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## **COMOX VALLEY SOCIAL PLANNING SOCIETY May 1st, 2018 Annual General Meeting**

ATTENDEES: Sheila McDonnell, Betty Tate, Angela Fletcher, Pam Munroe, Norm Carruthers, Kelly Broom, Roger Albert, Jane Conway, Edwin Grieve, Joanne Schroeder, Jessie Shannon, Liz Gilbank, Doug Hillian, John Higginbotham, Bunny Shannon, chair and notetaker.

Meeting began at 12:00 PM

### **WELCOME/ INTRODUCTIONS**

ADOPTION OF 2017 AGM MINUTES: Deferred to next meeting as participants had not read them and they were not at meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT: Bunny prepared an annual report that was distributed.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT: Pam Munroe**

We have \$670 in our bank account. Pam will again be applying for the CVRD Community Grant this year.

### **PRESENTATION on the COMOX VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL: Betty Tate & Norm Carruthers**

They gave an overview of the development of the Community health Council in the Comox Valley. At a forum on March 14 the governance framework for the network received modified consensus and priorities for action identified were: Housing; Children, Youth & Families; Social Inclusion & Connectedness/ Belonging; Poverty Reduction; Seniors Health and Mental Health and Addictions Wellness. A Transition Team is now working on getting a structure in place and the Action Teams working on the priorities. It is anticipated that it will be fall before Action Teams are working on the priorities. The network wants to build on the work of existing networks or groups in the community rather than “re-invent the wheel” so Betty and Norm encouraged the CV Social Planning Society to think about

how they would like to be involved in any of the action priorities. Positive comments from participants were around how “organic” the process has been.

LIVING WAGE: Roger Albert: The new living wage for the Comox Valley has been determined as \$16.59/hr. and increase of \$.59/hr. from last year. Roger got an article in the CV Record about living wage. There was a discussion about whether the determination was low given the parameters that are used provincially and also a discussion about how we could encourage workplaces in the CV to become living wage employers. Currently there is only one designated living wage employer but we are sure there are many more and it is easy to be designated as a living wage employer. **Action: Betty & Bunny to draft a letter that could go to employers and the Record encouraging employers to be designate and bring it back to the next meeting.**

CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY HOUSING SOCIETY: Roger reported that it has been formed and are having their first meeting in early May. They will be following up on the work the Village has done on affordable housing and want to get housing build in Cumberland. They have joined the CV Coalition to End Homelessness.

SUSTAINABILITY FORUM: May 24th. Register on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/comox-valley-sustainability-forum-tickets-44341476550?aff=ebdsorderfbliightbox>

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

2018/ 2019 CVSPS Board of Directors:

Bunny Shannon	Sheila McDonnell	Betty Tate
Pam Munroe	Joanne Schroeder	Liz Gilbank
Angela Fletcher	Jessie Shannon	John Higginbotham

Adjourned at 1:00PM