



October 2012 Newsletter

Peninsula Homeless to Housing Task Force

Providing leadership in the South Surrey White Rock communities

Please circulate our newsletter to your members and congregations. Send feedback or news to: petergreenwell@telus.net.

NEXT MEETING: Our next PH2H meeting is not scheduled; we will email notification of our next meeting at a later date.

Homeless Action Week

Next week is Homeless Action Week (HAW) across BC. For HAW events in our community please visit: www.stophomelessness.ca.

The real cost of homelessness: Can we save money by doing the right thing?

By Dr. Stephen Gaetz

This report summarizes key literature from Canada and the United States. What becomes clear is that the status quo is really expensive. It may be counter intuitive but it's clear it's cheaper and more cost effective to provide people who experience homelessness with the housing and supports they need, rather than simply provide them with emergency supports through shelters and soup kitchens. The research reviewed indicates this IS the case. The best social and economic policies should be based on research and evidence, and in this case, the evidence points to the fact we can do things differently, achieve better social outcomes and also save money. See the report here: http://www.homelesshub.ca/ResourceFiles/costofhomelessness_paper21092012.pdf

BCNPHA Projects 150,000 to 200,000 new rental units required in BC by 2036

BC Non-profit Housing Association (BCNPHA) projects an increase demand for rental housing of up to 36% over the next 25 years. For renters unable to afford market rents, the projected increase is up to 43% over the same period. "The proportion of households who can't afford market rents is growing at a faster rate than those who can. This comes at a time when senior levels of government are stepping away from any significant role in social housing," according to BCNPHA Executive Director, Karen Stone. Quick Facts:

- There will be 764,000 households requiring rental housing in BC by 2036 if the propensity to rent or own stays the same as today. This is 200,000 more renter households than in 2011.

- Nearly 216,000 of those households will require some form of assistance to make their housing affordable. This is an additional 65,000 households over the next 25 years.
- Core housing need among senior households will increase by 120% by 2036..

The report is available at the BCNPHA's website at www.bcnpha.ca

An Insider's Look at Homelessness

Filmmaker Andrew Fiore directs his camera at six homeless people during the global occupy movement of late 2011. Participants at the Occupy Vancouver tent city offer perspectives on how to end homelessness and allow everyone a chance to live with the basics that most of us take for granted; Q&A with the filmmaker.

Wednesday, October 10, 2012 6pm – 9pm
Surrey Conference Centre G1205A
Kwantlen Polytechnic University
2666-72nd Avenue, Surrey, B.C.

South Fraser Community Services Society

Join supporters of SFCSS to celebrate 20 years of service with an evening of dining, entertainment and the unveiling of the new name and branding.

November 3, 2012, Doors open at 5:00pm
Viceroy Banquet Hall
8580-132 Street, Surrey, BC

For sponsorship and donor opportunities please contact Wes Everaars at 604-589-8678 or development@southfraserservices.bc.ca

Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness

The new [Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness](http://www.caeh.ca) was launched last April, to champion ending homelessness in Canada. CAEH hope to mobilize communities and governments to develop and implement 10 Year Plans to End Homelessness. Their document "[A Plan Not a Dream](http://www.caeh.ca)", outlines the Ten Year Plan approach. CAEH's take action page can be seen at: <http://www.caeh.ca/take-action/>.

Food Security Fund

Working with the Peninsula Community Foundation (PCF), PH2H has developed a fund to support low-income food security in our community.

Charitable Tax Receipts are available.

Contact Debbie Magson at PCF:

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