

## Homelessness Action Strategy for the Tri-Cities

### Action Plan – 2011

Actions		Responsible	Accomplishments 2011
Action 1	Promote and support the creation of the Tri-Cities Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing facility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Advocate to the provincial government for shelter funding;</li> <li>◆ Participate in selection of the successful RFP proponent;</li> <li>◆ Support the successful proponent in creating and implementing the project plan, including assisting with the public consultation process.</li> </ul>	Facilities Subcommittee	RFP for shelter operator/developer issued Aug 17 <sup>th</sup> . Raincity Housing selection announced Dec 14 <sup>th</sup> . BC Housing media release Oct 12 <sup>th</sup> committed shelter & transitional housing funding.
Action 2	Move forward on a viable interim shelter option to bridge the gap to opening of the permanent shelter – for implementation by 1 November 2011	Facilities Subcommittee	Hope for Freedom Society submitted application for HPS funding for Tri-Cities “Bridge Shelter” to operate at Grace Church Oct – Mar until permanent shelter facility open.
Action 3	Continue to support the operation of the EWR shelter at Trinity United Church	Ongoing	EWR shelter opened for 1 night in 2010/2011 season, not expected to open in 2011/2012 season (due to CWW capacity)
Action 4	Determine the need for an emergency shelter for women and children in the Tri-Cities not fleeing abuse: Meet with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Tri-City Transition Society</li> <li>◆ Elizabeth Fry Society</li> </ul> to assess Tri-Cities needs.	Facilities Subcommittee	Met with E Fry Society and drafted report. Meeting with Tri-City Transition Society outstanding.
Action 5	Keep in touch with “housing first” implementation by the Homes for Good Society and provide support when and as appropriate.	Facilities Subcommittee	Ongoing

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Action 6	<p>Implement actions related to the "Community Addictions Strategy for Persons Homeless in the Tri-Cities":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Implement the addictions community awareness campaign.</li> <li>◆ Advocate for expansion of the Fraser East "home/mobile detox and daytox" program to Fraser North (Maple Ridge, Tri-Cities, New Westminster, Burnaby)</li> <li>◆ Develop a proposal for a Fraser North sobering centre in concert with other Fraser North communities and advocate to Fraser Health/BC Housing.</li> <li>◆ Engage in planning for the 3030 Gordon Ave. shelter/housing and commercial development components to identify and promote opportunities to accommodate mental health and addictions services.</li> </ul>	Addictions-Mental Health Subcommittee	Addictions community awareness "Three Things" campaign developed and finalized – posters, newspaper ads, rack cards, website. Campaign launched week of November 29 <sup>th</sup> . Implementation ongoing.
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 the Tri Cities targets</p> <p>Publish an annual affordable housing report for the Tri-Cities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Gather affordable housing strategic plans from the three cities;</li> <li>◆ Ascertain how each city is measuring progress;</li> <li>◆ Identify common indicators to allow for a annual report.</li> </ul>	Advocacy Subcommittee	No progress
Action 8	Conduct a "Connect Day" for Homelessness Action Week 2011	Task Group	Completed

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Action 9	Complete implementation of a dental clinic at the Homeless Resource Centre.	Services Subcommittee	Dental clinic equipment has largely been collected and dentists are ready to serve. Proposed location at Grace Church not currently available.
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	Ongoing – representation on Task Group from Planning staff and Council of all 3 cities.
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	
	Review and update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Street Survival Guide</li> <li>• One page info sheet on homelessness</li> <li>• One page info sheet on homelessness for business community</li> <li>• 2009 power point presentation</li> <li>• 2010 power point presentation</li> <li>• Volunteer survey sheet</li> </ul>		Street Survival Guide periodically updated. One pagers on homelessness for community and businesses updated.

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Action 11 (cont.)	<p>Provide information on homelessness in the Tri Cities and the work of the Task Group to candidates during the expected federal, provincial and municipal election campaigns:</p> <p>Municipal Elections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a briefing session for all candidates</li> </ul> <p>Provincial Election and Federal Election:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• stress the need for a national housing strategy</li> <li>• create questions and publish responses for all candidates</li> <li>• partner in efforts promoted by the Regional Steering Committee</li> <li>• use contact list to distribute questions for all candidate meetings</li> </ul>		<p>All-Candidates Briefing session for municipal election held on Saturday, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>. Attended by 38 candidates. Candidates provided with handouts, panel discussions, presentations, and testimonials.</p> <p>Candidates for the May federal election were e-mailed 2 questions related to affordable housing, with telephone follow up. Responses received from candidates were put on the Task Group website and picked up by the Now newspaper.</p>
	Continue to support the acceptance of 3030 Gordon Ave. as needed		No action required
	Review the effectiveness of the 2010 Survey for volunteers at the CWW Mat program and determine if it should be continued in 2011.		Not continued for 2011/12 season.
	Create a " <a href="http://www.tricityshomelessness.ca">www.tricityshomelessness.ca</a> " banner for HAW		Decided not to proceed.
	Provide support and resources on homelessness to SD43 social justice learning co-ordinator and individual schools as requested		No support or resources requested.
	Broadcast and celebrate our successes		Ongoing

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Action 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Receive the environmental scan report on youth homelessness in the Tri-Cities</li> <li>◆ Determine the actions needed to close service gaps re youth homelessness in the Tri-Cities</li> <li>◆ Create a sustainable Youth Sub-committee</li> </ul>	Youth Subcommittee	Environmental scan report received. Youth homelessness survey developed, for reporting by youth-serving agencies in Jan '12.
Action 13	<p>Create a job description and succession plan for Task Group Chair position.</p> <p>Determine an "end point" for the Task Group and a follow-up, if any, organization.</p>	Task Group	Job description and sustainability options drafted and presented to Task Group in Nov. Issued RFP for consultant services to assist with strategy renewal in spring 2012.