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TO: Chair and Directors
Regional District Board

FROM: Russell Dyson
Chief Administrative Officer

Supported by Russell Dyson
Chief Administrative Officer

R. Dyson

RE: Re-allocation of Function 451 Funds to Comox Valley Transition Society/Dawn to Dawn Cumberland Multi-Family Affordable Housing Development

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) Board with a request from the Coalition to End Homelessness regarding the reallocation of approved funding from the Comox Valley Transition Society's (CVTS) supportive housing project for mothers and babies to the Society's multi-family housing project in Cumberland.

Recommendation from the Chief Administrative Officer:

THAT the \$45,000 allocated for the supportive transition housing project in 2020 be reallocated to the Comox Valley Transition Society and Dawn to Dawn Cumberland affordable rental housing project;

AND FINALLY THAT the re-allocation be reflected as an addendum to the Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness five year action plan (2020 – 2024).

Executive Summary

- Participants in the service are the City of Courtenay, the Village of Cumberland, Vancouver Island portion of Baynes Sound – Denman/Hornby Islands (Electoral Area A), Lazo North (Electoral Area B) and Puntledge – Black Creek (Electoral Area C).
- The 2020-2024 financial plan includes an allocation of \$45,000 to be put towards development of supportive transitional housing for mothers and their babies. The CVTS has not yet been able to move this project forward.
- Together with Dawn to Dawn, the Village of Cumberland, BC Housing and Island Health, the CVTS is working towards construction of 23 affordable rental housing units in Cumberland. This project is at an advanced planning stage and re-allocation of the \$45,000 would be put towards development costs (see project details here: <https://dawntodawn.org/cumberland/>)
- The leadership team of the Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness supports the re-allocation.
- This project is consistent with the recently completed regional housing needs assessment (i.e. development of non-market affordable rental housing).

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City of Courtenay	✓