



CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT & PRINCE RUPERT ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY SERVICES SOCIETY

“IDENTIFYING PRINCE RUPERT’S HOUSING NEEDS”

PURPOSE: We invite you to an inter-agency meeting to participate in a joint collaborative community effort to identify the critical and imminent housing needs in Prince Rupert. With a potential LNG final investment decision being made in June, the City of Prince Rupert in partnership with the Prince Rupert Aboriginal Community Services Society are launching a campaign to quantify the housing needs in the community. We would like for your organization to be part of the design of this process and join us in scaling up this action-oriented community effort. We will be joined by representatives from the Provincial Government.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 31st

TIME: 9am-noon

WHERE: Fisherman’s Hall, downstairs.

AGENDA:

- **9am-915** – Introductions [*Name/Agency*]
- **915am** – Mayor’s Introduction [*City’s Housing Committee and our purpose*]
- **920am** – PR Aboriginal Community Services Society Introduction [*Innovative Housing Initiative*]
- **925am** – Linking the opportunity [*Council’s LNG Go Plan*]
- **930am-1030** – What are the housing needs identified by your organization?
What are the most critical housing issues that your organization is being presented with? What types of people are coming to you and what types of housing are they needing?
- **1030am-11** – Grouping the needs along the housing continuum
There are a variety of housing needs from ownership to homeless shelters. This is what is meant across the ‘continuum’. We want to group what those needs are, for example assisted living, affordable housing, low-income rentals, boarding houses, people on parole, etc. What are the different housing groups your organizations can identify?
- **11am-1130** – Designing a campaign to quantify the housing needs
- **1130am-12**– Wrap up / Provincial Project Secretariat

ORGANIZATIONS INVITED: City of Prince Rupert, PR Aboriginal Community Services Society, Kaien Seniors Housing, M’akola Housing Society, Thompson Community Services Residential Housing, Acropolis Manor, North Coast Transition Society, Salvation Army, Senior’s Center, Unemployment Action Committee, Community Enrichment Society, Mental Health, Northern Health, Aboriginal Homelessness Committee, Gitmaxmak’ay Nisga’a Society, RCMP, Kaien Anti-Poverty Society, Public Health, MCFD.

We are looking for one or two representatives from your organization.

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Inter-Agency Meeting
Fishermen's Hall, Prince Rupert, BC
March 31, 2015

WHAT ARE THE NEEDS/CURRENT ISSUES?

- Rent increases *
- More access to food bank
- 2 families living in 1 house
- Lack of BC Housing units
- Lack of funding to renovate units
- Private landlords not maintaining units
- More people moving back to First Nations Communities
- No place for the poor/homeless to go
- Places that are affordable are in poor shape
- MLA office has 2-3 walk-ins a week
- Seniors reno-evictions
- (Tenants) Not knowing their rights **
 - Landlords raising the rent illegally
- Education on rights/policies regarding housing/seniors/all levels
- Accessible Housing / Abilities / Needs
- (Lack) Senior Housing
- 0% Capacity in existing seniors housing
 - Lack of Funding / Cost's going up
 - Poor conditions
- 25 people on (senior) waiting list
- Mobility issues (lack of licenses, inadequate bus schedules – no bus on Sundays)
- Set costs have gone up for Thompson Community
- Set quotas having impacts
- 2 year waitlist for Makola Housing
- No independence for people with disabilities
 - Not enough inclusion/options for rentals
- Low incomes can't support current rent prices
- Lack of emergency housing for men
 - Raffles (Bed bug issue)
- 30 year mortgage subsidy ending soon
 - Social Housing
- Seniors Housing *
 - Low pensions
 - Need to leave homes
 - Nowhere to move
 - (Need for) condos/affordable units
- Including First Nations in the process

- Makola Housing management
- Makola Housing is getting rid of market rent prices, now based on income of ALL resident incomes
- Lack of temporary housing
- If already evicted, lose more funding
- Makola Housing not bound by Tenancy Act
- “Renovations” / Evictions
- Mid-range income has nowhere to go
- Seniors are being dropped off at Transition House
- Transition House
 - 20 beds per night
 - Priority housing being dropped by BC Housing
- Keeping people housed (FAS, etc.)
- Past Project: Homeless Shelter
 - Youth Housing
- Housing First Program *
- Need food programs
- Once rent is paid – choice of food or hydro
- Hostels (men’s living)
- Bands & Port Edward included
- Probation
 - 2-3 families living in one unit
 - Transitional homes for men *
 - In domestic situations, nowhere for men to go
- Beds for youth
- PRACSS has funds available to help set up 4 families for emergency furnishing(s)
 - If they get bedbugs, facing mold issues or on brink of homelessness
- Feasibility Study for bed bugs
 - Bed Bug Sauna Social Enterprise
 - (Organizations)have no capacity
- 2 year wait list for the Acropolis Manor
- Northern Health has 26 beds
- Expand the scope to North Coast
- Cost of Housing , Cost of corrections, Policing costs
 - Stable residences
- Wet Recovery Facility

GROUPING THE NEEDS

- Subsidized Housing
- Transitional Housing
 - Youth/Adults
 - Supports in place (for those in need)
- Emergency Housing (Immediate need)
- Affordable Housing
 - Working Poor
 - Seniors
- Supportive Housing
 - Low income
- Education campaign / resources
- Mid-range condos / houses (market)
- Supervised Housing (Wet Housing / Housing First)
 - Drugs and alcohol
 - Mental Health
 - Correctional
- Accessible Housing
 - Ramps, etc.
- New comers / Transient Workers
- Non-Profit Housing Co-Ops
- Co-Housing
- Trailer court / parking



CAMPAIGN

Help filling out surveys

List of people interested in joining the campaign

- Alexie Stephens
- Ulf Kristiansen
- Penny Dover
- Joy Thorkelson
- Lee Brain
- Barry Cunningham
- Anna Horianopoulos
- Christine White
- Derry Bott
- Marion Weir
- Extend invitation to Salvation Army (Gary Sheils)

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