

Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness

Comox Valley Regional District

February 11, 2020 Andrea Cupelli - Coordinator



The Coalition

27 member agencies who come together monthly to plan, coordinate, recommend, advocate for, and implement community responses to homelessness

We work along the continuum of housing options

We strongly believe in the power of collaboration and partnership

We use a preventative, client-centred approach

We use our platform to educate, increase public awareness, and build community

2020 Comox Valley Housing & Supports Continuum

Ending Homelessness: Housing & Homelessness Strategy Housing Affordability Housing Ownership Homelessness **Affordable Transitional Affordable Full Market Supportive Emergency Subsidized** Low Cost (Chronic & Home **Market Rental** Housing Housing Housing Shelters Rental Housing Ownership = Transient) 217 **32 59 78** 18 **Habitat** for Dawn to **BC** Housing **BC** Housing Salvation **MHSU Comox Valley 54** units – M'akola Housing **Humanity** Dawn Army 102 units -Ryan Hill Community 32 units -Lions Valley 31 units Pidcock Washington 18 units Support Services **Apartments** 9 units - New Horizons 3 condos Shelter Apartments 13 units 1 container L'arche 18 units home **Housing for Avalanche** Dawn to Dawn **Seniors/Disabilities** Hotel John **Amethyst Transition** 35 units Howard 125 units - Casa Loma House Society Stepping Stones Society 16 units -Lions Club **7** units **LILLI House Maple Pool 64** units - Kiwanis 46 units Transition Society 14 units **52** units **Salvation** 206 units - Seniors Village Army 28 units - Quadra Garden Amethyst House Braidwood **Pidcock** 28 units -Union Square 28 units St George's United Shelter 125 units - Centennial Place **6** units 6 units - L'Arche Head Injury Society Stepping **Braidwood** John Howard Society Stones 6 units Recovery Habitat for Humanity House **Transition Society** 12 units 8 units AIDS Vancouver Island Salvation Army Services John Howard Society Comox Bay Care Society 11 units Wachiay Friendship Centre **Comox Valley**

Recovery

Centre 11 units

Comox Valley Recovery Centre

Mental Health & Substance Use

Year 4 HSS Funds



Dawn to Dawn

Comox Valley Transition Society

Habitat for Humanity

L'arche Comox Valley



Year 5 HSS Fund Recommendations

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\$90,000 - Dawn to Dawn

Purchase 3 bedroom condo for family

\$45,000 - CV Transition Society

Purchase 6 bdrm house for women in recovery & their infants- with supports

\$10,000- Habitat for Humanity

Towards final phase of Lake Trail build

\$5,000 - Wachiay Friendship

Centre

Pre-construction planning for 20-24 units of housing for Elders

*\$60,000 carried forward from Year 4 for Housing Hub renovations

**\$15,000 carried forward for CVTS duplex

\$165,000

\$100,000 - Dawn to Dawn

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\$30,000 -CVTS/D2D

12-18 units of single parent led family housing in Cumberland

\$10,000- Habitat for Humanity

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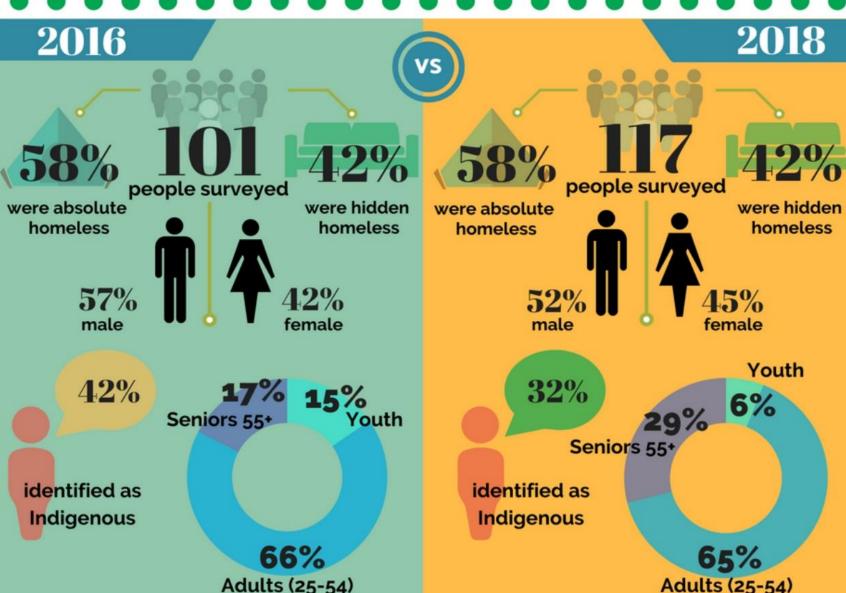
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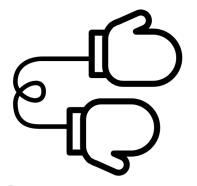
A **PiT Count** helps determine the extent and nature of homelessness in a community at a **single point in time** and represents a 'snapshot' of the **minimum** number of those who are homeless.

This method is not intended to provide a count of the entire homeless population in a community, and often underrepresents the actual number of homeless in the community as the population is ever changing due to varying factors.









Connect Warming Centre

685 Cliffe Ave.

Open Monday-Friday 1-5pm

Come in, grab a cup of hot coffee, relax, warm up enjoy your time with us

Outreach workers will be onsite to help with filling out forms, ID replacement, referrals, and more.

250-650-0622 outreach@cvts.ca

The Homelessness Response Team



- Regulary scheduled, coordinated street outreach
- Team members include outreach workers, municipal staff, RCMP, bylaw, library, DCBIA and other organizations
- Respond to encampments, notifications of people who appear to be homeless
- Connect them to services, paperwork, referrals to agencies, meeting them where they are at
- Single point of contact
- Future goal of Case management, Coordinated Access or By-Name list goal
- Inter-agency relationship building, support, problem solving
- Thank you to City of Courtenay for sponsoring the pilot

Year 4 - Other Highlights



- Seniors Housing Needs partnering with Glacierview Lodge, CV Community Health Network and VIU. Surveyed over 700 seniors, Open House, Design Charette and more
- Regional Housing Needs Assessment grateful for the CVRD for spearheading this important initiative
- Coalition Communications Guidebook partnered with CV Health Network and Campbell River Coalition
- Employee Housing Forum- partnered with CVEDs to bring information and inspiration from BC Housing Housing Hub, CMHC, City Spaces, and Whistler Housing Authority
- HRT Survival Drive Tent Event
- Presented a workshop on the Coalition at the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness
 National conference
- Co-op Housing
- Designated Community Expansion Application was invited and applied to become a federally recognized DC

Year 5-Other Projects

- Coalition Internal Evaluation/Capacity Building
- 2020 Point in Time Homeless Count
- Coalition Communications Key Messages
- Encampment and Street Outreach Protocols
- Seniors Housing Advocacy
- Co-op Housing Advocacy



- Ongoing collaboration and relationship building with all levels of govt
- Continuation of, advocating for, and strengthening of the Homelessness Response Team and continuation of Warming Centre

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