and early years of 0-6
- Breakfast to release the [Child Care Report](#)- March 10th
- Community Wellness & Harm Reduction Grant - "Get the Point" - to engage and hire people with lived experienced around 'sharps' pick up in community
- [CMHC report released](#) - Campbell River vacancy rates at .4% again this year, lowest on Vancouver Island and second lowest in BC



5. **BC Rent Bank Resources**

- VanCity Community Foundation & funded through the province
- Offering short term loans for security deposits, at flat rates or low interest rates with flexible payment options
- Offer advocacy and mediation
- To present to Coalition in spring around services

6. **Point in Time Count Update**

- Still time to sign up as a dropsite or host a magnet event!
- PiT sub committee on Wednesday, February 12th from 11:00-12:00 at the library-mapping specific routes; request for street outreach staff to attend
- Call for volunteers next month for routes, conducting surveys @ dropsites & magnet events
- Additional survey component of identifying Indigenous home communities; to support work of Urban Indigenous Housing Group

7. **Membership & Agency Updates**

- Changes to Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction
 - i. increase to additional security deposits, and pet deposits
- CR Head Injury Support Society
 - i. Grand Opening April 20th for the new building!
 - ii. 27 units ranging from studio to 3 bedroom units
- MP Rachel Blaney's office
 - i. Conservative Senator White coming to Campbell River regarding Restorative Justice in April
- MLA Claire Trevena's office
 - i. if any concerns, please attend local office rather than fax
- Urban Indigenous Housing Meeting
 - i. Leadership Meeting coming up on Feb 18th
- Second Chance Recovery
 - i. Discussion with BC Housing, Island Health & City of CR
 - ii. - second stage housing discussion and hired developer
 - iii. - looking at CMHC seed funding & looking at land options for 24 units
- Habitat for Humanity Vancouver Island North
 - i. Family Information Event - next Wednesday, RSVP online
 - ii. In active family selection starting in March
 - iii. Looking for members for Family Selection Committee in CR - connect with Karen @ Habitat
- North Island Employment



- i. Currently supporting workers on strike on North Island
 - ii. Support families at risk of and experiencing homelessness
- John Howard Society North Island
 - i. Stats increased by 40-50 new people
 - ii. Newly housed 45 people past month
- Salvation Army
 - i. SPARC BC grant received to strategic plan with shelter staff to create a community wide case management model
- Laichwiltach
 - i. Renovations to 300 Robron with partnerships with BC Housing building and community partner of CR Family Services & CR Community Literacy Association

**Next Meeting: Thursday, March 5th from 12:00-1:00
@ Campbell River Community Centre- Room 2**