

Homelessness Action Strategy for the Tri-Cities

Action Plan – 2010

Actions		Responsible	Accomplishments 2010
Action 1	<p>Promote and support the creation of the Tri-Cities Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Support the City of Coquitlam in their advocacy to the provincial government for shelter funding; ◆ Participate in selection of the successful RFP proponent; ◆ Support the successful proponent in creating and implementing the project plan, including assisting with the public consultation process. 	Facilities Subcommittee	<p>Task Group conducted a successful community engagement program to recruit strong support for the rezoning of 3030 Gordon Ave. site. Rezoning approved following the Nov 29th public hearing.</p>
Action 2	<p>Create in concert with the City of Coquitlam Planning staff an interim shelter plan to bridge the gap between the closing of the CWW Mat Program in March 2011 and the opening of the permanent shelter facility.</p> <p>Advocate to and work with all 3 Tri-Cities municipalities to implement the interim shelter plan.</p>	Facilities Subcommittee	<p>Advocates developed a “Container Village” proposal for the interim shelter. The Task Group approached all 3 municipalities for suitable land. Port Moody and Port Coquitlam declined – Coquitlam is considering.</p>
Action 3	<p>Continue to support the operation of the EWR shelter at Trinity United Church</p>	Ongoing	<p>Extensive rewrite of the Tri-Cities EWR Plan to bring it into line with BC Housing standards.</p>
Action 4	<p>Determine the need for an emergency shelter for women and children in the Tri-Cities not fleeing abuse:</p> <p>Meet with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Tri-Cities Women’s Resource Centre Society ◆ Elizabeth Fry Society <p>to assess Tri-Cities needs.</p>	Facilities Subcommittee	<p>No action.</p>

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Action 5	Keep in touch with “housing first” implementation by the Homes for Good Society and provide support when and as appropriate.	Facilities Subcommittee	Homes for Good in start-up stage. Briefed Executive Director on services currently available in the Tri-Cities for persons with addictions and offered Task Group support.
Action 6	<p>Implement actions proposed in the “Community Addictions Strategy for Persons who are Homeless”, in the following priority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Detox access and capacity/alternative options (Strategy Actions 3.1, 3.2, 3.3) 2. Support for Homes for Good Society (Strategy Actions 1.1, 1.2, 1.3) 3. Training of outreach workers (Strategy Action 5.2) 4. Medical clinic (Strategy Action 4.1) 5. Community awareness (Strategy Actions 6.1,6.2) 6. Multi-discipline teams (Strategy Action 5.1) 7. Drop-in centre (Strategy Action 2.2) 	Detox-Mental Health Subcommittee	<p>Briefed Burnaby and New Westminster homeless coalition representatives on the “Community Addictions Strategy” and discussed potential for joint approach to Fraser Health.</p> <p>Prepared “Backgrounder” for Douglas College Print Futures students to develop a community awareness campaign on addictions and reviewed initial submissions.</p>
Action 7	<p>Support the advocacy work of the Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness for the creation of a national affordable housing strategy.</p> <p>Promote the implementation of the Metro Vancouver Regional Housing Strategy (Nov '07) and achievement of Tri-Cities housing targets.</p> <p>Publish an annual report for the Tri-Cities which reports progress in addressing homelessness, social housing needs, and affordability issues. (e.g. number of homeless, food bank use, rental housing affordability etc.)</p>	Advocacy Subcommittee	<p>Resources diverted to community engagement campaign for 3030 Gordon Ave. rezoning.</p> <p>Discussions underway with 3 municipalities re establishing common criteria for annual report.</p>

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Action 8	Conduct a "Connect Day" for Homelessness Action Week 2010	Task Group	Completed. Deemed a success by all involved.
Action 9	<p>Complete implementation of a dental clinic at the Homeless Resource Centre.</p> <p>Determine the feasibility of implementing a medical clinic using the New Westminster Adult Health Clinic model (Nurse Practitioner based)</p>	<p>Services Subcommittee</p> <p>Detox-Mental Health/Services Subcommittee</p>	<p>Dental equipment is being collected and clinic implementation ongoing.</p> <p>Met with Nurse Practitioner staff at RCH. Venue required for Tri-Cities medical clinic.</p>
Action 10	Continue to encourage cooperation between the municipalities of the Tri-Cities and cooperation of the municipalities with the Tri-Cities Homelessness Task Group to coordinate efforts to address homelessness in the sub-region.	Ongoing	<p>Appeared as a delegation at council meetings in September/October. Advocated joint support for 3030 Gordon Ave. shelter/housing.</p> <p>All 3 municipalities continue to be active participants in Task Group.</p>
Action 11	Conduct community outreach activities to inform, promote the benefits of and engage the community in addressing homelessness in the Tri-Cities:	Advocacy Subcommittee	
	<p>♦ Annually review the currency of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - speaker's bureau - "one pagers" (community + business) - Powerpoint presentation 		<p>"One Pagers" and Powerpoint presentation updated December 2010. Additional Powerpoint presentation created for 3030 Gordon Ave. community engagement campaign.</p>

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	♦ Build neighbourhood acceptance for 3030 Gordon Ave.		Built community support for 3030 Gordon Ave. which lead to successful rezoning. Decided to leave neighbourhood acceptance to the City's rezoning process requirements. Created e-mail distribution list for 3030 Gordon supporters.
	♦ Develop an art project for homeless individuals in the Tri-Cities		Conducted at a Grace Church foodbank in July. Persons participating were not homeless, but event deemed very successful.
	♦ Create a comprehensive services guide for homeless individuals in the Tri-Cities		Complete. Well received. 2 nd printing planned.
	♦ Conduct a program of world cafés/volunteer appreciation		World Café conducted during Homelessness Action Week.
	♦ Conduct a survey of CWW Mat Program volunteers		Survey document completed summer 2010. Survey of mat program volunteers ongoing.
	♦ Create a " www.tricityshomelessness.ca " banner for HAW		Researched availability of Tri-Cities locations for display.
	♦ Provide support and resources on homelessness to SD 43 social justice learning coordinator		Social justice learning coordinator on sabbatical. Information provided to 2 schools.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Broadcast and celebrate our successes – provide stories on a regular basis to the local media. 		No stories submitted, but lots of media attention over the year centred around Connect Day (with stories) and 3030 Gordon Ave