

**COMOX VALLEY SOCIAL PLANNING SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 9, 2018 Courtenay Library 12 -1 PM**

Present: John Higginbotham, Bunny Shannon, Pam Munroe, Betty Tate, Angela Fletcher, Maggie Hodge Kwan, Roger Kishi, Roger Albert, Danielle Hoogland, Doug Hillian
Regrets: Joanne Schroeder, Sheila McDonnell

Introductions all round. Copies of updated action plan were distributed. It was also e-mailed out with the agenda for the meeting.

Financial report: \$669 in bank. Contributed \$1,500 for Vital Signs 2018, \$200 for Housing workshop Dec 8. No outstanding financial items. Pam will submit another grant-in-aid application before the end of February 2018.

Memberships: Letters have been received from Hornby Denman Health Care Society, Creative Employment Access Society, Association of Registered Nurses of BC – Comox Valley, Lindsay McGinn – United Way, Pam Munroe as an individual. Roger will add a members list to our website. Betty/Bunny will review the letter format and resend to all groups. Betty will check the protocol for inviting Komox First Nations.

Vital Signs: 2018 project well underway. Pam and Bunny are on the Steering Committee. Maggie Hodge Kwan has been hired as the community engagement coordinator and SPARC BC is doing the data gathering (as with the 2016 report). Maggie explained the process and timing. Mid-February for a revised survey, end of April for data collection and Oct 2 launch date. Lots of contact points offered for Maggie to connect with for dissemination of the survey.

Website: Not sophisticated and it works. Linked to Facebook page. Thanks to Roger for maintaining it.

All candidates event 2018 civic election: Discussion about timing, relevance, format, location, etc. Would we want to do an event similar to what we did in 2014. Election day this year is October 20 2018. What would be the purpose – educate citizens or candidates? Subgroup of Betty/Bunny/Maggie and any others who are interested will come up with a plan by the March meeting.

Island Social Planning: There has been e-mail conversation and at least one face-to-face meeting with social planning agencies across the Island. Apparently there was an old resolution in 2007, endorsed by AVICC and UMBC that supported social planning as a municipal function. It could be relevant to resurrect. Roger willing to forward to AVICC, Betty to work on language.

Comox Valley Community Health Network: Moving ahead. Next forum scheduled for Wednesday, March 14. Governance subgroup (Betty, Pam, Angela participating) will have a report ready for the forum.

Supportive Housing: CVRD has received \$250,000 from the Kensington development for the regional housing service (set up after housing referendum passed). BC Housing is prepared to match the money in that fund for the next 5 years which would be about \$600,000 for housing. The Coalition to End Homelessness presented to the City of Courtenay about procuring land and the City will be putting together an inventory of lands that may be available.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at the library. Set date for 2018 AGM at that meeting.